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Newsletter

*“Our family
school where
all are equally
valued”*

The end is nigh!

Can you believe that we are now in the month of December and working towards the end of yet another calendar year? I don't know about you but I feel that 2019 has whizzed by.

Nevertheless, this is always a lovely time of year. Our youngest pupils in Nursery and Reception have settled in well and are making great progress already! This is also true of all the children across the school despite having to deal with the many illnesses and sickness we experience at this time of year.

In the last few weeks we always have so much to get through too. Christmas plays and productions are well under way and, as always, are sure to be a hit!

The winter fair is just around the corner and promises to be another PTA extravaganza worth a visit.

Finally, we end the term with Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumpers and Pantomime – all typical features of this time of year.

Be sure to check the school calendar dates online on our website or via the App to keep up to date with what's going on and when.

Best wishes
Lyn Gray





New Look Website!

If you haven't already – please do check out our new school website! We feel this is a far better representation of Grove Road School and Community. The App too has changed to adopt the new design. Let us know what you think- Pop in and tell the school office your views or send an email via the app.

www.groveroadprimary.co.uk

Leadership Team visit to the Food box.

The Children's Leadership team made a visit to the Hounslow Food Box in Brentford to see where our wonderful donations from harvest went and how they are used. The children were amazed at how much food was needed and when asked to create a food parcel for a family of four, were surprised to hear that families needed to use the food box, especially at this time of year.

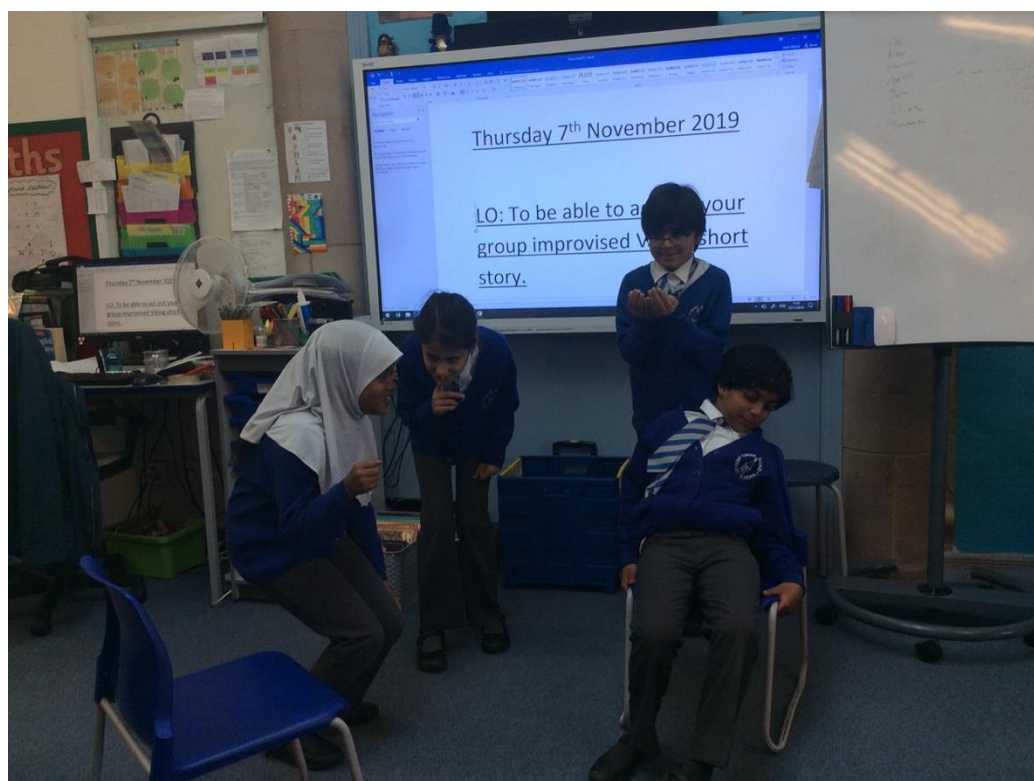
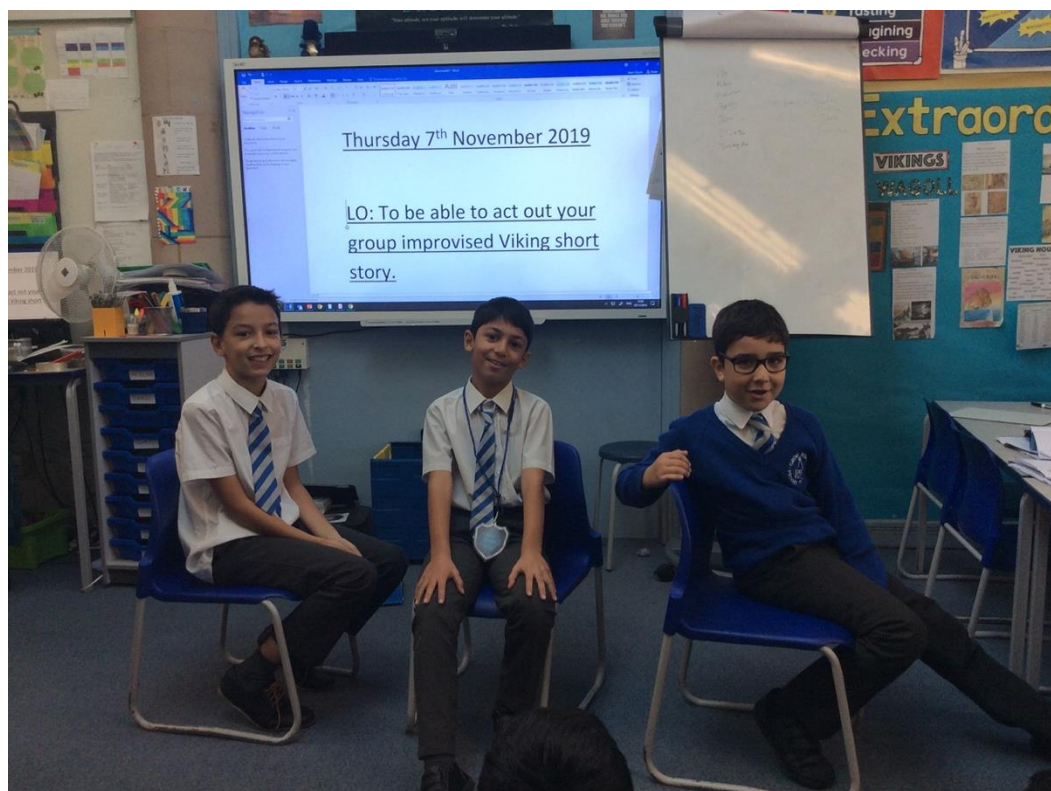
The Food Box staff explained that Harvest is always a very generous time of year but they do not always receive this much food at other times, especially Christmas which of course is an expensive time for everyone. The Food Box staff would love to include some Christmas goodies or selection boxes in their family packages to make a child's Christmas exciting.



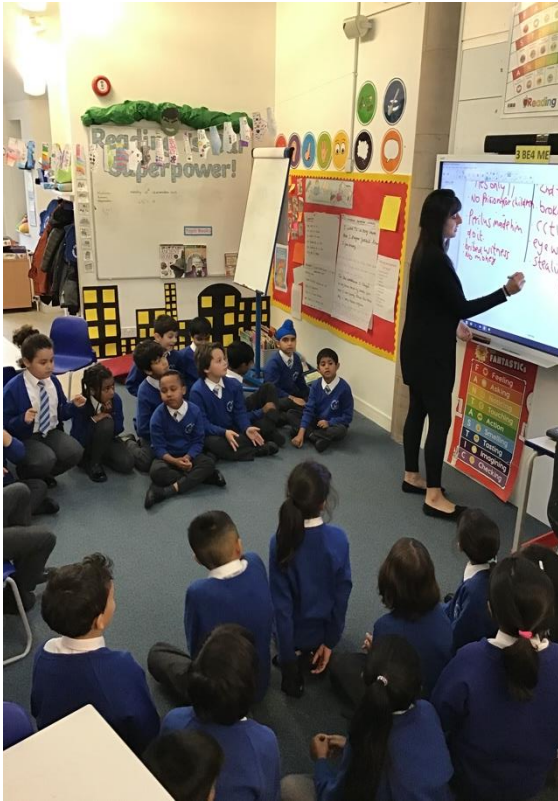




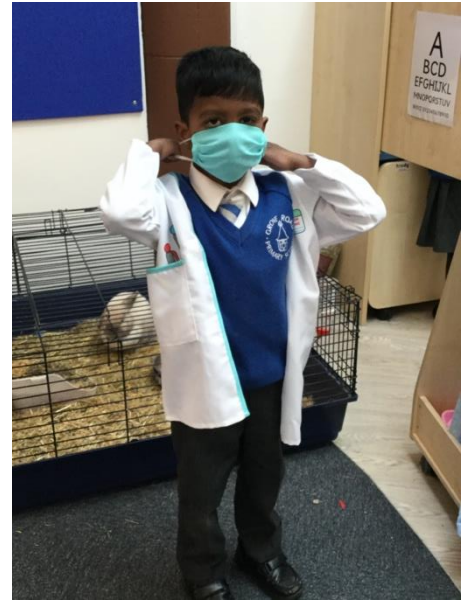
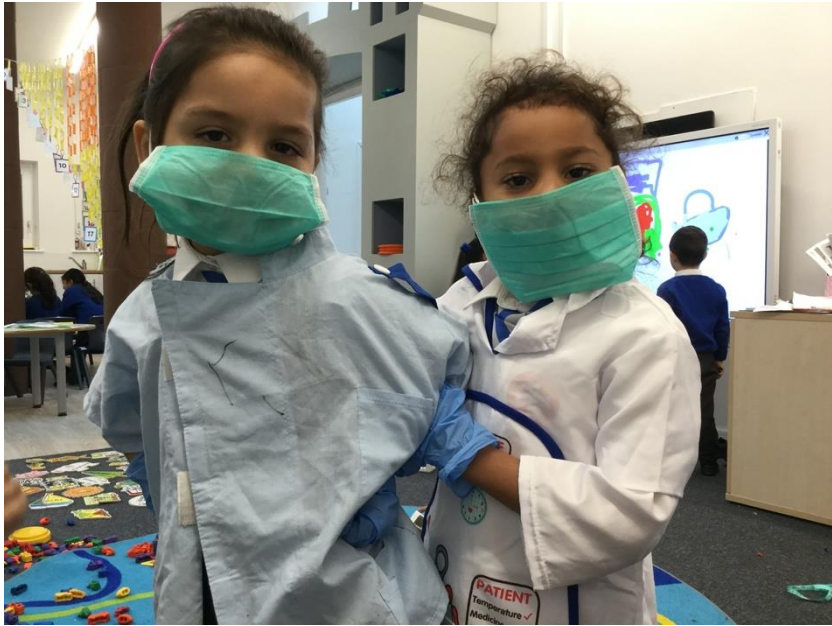
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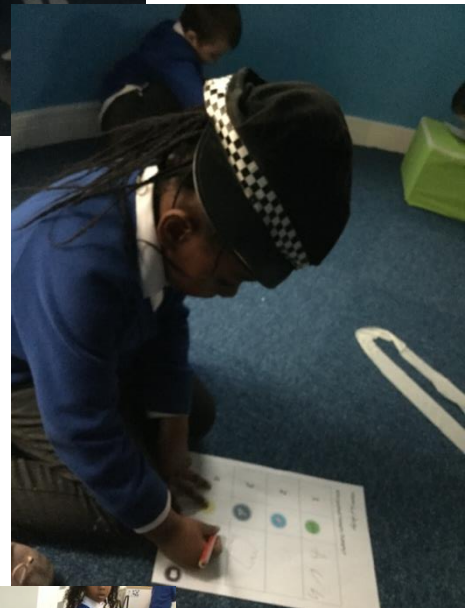
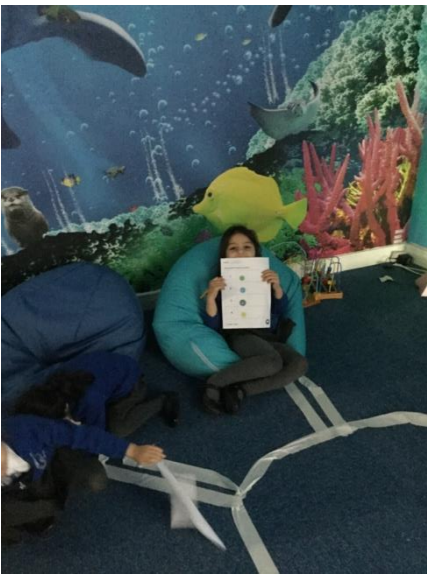
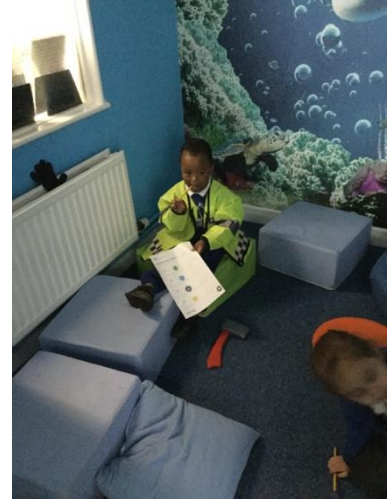


Blue Class Debating



EYFS Role Play





Violet Class Space Workshop





Yellow Class working with Year 5



Parent Readers

We are looking for any parents who have a few minutes in the day to spare? All of our children are taught the skills of reading throughout the week following our program – Book Talk. However, some children need to practice more often and thus we are looking for any kind parents who would be happy to listen to children read. If you think you could spare 30 minutes or more per week, let the school office know. We will need to carry out DBS checks but this is a very quick process now.



Winter Fair

Friday 6th December sees our annual winter fair run by the PTA. The Fair will kick off at 3.30pm and is sure to be an exciting and worthwhile event. Last minute shopping, festive fun, there will definitely be something there for everyone. Hope as many of you will be able to come along and make this event successful.

Parent Governors

We are currently looking to appoint a new parent governor to the school governing board. If you are interested in applying for this post please do take the time to read the School Governors Handbook and Governor Competencies. Although this is a voluntary post it does require commitment and dedication.

Governance Handbook 2019 -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/788234/governance_handbook_2019.pdf

A Competency Framework for Governance -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/583733/Competency_framework_for_governance_.pdf

Person Specifications and Role descriptions can be obtained at the school office along with supporting paperwork for those of you interested in joining the School Governing Board.

Art Competition



Home is where the art is

ARTS COMPETITION

Create a piece of art representing Home. Use any media of your choice; painting, photography, collage, drawing, sculpture, creative writing. Your art work must be no bigger than 60cm in height, width or depth.

Come and collect your free art materials and find out more at
Hounslow Library, Hounslow House, 7 Bath Road, TW3 3EB on:

Saturday 30 November 11am-1pm
Thursday 12 December 4-6pm
Saturday 11 January 11am-1pm

Closing date: Friday 28 February 2020

An exhibition of your art work will be held in April 2020

For more information and for the terms and conditions, please contact
havendeep.judge@hounslow.gov.uk | 020 8583 4147

 London Borough of Hounslow
 



Admission to school 2020

Online applications for starting school in Reception Class 2020 will open soon. Leaflets and information will be coming out to parents who have children in the nursery informing them of the process and what to do next.

The Local Authority of Hounslow are also offering drop in sessions to help parents with the online application process. Drop-in sessions will be available every Wednesday at Hounslow House 10am –2pm from **2 October**.



Starting School in Reception Class September 2020

If your child was born between **1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016** you will need to apply for a Reception class place.

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2020**.

Please read the '**Starting School in Hounslow in September 2020**.' brochure carefully before completing your application. A copy can be downloaded from our website.

Hounslow residents must apply online at **www.hounslow.gov.uk/primaryadmissions**

For advice and guidance contact the admissions team on:

020 8583 2721

admissions@hounslow.gov.uk

Coming up in December -

2nd – Green Class trip to the Florence Nightingale Museum

3rd – Centre Parents Coffee Afternoon 3.00pm

4th – Gold Class trip to Sky Studios

6th – Winter Fair 3.30pm to 5.30pm

9th - Christmas Play Rehearsals

10th – Infant School Christmas Play 9.30am

10th – Junior School Christmas Play 6.00pm

11th – Junior School Christmas Play 9.30am

11th – Infant school Christmas Play 2.00pm

12th – KS2 Classes to Pantomime

13th – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day!

18th – KS1 and EYFS Christmas Pantomime at school

19th – School Closes at 1.30pm

Return to school on Tuesday 7th January 2020