



Grove News

February 2021



A message from Mrs Aldous, Mrs Ross, Ms Creed and Mrs Hough



Dear Families,

Firstly, we would like to thank our wonderful community for all your support this half-term. It has been very much appreciated and is helping us to keep everyone safe.

We are very proud of all our pupils at Grove and the way in which they have engaged with their learning, both online and in the key worker provision in school. Attendance and engagement across the school has been really strong and it has been wonderful to see the work they have been submitting.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Church as she retires this half-term. She has worked at Grove for a number of years and has supported lots of children in different areas of the school. We will miss Mrs Church very much but wish her all the very best in her retirement. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Wilkes who leaves us this week to go on maternity leave. We wish her and her new baby the very best of luck and look forward to meeting her new addition.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to a very kind member of our community who anonymously donated £1,000 to the school to benefit the children during this challenging time.

Over half-term, we ask that you continue to inform us if:

1. your child has had contact with someone who tests positive for Covid-19
2. your child tests positive themselves
3. you or another member of your household tests positive

Please let us know this information by emailing the school:
office@groveprimaryschool.org

Once again, thank you for your continued support. Stay safe over February half-term and we look forward to welcoming the children back online or in our key worker provision on the 22nd February 2021.



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Virtual Water Aid

In January, we welcomed Deirdre from Water Aid to raise our awareness of places in the world that do not have access to clean running water like we do. We learnt about the work that Water Aid does in facilitating these places to access clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene. We learnt about rainwater harvesting, pumping from wells and tippy taps.

Grace the Piano Lady Virtual Visit (EYFS)

EYFS had a virtual visit from Grace the Piano Lady! Grace taught us how to read musical notes and we made our own rhythms up for animals using wooden sticks, spoons and clapping. All the children and adults had a wonderful time.

Norwich City Assembly

Jake and Billy from the Norwich City Community Sports Foundation led virtual assembly sessions for us. They focussed on the importance of positive relationships in our lives and ways to resolve conflict.

Fisheries Assembly

Linford, a fisheries scientist, from CEFAS visited us online for a virtual 'What's on the Beach?' assembly. He shared an interesting and informative presentation about many of the creatures we might find on our beaches and left us with an exciting scavenger hunt to complete.

Becoming a Paramedic Assembly

Rhianna, a paramedic from The East of England Ambulance Services, virtually visited our school and talked to us about her career as a paramedic. She explained some of the challenges of being a paramedic but mostly described her love of the job and why she finds it so rewarding. Rhianna talked about the subjects she needed to do well in at school and how she then trained further at University to become qualified. The children were really inspired by her visit and asked lots of questions about the life of a paramedic.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week

Across the school, our children took part in a number of activities. Activities included designing and creating an emotion t-shirt for 'inside out' day, making gratitude boxes, thinking about what makes us special and making 'special hands' filled with people that are significant in our lives.

Captain Sir Tom Moore

Sadly, Captain Sir Tom Moore passed away on the 2nd February. He famously walked 100 lengths of his garden aged 99 to raise money for the NHS—£32.79 million in total.

In his memory, the children have been completing their own 100 challenge this week. Please see the Facebook page for updates of our pupils participating in a challenge of their choosing.



Bedtime Stories

Remember to tune in to our weekly Bedtime Stories recording on Facebook. Who will it be this week?

Family Support

Mrs Ball is our Family Support Advisor and is available to speak to parents/carers on a daily basis. She can provide advice on a range of different matters. If you need any help or advice, please contact her through the office.

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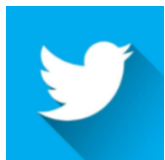
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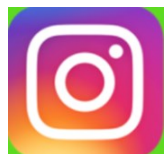
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Facebook: Grove Primary School



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ParentMail

Please ensure you sign up to ParentMail—this is how you will receive ALL means of communication.

Please phone a member of the school office if you have any problems.

Contact details

Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current addresses and telephone numbers

We MUST have two contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.

Who can help?

In addition to the class teacher, who should always be your first point of contact, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue if needed:

Mrs Aldous, Executive Headteacher
Mrs Ross, Deputy Headteacher
Ms Creed, Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Hough, Assistant Headteacher
Mrs Ball, Family Support Advisor
Mrs Cutchey, Chair of Governors
Mr Clarke, Safeguarding Governor