



THE GROVE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 30th April

SHOUT OUTS TO

From Dove Tree Class, Cillian for Learning and trying hard with his writing and Rosie for Happiness and always being so positive.

From Lime Tree Class, Dylan for Happiness and having such a positive attitude and Frida for Love – such a beautifully friendly and polite person.

From Lilac Tree Class, Evelyn for Happiness and settling into a new school with a smile and Maisie for Learning with fantastic maths knowledge in multiplication and division.

From Willow Tree Class, Rainer for Individuality and wowing the class with his artistic skills and Suzi for Learning while creating a beautiful nature journal.

From Mountain Ash Tree Class, Iris for Love (again!) and being so kind to others and Elsie for Happiness with her positive vibes!

From Juniper Tree Class, Remi for Learning – she works so hard in everything ‘an inspiration in dedication’, and Saul for Learning – aiming to make his work the best it can be.

From Ginkgo Tee Class, Phoebe for Learning, so determined and independent showing such pride in her achievements and Olivia for Communication and answering so many questions in class discussions!

From Trumpet Tree Class, Bray for Individuality and settling in so quickly and Liam for Learning and working so hard on improving his reading.

From Flame Tree, Loveday for Happiness and THAT smile! And Evie for Love and making such great progress because she loves learning.

Don't have time to read all the newsletter?

Here are the essentials in summary:

- ☺ Potential pre-school at The Grove – latest update.
- ☺ 'Books That Help' resources at The Grove.
- ☺ Some of our Yr5 children will be performing Elizabethan dancing on Tuesday 6th May in the Civic Square at 11am.
- ☺ Gardening club news.
- ☺ Marco's fundraising challenge and sponsor link
- ☺ PTA news, events and ways to help the school. Mountain Ash's bake sale this Friday.

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



Potential pre-school at The Grove- latest update!!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are really seriously considering a pre-school and we have had some great meetings with Devon and the governors and have had the initial go ahead to start with 11 places per session for 3 year olds. We would be able to cater for both 15 hour and 30 hour entitlement funding and with options to pay for more hours. There would be two sessions of 3 hours a day or a full day of 6 hours. We have even settled on a name – Little Grovers!

Devon have to run a consultation period which takes 4 weeks and hopefully will start this week. Then if all goes well we can start advertising properly soon in June. It could be a great option for those parents who are thinking about deferring entry into Reception and really good for siblings of children at school. Being term time only and school day only we are having conversations with our breakfast club and after school providers and will get back to you on all these details. If anyone thinks they might be interested or want more info please do email me at head@the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Books That Help

'Books That Help' was a project initiated by the author Clare Helen Welsh to help support children with challenging emotions and experiences through the power of story and books. Being able to identify with characters in stories can be very helpful for children in general, but particularly when a child might be experiencing a challenging situation such as losing a loved one or parental separation. Clare's website is a useful resource and details lots more books that can help and offers some practical ideas of how to share the books with children. <https://www.booksthathelp.co.uk/>

We are very lucky to have a good selection of the books recommended thanks to Chandra, who raised over £1000 by doing a sponsored swim, and generous donations from parents. The books can be found outside Dove Tree's classroom and are available for parents to borrow. There is a physical catalogue in the book area for parents and staff to look through and a signing-out/in book for parents to log any books that they borrow. You can also browse the catalogue by following the link to the school website below. This is a wonderful resource and we'd really love for parents to make use of it. http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/books_that_help/709249



ELIZABETHAN DANCING

On Tuesday 6th May, some of our Year 5 children are taking part in the opening of the Elizabethan season in Totnes. The children have been busy learning Elizabethan dances and will be performing on **Tuesday 6th May in The Civic Square at 11am.**

Please come along and support them.

Gardening club

Gardening club started this week for years 3 and 4. We planted potatoes, sowed nasturtium and lettuces and gave everything a good soak.

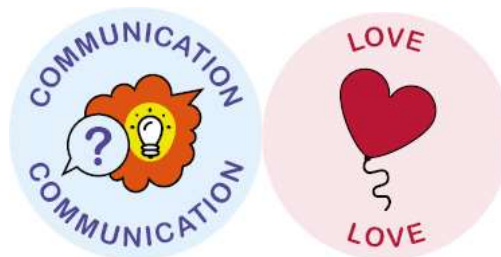
We're on the hunt for some plants! If you have any spare seedlings, please bring them in to the polytunnel. Tomatoes, lettuces, courgettes, any herbs or flowers are most welcome. Plus of course, any bags of compost to top up our planters would be much appreciated.

Contact Lizzie on 07738425558 if you or any grandparents have some free time to volunteer at the school; weeding and watering is always needed! Thanks

Marco's Fundraising Challenge

Marco is raising money by challenging himself to do the English Riviera Triathlon in June. It comprises of a sea swim followed by a fast and furious bike ride and then a run to complete. Marco is raising money for The Grove School kitchen and has set a target of £2000 to buy a new hot cupboard to use when serving the children their lunches.

Please visit Marco's fundraising page if you would like to sponsor him! <https://gofund.me/b23ca06f>



Nature walks

Your children may have mentioned they have been for a nature walk with the class. This is part of our Earth Care programme which is designed around fostering the love of nature and spending time outdoors. We feel that filling the children with dread about global warming etc isn't a great strategy – but developing the love of the world will make our children passionate about looking after it. If you want to join in and come along on our weekly walks then do let your class teacher know. We have 10 lovely local sites to visit and a range of different experiences including the forest school activities.

PTA NEWS

Upcoming Events Summary

2nd May: Mountain Ash bake sale
9th May: Summer disco – On ParentPay to sign up
12th May: Father's Day forms out
16th May: Willow bake sale
23rd May: Mufti for sweets
23rd May: Juniper bake sale
23rd May: Whole school sponsor forms out

2nd June: Last day for Father's Day forms back
6th June: Trumpet bake sale
9th – 13th June: Sponsored run week
13th June: Flame bake sale
13th June: Father's Day gift home
20th June: Ginkgo bake sale
27th June: Acorn bake sale
4th July: Summer Fair/Mufti
11th July: Ice lolly/cake sale



Cake Sale

Well done Dove class – you raised £60.50!

This week (Friday 2nd May) is Mountain Ash's turn to bake

Summer Disco

Permission slips have gone out, please return by next Thursday 8th May

If you can help, especially with Acorns, 1/2 disco that would be great (they love the tattoos), please let Jenni know.



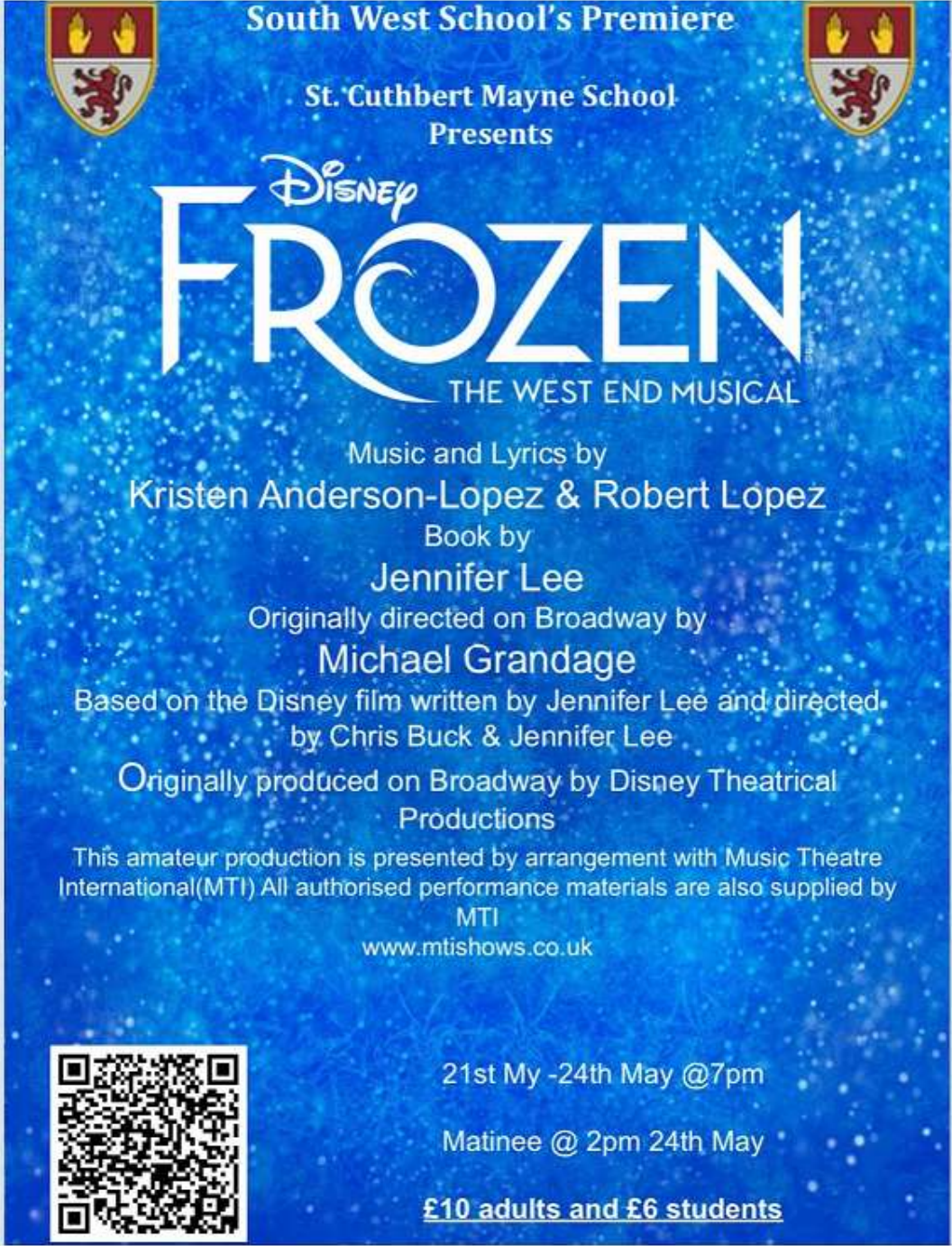
Dates for your diary this term <http://www.the-grove-primary.devon.sch.uk/web/calendar/256154>

School closed May Bank holiday – Monday 5th May
Year 6 SATS – Monday 12th until Thursday 15th May
Year 6 Woodlands Fun day – Friday 16th May
Half Term – Monday 26th until Friday 30th May
First Day back – Monday 2nd June
KS1 Sports afternoon – Tuesday 15th July
KS2 Sports afternoon – Thursday 17th July

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.




South West School's Premiere

St. Cuthbert Mayne School
Presents

Disney FROZEN
THE WEST END MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics by
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez
Book by
Jennifer Lee
Originally directed on Broadway by
Michael Grandage
Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed
by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee
Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical
Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre
International(MTI) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by
MTI
www.mtishows.co.uk



21st May -24th May @7pm
Matinee @ 2pm 24th May
£10 adults and £6 students

St Cuthbert Mayne School, Torquay have been chosen to perform the South West Regional School Premiere of Disney's Frozen. Only 11 schools in Europe have been selected to host this special event!

There are 5 performances, including a matinee show where children are invited to dress up and meet the characters afterwards. Tickets can be purchased on

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music & lots of
laughs for all
the family

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Pollinator Crafts with the Clockwork Moth



Saturday 17th May 2025
10am - 12pm

Join Charlie in the library sharing a story, crafting insects and exploring the wildlife garden

As part of Buckfastleigh Community Pollinators Project





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TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING 24 JUNE 2025

THE EVENING WILL COMMENCE WITH A WELCOME SPEECH AT **6.30PM**
FROM MS FORSTER, HEADTEACHER
STUDENT-LED GUIDED TOURS
THE EVENING CLOSES AT **8.30PM**

*** BOOKING REQUIRED ***
AT THE QR CODE BELOW OR VISIT:
WWW.TGGSACADEMY.ORG/OPENEVENING







Pay What You Feel Cafe

Saturday 3rd May

Teas, filter coffee & cakes from 11am

Hot lunch buffet 12 until 2

United Free Church, Totnes TQ9 5RP

Live music, free entry, no need to book

Our food is local, surplus, organic. All profits support local families in crisis with fresh food.

