



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 23rd Sept

SHOUT OUTS TO

Dove Tree Class, Aoife & Isabella – Learning, amazing writing about Totnes Castle.

Willow Tree Class, Ivy, Learning - excellent writing about our trip to Totnes Castle. Maia, Communication, settling in so well and making great friendships with others.

Lilac Tree Class, Nina, Happiness, being a supportive and encouraging friend. Lola, Individuality, amazing independent writing, wow!

Tea Tree Class, Evelyn, Love, for always being such a kind and caring member of class. Jesse, Learning, for putting much more effort into your learning this week and doing so well.

Mountain Ash Tree Class, Torr, Learning – such enthusiasm for everything we have done. Hope – Individuality, every class needs a Stone Age girl!

Holly Tree Class, Rory – Love, being such a kind and caring friend, helping others. Ellis T, Learning, amazing independent literacy work.

Ginkgo Tree Class, Tallulah, Learning, for being the best learning partner ever and helping others so selflessly. Louie, Communication, for making great connections with the year 5's, and helping them get settled.

Whitebeam Tree Class, Rose, Love - what a lovely, bright, sunny and kind member of Whitebeam you are! Cyra, Learning, thank you so much for your fantastic contributions and amazing creativity.

Flame Tree Class, Masa, Love – we love having you at The Grove, what an amazing start. Ray, Learning, what an amazing attitude to work, we couldn't be prouder.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Reminder to please label children's uniform
- ☺ Last day for signing up to Micro, Mini and Junior Duke
- ☺ PTA news and dates for upcoming events

More info on all these below or ask at the front desk



No toys or personal items in school please

In general, unless you have specific permission from a class teacher then could children please leave their toys, teddies and other personal items at home. We can't be responsible for them and they seem to cause a huge amount of upset for one reason or another.

Reminder - School Immunisations Team – Nasal Flu Vaccine - 6th November

Kernow Health CIC's School Age Immunisation Service will be delivering the annual nasal flu vaccination programme – For the 2026/27 season, all children from Reception to Year 6 will be offered the free nasal flu vaccine. To consent please see use this link

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=DVI13234>

HANDS-UP PROJECT

Nick Bilbrough, Hands up Project founder, and poet Peter Oswald will be leading workshops around the poetry of the children of Gaza on the 24th of September with year 5 and 6 children. Together we'll explore some of the poems in the book, 'Moon tell me truth' and write our own ones based on the same stimulus as the children of Gaza (14 year old Layla Abed's painting 'Purple beam'). We'll also do a short live link to one of the poets from the book, now living in Bosnia'

If you would like to make a donation, please follow this link:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/donation-form/become-a-monthly-supporter-8>

Nits

Nits have also started back this term! Please could we get in the habit of combing hair with conditioner and a nit comb every week or even twice a week. Thank you.



Micro, Mini and Junior Duke – Last day today

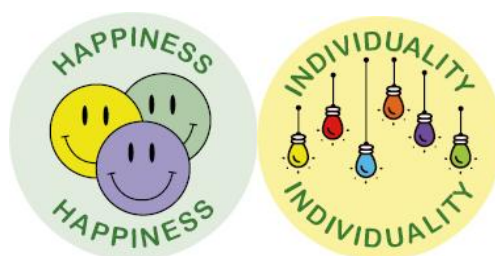
To encourage independence and self-motivation, this year, The Grove School is, once again, running the Award Scheme called the Junior Duke (KS2), Mini Duke (KS1) and Micro Duke (Reception). This is aimed to be like a precursor to The Duke of Edinburgh challenge that your child may wish to take on in Secondary School.

There are four levels: in KS2; (Year 3) Bronze, (Year 4) Silver, (Year 5) Gold and (Year 6) Platinum. There are two levels in KS1; (Year 1) Silver and (Year 2) Gold. Each of these levels has 14 challenges and, in order to complete a level, the children need to finish 10 of these successfully. These include skills such as First Aid, ICT, Languages, Art, Drama, Music, Sport and other life skills such as cookery and puncture repair.

On completion of a level, a certificate and a badge will be awarded in assembly.

There is an £11.00 charge each year to cover the cost of the booklet, certificate, badges and postage.

Please login to ParentPay to consent and pay. The deadline is tonight at midnight. It would be amazing to have as many Grove children take part as possible; the benefits to your child will be huge.



Benevolent Fund

Please support our families in need if you are able. On ParentPay you will find our benevolent fund. We are currently over-spent supporting families to send their children on school trips and pay for some school meals. We have nearly 20% of our school population claiming Free School Meals and many are struggling to make ends meet. We really don't want children to miss these valuable experiences or a hot healthy meal at lunchtime so IF you can afford it we would be grateful for your support to help us to support them.

The Grove School Whatsapp Community

If you would like me to add you to the community, please send me an email with your number.

helenf@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

Register your interest to help us.

We have a list of people with skills we could call on if we need some help – tradespeople, therapists, handy people, - pretty much anything. Please let us know if you would volunteer with your services or do us a mates rates deal. Please send your details to Jo Counter at jcounter@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk

PTA NEWS

Welcome back everyone! We have a super exciting year ahead, jammed packed with events - old and new!
Please put these dates in your diary and watch this space for further information!

Remember - if you are up for helping with any event, please let us know by emailing jennir@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk



Cake Sale

This Friday is **Dove Tree's** turn to bake.
Cakes will be on sale on the field after school. 50p each.

Next bake sale:

Friday 2nd October: Willow Cake Sale

Friday 16th October: Mountain Ash Cake Sale

Friday 23rd October: Tea Tree Cake Sale

Friday 6th November: Holly Tree Cake Sale

Friday 13th November: Whitebeam Cake Sale

Friday 20th November: Ginkgo Cake Sale

Friday 27th November: Acorns and KSI Cake Sale

Other Events This Term

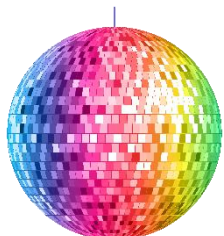
Friday 9th October: Autumn Disco

Friday 16th October: Mufti Day - please bring sweets for the Christmas Fair sweet cones

Friday 13th November: Quiz Night

Friday 27th November: Christmas Fair & Mufti

NEW DATE - Saturday 28th November: Wreath Making for beginners



Disco – Friday 9th October

Letters will be sent this Friday.

ANY CHILDRENS OR ADULTS CHRISTMAS JUMPERS THAT YOU CAN DONATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE FRONT DESK ANY TIME THIS TERM.

Pre Loved School Uniform

Lots of sizes available for sale in the front entrance.



The Grove School PTA Facebook Page

The Grove School PTA Facebook Page will also keep you up to date on events - e.g. discos, fundraisers, bake sales etc.

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

Year 6 Residential – 19th – 23rd October

Kents Cavern Trip – Holly Tree & Tea Tree – Wednesday 21st October

Kents Cavern Trip – Mountain Ash – Thursday 22nd October

Half term - 26th – 30th October

Yr 5/6 Non swimmers swimming starts - Monday 2nd November

Mountain Ash Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Monday 2nd November

Holly Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Wednesday 4th November

Tea Tree Interactive Puppet Show at St. Mary's church – Thursday 5th November

Immunisation team: Flu Spray – Friday 6th November

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.



KALEIDOSCOPE
Clubs and Courses for Kids

NEW KIDS TABLE TENNIS CLUB!

The Benefits?

-  **Great Exercise:** Fast-paced fun that keeps kids active and off screens.
-  **Make New Friends:** A brilliant, social environment for local kids.
-  **Super Affordable:** Only £2.50 a session!

What to Expect:

-  **Fun Drills & Exercises:** Active, high-energy warm-ups that get everyone moving.
-  **Exciting Games:** Mini-tournaments, around-the-table challenges, and wacky games.
-  **Coaching:** Friendly coaching available to help them learn the basics or level up their skills.

Join us for a FREE TRIAL! Simply drop in or book online at www.kalscope.co.uk

**Saturday Mornings 10am-12pm
@ The Grove School, Totnes**



**TOTNES BIKE HUB
5 YEAR
ANNIVERSARY SALE!**

**20% OFF ALL BIKES IN
SEPTEMBER!**

**THE MANSION, 36 FORE STREET. WALK
PAST THE CANTEEN AND LIBRARY AND
WE'RE ON THE RIGHT**

BE PART OF
SOMETHING
GREAT!

UNDER 8 - UNDER 14



JOIN
DART
HOCKEY CLUB!



GET FIT
& HAVE FUN



MAKE
FRIENDS



BUILD SKILLS
& CONFIDENCE



BE PART OF
A TEAM



ALL
ABILITIES
WELCOME!



PLAY TOGETHER.
IMPROVE TOGETHER.
WIN TOGETHER!

JOIN US!



CONTACT: ANNIE



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TEAMWORK. RESPECT. PASSION. THAT'S DART.



Current Yr 5 Boys

Players Wanted



Totnes & Dartington FC Under 10s Yellows

Join us for our second season of league football! We're looking for committed players who want to improve, compete, and be part of a welcoming squad that works hard and enjoys every minute on and off the pitch.

Contact Coach Damo for more info:
mrdamonfoster@gmail.com



KEVICC Open Evening

Thursday 17th September 2026 6 - 8.30pm



Shakespeare Festival 2023



Battle of the Bands 2022



Year 7 Freshers Fair



Ten Tors Training 2024

We have seen **record applications** to our College in 2026. Come and see why so many students, parents and carers are making us their first choice school.



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KEVICC Open Mornings

Friday 25th September
& Friday 2nd October 2026
9.00am to 11.00am



Sprung



KS3 Club Night



Year 11 Prom



Sports Day

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Come & Meet Our Community

- Our Open Mornings this Autumn will include:
- Student musical performances
 - A presentation from our Principal Alan Salt
 - Tours of our College faculty areas led by our current students
 - Opportunities to meet our teaching and support staff



Kingstugi Festival



Sports Day



Exeter Cathedral



BOTBs



We look forward to seeing you. To book your place at our Open Mornings scan the QR code opposite. Book your place now. Find us on Instagram & YouTube.

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OPEN EVENING 8 OCTOBER 2026

WELCOME SPEECH AT 6.00PM
SUBJECT VISITS AND SITE TOUR
UNTIL CLOSE AT 8.00PM

RESERVE YOUR PLACE VIA THE QR CODE
OR AT WWW.TGGSACADEMY.ORG/OPENEVENING

