



Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Cultural Awareness at the Grove

Are you interested in equality, diversity and inclusion at the Grove? On 17th November at 9am we're having an informal conversation about how the parent community can help shape the experiences of children at the school in relation to cultural diversity. We welcome anyone to attend, in particular those with ideas or questions based on their own lived experience.

Children in Need this Friday

Children in Need is Friday so children can wear mufti, spots or pyjamas for a donation of £1.00

BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



Nasal Flu vaccination – will now be on Friday 17th November

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNCIL! We have held our vote, asking everyone in school what their favourite ideas are for making links with our community, bringing happiness to our community. We have counted all the votes. The results are in. These are the top three ideas.

1. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be litter picking in our community.
2. Year 3 and 4 will be hosting a coffee morning in school for the elderly.
3. Year 5 and 6 will be visiting Residential Homes to play games and spend time with a variety of different people.

We are really proud of everyone for taking part. If you have any spare time or ideas to help, please email Helen Fernyhough at helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this and we look forward to being able to tell you more about these AMAZING events.

Parent Consultations

Robins, Treecreepers Lime Tree, Juniper Tree and Willow Tree's online Teams meetings will take place today.

Dove Tree's online Teams meetings will now be on Wednesday 22nd November.

Teams invitations have been sent out. The invite has been sent to the person who made the booking so please forward this to the other person taking part. There will be a Teams waiting room system.

Grove Christmas Fair - Saturday 2nd December 10am-1pm

Planning for this year's Christmas Fair is already under way and as always, we need our fantastic parent volunteers! Have you got an hour to spare to help make this fun event run smoothly? Please email pta@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk if you can help. To keep costs and environmental impact low, we ask our Grove families to donate unwanted toys as prizes for the Fair. Please have a clear out and send in any outgrown or unloved toys and games. We would like anything, from teddy bears and board games, down to small bits of party bag loot.

PTA Facebook Page:

Did you know the Grove PTA have a Facebook page? It has lots of handy information and reminders about upcoming events. Search for 'The Grove School PTA', and when you join up as a member please add a note saying what your connection with the school is.

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

NHS Nasal Flu Vaccination – Friday 17th November

PTA Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December 10am until 1pm

Reception Nativity – Tuesday 5th December at 2.15

Lilac Tree Christmas performance – Wednesday 6th December time tbc

Dove Tree Christmas performance – Thursday 7th December time tbc

Lime Tree Christmas performance – Friday 8th December time tbc

Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance at KEVICC - Tuesday 12th December - 2 performances
(Rehearsal all day at Kevicc day before)

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 detail.

You are invited to Frazoo Show Live: Remarkable Reptiles and Colossal Creepy Crawlies at Torquay Museum.

Saturday the 18th of November at 1:30 pm

Adults & 16+: £5, 11-15 inclusive: £3, children under 11 are free (no museum entry fee)

Hope to see you there, please come and say hello!

Frazie Hulbert



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JUNIOR DUKE AWARD

A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

Dear Parents and pupils,

Welcome to the Junior Duke Award!

Thank you very much for taking on the challenge! I hope you have received your Duke Journal and have begun to work on the first few tasks.

I am the primary teacher who created the Junior Duke Award because I had numerous pupils in my classes, in my rugby teams and on outdoor expeditions who seemed to lack key life skills. Some found tying laces hard, others had never spread butter on bread and there were some young children who didn't know how to fix an inside-out shirt-sleeve when changing after PE.

Whether working on the challenges in school or together at home, it is very important that, once a skill has been learned for the task, regular practice takes place so that it becomes automatic. I know that sometimes, for parents, doing tasks yourself is faster and less messy but, given repeated opportunity to practice, it's impressive how quickly children become proficient, making family life easier!

I am a mum of two teenage boys whom, at times, would love to be waited on hand and foot but I am so glad that we persevered over the years (and mostly controlled the urge to take over!) and now they are well-able to cook dinner (and clear up!), shop on a budget and do the washing so that we can be more of a team in the house AND so that we know they'll be able to look after themselves when they leave home!

After 28 years of teaching, this is my first year without a class. I very much miss hearing children's stories and seeing their pride when they complete a challenge. However, hearing your stories makes up for it!

I hope you and your family enjoy the challenges offered this year and, if you have any great photos you would be willing to share on the website, please go to: <https://www.juniorduke.com> and hover over 'Gallery'. Click on 'send us your photos'.

Please add a bit of information too.

Good luck and have fun together!

Dawn Waugh

Arren, from Edinburgh, was taught to paint by his Granny's friend, Elaine!



TASK SUGGESTIONS



Phone an older member of the family for a 'chat'. Tell them all about what you have been doing recently and remember to ask them what they have been doing too.



Make a present for someone (a painting? Chutney or jam? etc) and wrap it neatly.



Vacuum the kitchen drawers!

UPCOMING HOLIDAY

Holidays are often a great time to relax, to do the things we have been too busy to do, to see friends and family and to have the time and freedom to play.

As well as doing all of those things, how about using some of that time to work on your next Junior Duke challenge?

Think how proud you will be when your self-reflection is read, your evidence looked at and discussed and to be able to add a well-earned sticky dot to the wall chart!



Skills Day Competition

We will be entering into the Junior Duke Award's first ever Skills Day Competition at the end of this month. This first competition is for Platinum Dukers only as it is a pillow case 'ironing relay' linked to their Domestic Challenge which is learning how to wash & dry their bed sheets! If your child would like to take part, please ensure that they have a go at ironing beforehand so that they can help our school to be the fastest, most skilful, Junior Duke school in the world! There are prizes to be won!



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UPCOMING EVENTS!

BIKE KITCHEN (SELF SUPPORTED USE OF WORKSHOP SPACE & TOOLS)

SATURDAYS
10:00AM - 12:00PM

25TH NOVEMBER
9TH DECEMBER & BIKE JUMBLE
13TH JANUARY
3RD FEBRUARY
24TH FEBRUARY



VOLUNTEERS WILL BE ON HAND TO GIVE SOME ADVICE. NOT ALL REPAIRS CAN BE FIXED AT THESE KITCHEN SESSIONS.

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WINTER EVENING WORKSHOP CLASSES

THURSDAY NIGHTS
6:00PM - 8:30PM

23RD NOVEMBER: ANATOMY OF A BICYCLE
7TH DECEMBER: GETTING TO GRIPS WITH GEARS
11TH JANUARY: ADJUSTING BRAKES PART 1
25TH JANUARY: ADJUSTING BRAKES PART 2
15TH FEBRUARY: GENERAL MAINTENANCE, INC' PUNCTURES



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