



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 10th July



2024 statutory assessment results

We are very proud of these results and the staff and children who worked so hard to achieve them.

Early Years Foundation Stage 75% achieved their Early Learning goals in the prime areas.

Year 1 phonics 90% passed.

Year 4 timetables – these results are not published but children scored an average of 20/25 correct.

Year 6 reading 92% gained expected with 60% gaining Greater Depth (national is 74%)

Year 6 spelling, grammar and punctuation 85% gained expected with 42% gaining Greater Depth (national is 72%)

Year 6 maths 94% gained expected with 40% gaining Greater Depth (national is 73%)

Year 6 writing 81% gained expected with 27% gaining Greater Depth (national is 72%)

Year 6 Science 90% gained the expected level (national is 81%)

This means that 81% of our children gained at least expected level in reading, writing and maths compared to national 61%. All of our children who took the tests gained expected or better in at least one subject and did so very well.

Individual results will go out with the school reports.

Children's school reports for 23-24

The children's school reports will come out on Wednesday next week. Due to a family bereavement we don't have Rebecca with us currently, so this year we are printing out the reports and sending them home via your child. Please check for it on Wednesday and let us know if it didn't make it to you. We will try to send 2 copies home for separated parents but please remind us if we need to post it or accidentally forget one. It's at times like this we recognise exactly how much Rebecca does behind the scenes and how good she is at making the admin run smoothly.

Explaining the school reports

As the school reports should be with you next week we thought it would help just to explain a little of the terminology we use.

For Reception, the areas of development in Early Years are

- communication and language.
- personal, social and emotional development.
- physical development.
- literacy.
- mathematics.
- understanding the world.
- expressive arts and design.

The first 5 of these have specific comments in the report and the last 2 are within passions and strength and general comments.

For the other year groups there are subject based areas of learning, which have their own sections for comment in the report

- reading
- writing
- maths

And these other subjects which are covered within passions and strength and general comments.

History, Geography, Science, Music, Physical Education, Religious Education, Personal, Social, Health (incl. mental health) and Economic Education, Design Technology, Computing and Information Technology and Spanish (in KS2)

You will also see a grid like this under reading, writing and maths and a x next to the row that fits your child's attainment and progress.

Attainment		Progress	
Emerging		Not made expected progress	
Expected		Made expected progress	
Greater Depth		Made accelerated progress	

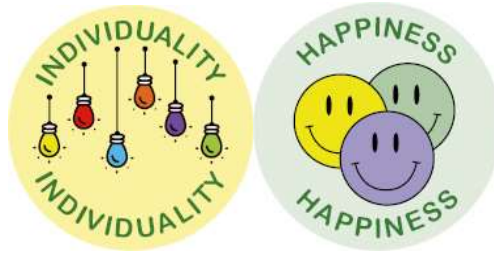
Expected level is based on a national standard across the country for their year group.

Emerging means that your child is working towards the expected standard for their year group and haven't quite mastered all areas of the curriculum.

Greater Depth means that your child has a very secure grip of knowledge and skills and is developing their deeper understanding in these subjects for their year group.

In terms of progress the majority of children make expected progress – compared to the expected standard in September vs the expected standard in July. Some children's progress comes in fits and starts and is more of a roller coaster journey and some make accelerated progress some years and not expected progress in other years. It is important to remember that every child is different and we support their learning based on their individual needs and if you want to talk more to the teachers about why your child is marked at a particular box then email the teacher or fill in the form at the bottom of the report and they can arrange a chat.

The next steps box indicates your child's next steps with these national standards and all areas of curriculum in mind.



The Grove School Food Vision, represented through Year 5's Self-Portraits

Recently the Year 5 children created some hand drawn self-portraits using fruits and vegetables, inspired by the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. They learned about the Italian artist, best known for creating paintings which used fruits, vegetables, books, animals and other objects to represent people and then drew their own self-portraits inspired by the artist, using fruits and vegetables they like to eat, particularly as snacks. I wonder if you can spot any healthy snacks your children enjoy bringing to school? The children enjoyed the fun and creativity of this task and we wanted to share a small selection with you!



Juno



Amelia



Dot



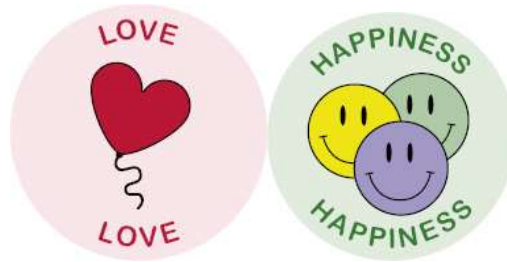
Noah



Hazel



Jamie



Diversity at the Grove

Are you interested in equality, diversity and inclusion at the Grove? On 26th July 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. You can also join the Diversity WhatsApp group in the Grove Community:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ltZ0W9ltT48lxwUwJubkTb>

Leechwell Garden Bug Hotel

Next week, Reception are going to be helping to fill the new Bug Hotel at Leechwell Garden. If you have any access to any of these fillers that you could bring in before Wednesday 17th July please contact sophie@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Suggestions include:

Hay/straw/moss/dried leaves

Broken terracotta pots

Dead hollow stems

Hollow bamboo canes

Thistle and teasel heads

Roofing tiles/slates

Pinecones / Bark

Bundles of sticks



School Meal Orders

Please note that from September we will no longer be able to process manual orders for school meals for your children. The school meals will need to be ordered via Parentpay in advance – by Thursday the week before. This also applies to free school meals.

Unfortunately, it will mean that if a meal hasn't been ordered in advance for your child you will need to send them in with a packed lunch. If they attend school without ordering a meal or bringing in a packed lunch, we will contact you to bring in a packed lunch for them. If this is likely to cause you any difficulty, please come to reception so we can help you order the meals for your children on Parentpay.

Mrs Jarvis Club Reminder

Today is the last Pottery Club and next Thursday is the last Craft Club. Thank you.

Fundraising efforts.

Much Love to the children who have been so great at helping us fundraise. Special thanks to Ava, Aggy, Ayra and Sofia for the bake sales – so far they have raised £56 so far – **there will be another cake sale after school tomorrow!!** (On the field and front entrance – 50p a cake)

Also special thanks to Kelly who raise £28 by selling bracelets

And a big thank you to Totnes Bookshop who have donated £1,000.

Also thanks for the gifting of the tyres and bird feeder and easel.

Our online fundraising effort for the field and playground is currently at £270

Here is the link to share around to people who might support our neurodiversity ideas for the playground and the upgrade of our field for the sporty, running around ones!

<https://gofund.me/145c3de1>

You can also donate straight into the school fund on parentpay – apologies Year 6 parents for the delay after your letter – you will find it on parentpay from today.

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for a donation in the front entrance.

PTA ANNOUNCEMENT

The PTA would like to say a massive thank you for your support and generosity at the summer fair last Friday in that awful weather!! We raised a whopping £2,898!

PTA TREASURER NEEDED

We need your help. The Grove PTA Charity Committee is URGENTLY seeking a new Treasurer. Could this be you or someone you know? The role would include general book keeping such as overseeing payments in/out, invoicing and managing the finances.

No previous experience is necessary and it could be a shared role. Good numeracy and organisational skills are essential.

Please be in touch if this is something you or you and a friend would consider

WHATSAPP COMMUNITY

There are a few of you how have asked about joining the School WhatsApp Community. If you would like to, please find the link below. You can join the various groups from there.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ltZ0W9ltT48lxwUwjubkTb>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

Monday 15th July - PTA AGM in school hall at 7pm

Wednesday 17th July - Year 6 production

Tuesday 23rd July - KS1 Sports day 1 until 3 (weather permitting)

Wednesday 24th July - KS2 Sports day 1 until 3 (weather permitting)

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.

FREE

Single mattress available. If interested, please contact Fiona Kendall

Piano lessons from September 2024

For children starting Year 2 and above, I will have a few spaces available from September as my current Year 6 students will have left.

Please email me for further details.

Many thanks,

Neil Reed

teaching@neilreedmusic.co.uk

LIVE FRAZOO SHOW AT CIVIC HALL

As you know I run Frazoo Club in school, and I'm very excited to announce that I am putting on a Frazoo Live Show at the Civic Hall in Totnes!

Where Civic Hall in Totnes

When 2pm-4pm on Sunday 21st July 2024.

Tickets Available through Eventbrite...

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/frazoo-show-live-remarkable-reptiles-and-colossal-creepy-crawlies-tickets-932646971197?aff=oddtcreator>

Sent on behalf of DCC's HAF Team

“Get ready for a summer of funded exciting activities and enriching experiences!”

With the summer holidays fast approaching, we're pleased to announce that bookings are now open for our action-packed Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme!

Funded by the Government's Department for Education, the scheme offers funded activities and healthy, nutritional hot meals during school holidays to children of low-income families.

This summer's HAF programme promises a wide range of fun and educational activities for children of all ages to spark their creativity, encourage exploration, and help them develop new skills and make friends.

We've teamed up with over 1000 different activity providers across Devon to offer more than 30,000 places to children aged five to 16 years old, who receive benefit-related free school meals. From arts and crafts workshops to sports tournaments and outdoor activities, the programme is designed to keep children engaged, active, and well-nourished during the school break. All clubs will be operating for a minimum of four hours for four days and will include a hot meal. We have also increased the number of places for secondary school aged children, with some sessions taking place during the evenings and at weekends.

For more information on the HAF programme, including booking details and eligibility criteria, please visit our website.

Details of activities can be found on the interactive map [on our website](#). If your child is [eligible to access the programme](#), simply search for a provider in your area, have a look at their listing to see what they're offering, then when you're ready, book a place with them directly using your unique HAF code.



'Dartmouth's brand new, non-profit theatre company are very excited to announce our production of "Matilda the Musical Jr." at The Flavel, Dartmouth on 24th & 25th November 2024. We would love to invite you to join us to be part of our cast!

Open to ages 6-16 we have singing, dancing & acting parts available, as well as behind the scenes roles.

Rehearsals have already begun but it's not too late to join!

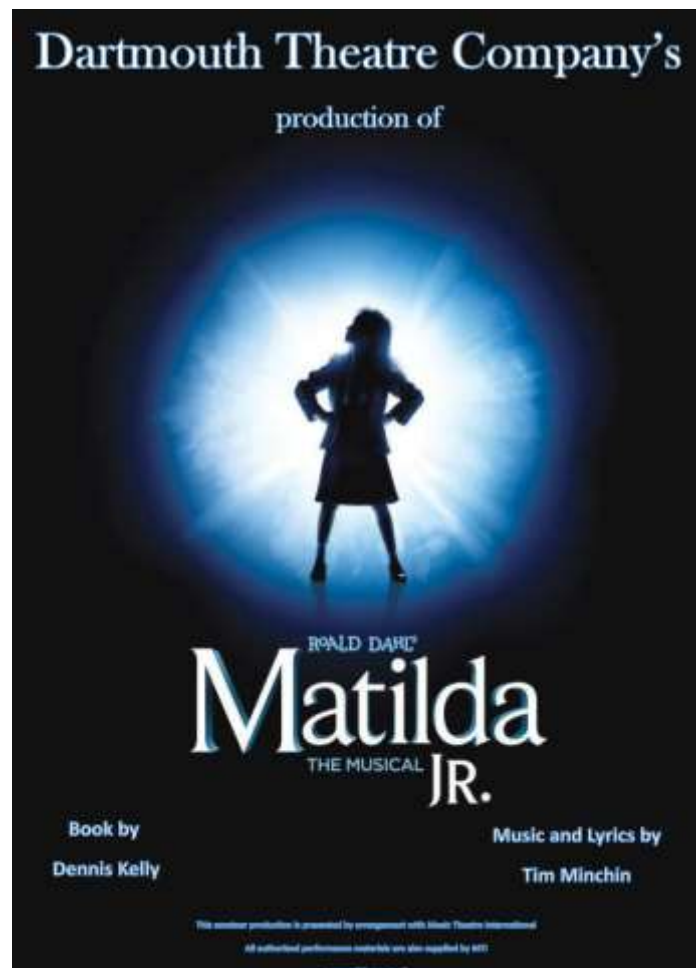
Our rehearsal days take place every Wednesday & Friday at Townstal Community Hall.

First taster session – FREE

One session a week £10 or both sessions £15 (50% discount for siblings)

Email or call us now to reserve your child's space:

amanda@dartmouththeatrecompany.co.uk / 07401919376'



TORBAY HAF ROADSHOWS



Supporting children aged 5-16 to eat more healthy food and to provide opportunities to be active during the holidays.

PAIGNTON ACADEMY



Monday – Thursday Only
Monday 29th July – Thursday 1st August
Monday 5th August – Thursday 8th August
Monday 12th August – Thursday 15th August
Monday 19th August – Thursday 22nd August

EDEN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL



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OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN WHO DO NOT RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS. THIS OPTION IS £15 PER DAY AND CAN BE BOOKED BY CLICKING THE RELEVANT HYPERLINKS BELOW:

PAIGNTON ACADEMY

[CLICK HERE](#)

EDEN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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adam.shearer@aspireeducationacademy.co.uk

Soundart Radio



Arts and media holiday club for ages:8+

Monday—Thursday from 29th July

Higher Close, Dartington Hall

Funded places + fee paying places

Ofsted registered

Healthy Lunch provided

soundartradio.org.uk/holiday-clubs





PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

**Devon, Channel Islands, Cornwall, Dorset,
Wiltshire Groups**

July 10th 20.00-21.30

Please join us for a parent workshop hosted by Dr. Susie Davies, Bristol GP and founder of PAPAYA. Dr Davies will discuss the mental health problems associated with social media and smartphones and then share powerful and practical solutions for your community. This will be followed by breakout rooms for local schools to discuss solutions and ways you can move forward as a community.

To register click the link

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkdOmhrTlpHNMP4q62LInjp4IkxMmYmsT-#/registration>