



# THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October

## SHOUT OUTS TO ....

From Dove Tree Class, Seren for super reading in her Learning and Alicia for Love and kindness looking after others.

From Lime Tree Class, Atticus for Communicating about his feelings so well and Eloise for Individuality in her great handwriting efforts.

From Lilac Tree Class, Persie for Love and looking after others and cheering them up and Piper for All her efforts in Learning.

From Willow Tree Class, Suzi for beautiful art work and incredible story telling in Learning and Oscar for Love, kindness, being caring, fun and enthusiastic!

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Aria for Love and kindness to others and Freddie for his brilliant attitude to Learning.

From Juniper Tree Class, Seth for amazing progress in spelling and presentation in Learning and Bea for Happiness in approaching everything with a smile.

From Ginkgo Tree Class, Ruby O for being such a committed Learner and making amazing progress and Angus for the Individuality he has brought to The Grove team.

From Trumpet Tree Class, Jacob SM for showing real enthusiasm in his Learning and a huge improvement in self-belief and attitude and Iris for Happiness, working hard and having such a big smile.

From Flame Tree Class, Grace for Love in looking after all her class mates and Amelia for Happiness and effort in her learning and friendships.



### **The Grove School Cookbook.**

I have been working on compiling all of your lovely recipes and when I have them all I will turn it into a soft cover cookery book for purchase – ready for Christmas presents! I will be sending out drafts of your child's page to check you are happy with the recipe and hand drawn picture. If you need / want to make any changes then please send it back with amendments. Please check your emails – sometimes ones from me end up in the junk folder!! Thanks, Hilary Priest.

<https://chefsinschools.org.uk/>

Chefs in Schools have been working in our school again this week giving demonstration cooking lessons to Flame Tree Class and Dove Tree Class. We are so grateful for their continued support to us as a school.

### **Tuesday Breakfast buns made by Marco**

Marco is hoping to start raising money for the school kitchen by baking some breakfast buns for sale on Tuesdays before school, on the field and at the front door. Please bring cash - £3 for a fabulous breakfast bun.

### **Marco's pesto for sale**

If your child likes Marco's pesto pasta – a big hit on the menu here – you might want to pick up a jar of fresh pesto to use at home – available from the front desk. £3.50 a jar, and you can put in your order for the next batch!

### **Birthday cakes to order**

Marco's speciality as a chef is cakes and deserts if you would like to order a birthday cake for your child please get in touch with Marco at [marco@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:marco@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) to talk design and price (roughly £3 a head for a cake). This is a photo of his first cake ordered:



### **BBC 500 Words Story Writing Competition**

Last week we had an assembly about the BBC 500 Words Competition which is a story writing competition open to 5 – 11 year olds. The children seemed excited to take part and we are looking forward to receiving their entries. The story must be no longer than 500 words and needs to be submitted in a digital format. Children can dictate their story for an adult to type up, but the story must be the children's **own** work. If children do not have access to a laptop, we will give them the opportunity to use the laptops at school. Entries need to be sent into school via email by **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** to give us time to submit them by 8<sup>th</sup> November to the BBC. The entries are separated into two categories: 5-7 and 8-11. Please email your entries to Mrs Drew [vikkid@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:vikkid@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) if your child is aged 7-11 or Mrs John [sjohn@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:sjohn@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk) if your child is aged 8-11.

Further details about the competition and prizes can be found at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

We will also be running our own in-house competition at school and will be awarding 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each age category. Last year we had just over 50 entries and had Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre present the prizes, but we are hoping for lots more this year and are working on a guest author to present the prizes again. Good luck with your story writing and we can't wait to read your stories!

Mrs Drew and Mrs John

### **Y1/2 visit to Totnes Castle**

Last week Dove Tree, Lime Tree and Lilac Tree visited Totnes Castle as part of their geography learning. They enjoyed exploring the grounds, seeing what they could spot from the top of the castle and a scavenger hunt! We are very lucky to have this amazing site on our doorstep which offers free entry for local schools.





### **Tempest Photos – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 8am**

Tempest Photography will be here on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October. If you would like a photo of your child along with their sibling who does not attend school then please come to the double doors for 8.10

### **Grove Diversity Meeting**

October 17th from 9am - 10.30am (come along for as much as you can!)  
School Studio

In July we had a great parent meet up with lots of ideas proposed, now it's time for action! Please come along to help us prioritise the activities we can organise and actions we can take this year. There's lots of room for people to take the lead and we welcome anyone to attend, in particular those with ideas or questions based on their own lived experience.

You can see the write up from the last meeting [here](#) with the proposed activities and actions. You can also join the Diversity WhatsApp group in the Grove Community.



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### **RE for Whole School**

As part of our RE in Year 5 and 6 we are learning about the five pillars of Islam, and what it is like to be living as a Muslim in Britain today. One of the pillars is charity and giving, so Years 5 and 6 are making gifts to give to the other children. This will be after school on Friday 25th October. Each year group will have a table to help with crowding and they will be able to come and help themselves.

A gift from us to you.

Thank you. Karen Jarvis



## **UPCOMING PTA EVENTS**



### **Tomorrows Bake Sale 50p a cake**

It is JUNIPER TREE CLASS'S turn to organise the bake sale after school. Please can children from Juniper bring in delicious treats to sell. We do need help to man the stalls, maybe you could help when it's your child's class to bake? Any help would be amazing, please see Jenni or email [jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

Cakes will be sold on the field and at the front entrance after school.

Next week it will be Mountain Ash Class on 17<sup>th</sup> October.

24<sup>th</sup> October: Willow Class

7<sup>th</sup> November: Lime Class

15<sup>th</sup> November: Lilac Class (Friday)

21<sup>st</sup> November: Dove Class

28<sup>th</sup> November: Acorns

### **Halloween Disco – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Letters have gone out to every child about the disco, could permission slips be returned to the class teacher or Rebecca please.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

If you have any Christmas jumpers to donate, toddlers, childrens, adults for the Christmas fair, please could you drop them off at the front desk. Thank you.

### **Christmas Quiz – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

After the success of the last quiz, we will be doing a Christmas quiz on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. Lots of festive fun, bar and raffle.

Book in your teams now (max 6 in a team) £5 per person. Email [helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk)

### **OTHER EVENTS THIS TERM:**

HALLOWEEN DISCO: 18<sup>th</sup> October

MUFTI DAY (bring sweets contributions for the Christmas Fair): 8<sup>th</sup> November

MOVIE NIGHT: 15<sup>th</sup> November

MUFTI (bring cakes for the Christmas Fair): 6<sup>th</sup> December

CHRISTMAS FAIR: FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> December: 5 - 8 pm

CHRISTMAS QUIZ: 13<sup>th</sup> December 7pm for a 7:30pm start

### **The Grove School PTA Facebook Page**

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events and fundraisers – eg, bake sales, fairs, discos etc.

**Dates for your diary this term** <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Mountain Ash Class swimming every Monday until half term

Year 6 Junior Life Skills, Packed Lunch needed – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Tempest Photos Individual and pre school siblings from 8am – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Year 6 Residential to Okehampton Adventure – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 4 nights

Year 3 / 4 Visit to Kent's Cavern - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Mountain Ash & Yr 4 Juniper

Year 3 / 4 Visit to Kent's Cavern - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Willow & Yr 3 Juniper

Half term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

First day back – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Year 5 and 6 Non Swimmers – Starts Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Parent – teacher consultations - week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Fair – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas productions - week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> December

Kind regards,

Hilary Priest

*Adverts – please note that the school is neither recommending nor supporting the adverts below. If you wish to advertise in our newsletter then please contact the school for details.*



**Stepping Stones**

# Food & Wellbeing



**St John's Church, Bridgetown Totnes. TQ9 5AB**

*Serving people living in the TQ9 area*

## Food Store

Food bank and £2.50 Food Club combined

Mon 12:30 - 7pm

Tues & Thurs 10am - 3pm

## Warm Cafe

Hearty soup, toasted sandwiches,  
light lunches, cakes & hot drinks

*Free - any donations very welcome*

Mon, Tues & Thursday 12 - 2pm

## Create!

**Art with Yaz** - Alternate Mondays 12:30 - 2:30pm

**Mindful Making with Claire** - Tuesdays 1 - 3pm

[f](#)@steppingstonetotnes

[contact@steppingstonetotnes.co.uk](mailto:contact@steppingstonetotnes.co.uk) 07988639514

## Dartington Swimming Pool – Help Needed



We are asking for people to support our Planning Application (2408/24/FUL) to upgrade the outdoor swimming pool at Meadowbrook, Dartington. Plans include:

- 25 meters lane swimming,
- renewably heated warm water,
- improved access and shallow end.

There's lots more info here and a link to click support on the application, it takes 1 minute and helps us get planning and access

funding:

<https://www.meadowbrookdartington.org/pool>

Please do...

1. Click the link above.
2. Click the 'commenting on this application' link
3. Enter your name and address
4. Choose 'Support'
5. Press 'Submit'

### **Together4Community**

We would welcome hearing from parents who would like to know more about what KEVICC has to offer or who would like to feel part of a community of parents who are considering this secondary move option. Our aim is to build a positive and supportive community around this amazing school. Please get in touch by emailing us at [together4community@gmail.com](mailto:together4community@gmail.com)