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# Newsletter

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

## Wishing you all a safe and happy summer!

Well there it is – another year over and what a year it has been! I don't think any one of us thought the year would turn out the way that it did, especially when I think back to this time last year when I sat in school planning for September. Nevertheless, I would like to reiterate the words of the Governing Body and extend my gratitude and thanks to all of you in the school community. We managed to get through this challenging time with everyone working together and supporting each other. Thank you for abiding by the rules and regulations in keeping everyone safe, thank you for trusting us and sending your children into school and thank you for your understanding and patience when we couldn't give you the Grove Road events and shows that are such a big part of who we are as a school.

We do not know yet what September and next academic year will look like for schools, like all of you, we are poised waiting for news that will support us in planning school openings for the autumn term. We will, however, keep you posted and will send out an August Newsletter which will contain all the information we need to share, prior to school starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

On behalf of myself and all the staff, thank you for the many generous gifts, cards and well wishes. We too would like to wish all of you a healthy, safe and fun summer break and we look forward to working with you all again in the new school year.

Best wishes,

Lyn Gray  
Headteacher

## Goodbye

The end of the academic year is often a time when we need to say goodbye to children and staff from our community.

First of all, a big good bye to Aryan from Blue Class. Aryan has been with us since Reception class and has made many friends here at Grove Road. Aryan is joining his new school which will take him all the way through his secondary school journey too. We will miss him very much and wish him all the best.

Bismanjot is also leaving to join a new school. We have known Bismanjot, also since reception and he has been a wonderful character in school. Here is wishing you Bismanjot all the best too.

Alan in Yellow class is moving back to his home country with his family. Alan also started his schooling with us in Reception class. We wish him and his family all the best in their journey home.

Of course, we must say goodbye to all of year 6 who leave us to start their secondary school journeys. It was an emotional last few days as Gold class said their goodbyes to one another. It was also emotional for myself, this year 6 class were in Reception when I joined the school in 2014 and I have watched each of them grow, mature and develop into the wonderful young gentlemen and ladies that they are. As always, we remind the children that they will always be a part of Grove Road and will always be welcomed back. I am sure they will endeavour to keep in touch with one another despite the many different schools they have chosen for their next stage in their education. I know that the staff love to hear how they are getting on.

There were also a few members of staff that we said farewell to. Mrs Amin is leaving us as she moved house earlier in the year and the commute has become very long for her. We are very sad to see her go but wish her all the best.

Mrs Pires is leaving to pursue a career in counselling and pastoral support for children. We feel very privileged to have had Mrs Pires as part of the staff and feel very proud of her continued professional development. We also wish Mrs Pires all the best.

Mrs Marwaha is also leaving to pursue an alternative role. She is going into the world of Speech and Language Therapy. Mrs Marwaha has been at Grove Road for a long time now so we will all miss her very much.

We would also like to say a big thank you to Miss Takkar and Mr Mussa who joined us from agencies during the challenging year we just experienced. They supported the staff and children as we attempted to catch up lost learning and we are grateful for everything they did. We wish them all the best as they explore their futures in teaching and schools.

## Welcome!

As is often the way, when we say goodbye, we also have the opportunity to say hello to new staff and pupils.

We welcome Mrs Jakub and Mrs Carrol to our EYFS department. Mrs Jakub taught at Grove Road school previously in the nursery and has always wanted to return when the time was right. Mrs Jakub will teach orange class and will be supported by Mrs Carrol who is an experienced EYFS and SEN HLTA.

We also welcome Miss Shub to the EYFS department who will be supporting children with special educational needs, especially in the reception class.

Mrs Letzelter will be joining blue class as a very experienced HLTA who has worked in the Local Authority for a number of years. Miss Tumuri will join gold class for the year and Mr Jones will join indigo class. Miss Khan will join us from September as staff but will move from orange class to green class.

Miss Battle and Miss Gill will join our Centre Team as we expand the number of places to 18 from October.

I am sure that you will join with me in making them feel very welcome and part of our lovely Grove Road community.

## Prize Giving and Graduation

We were finally able to hold our annual presentation of prizes and certificates after having to cancel completely last year. Although it was still not how we would have loved to have run the event, we were able to film the presentation for all families to watch. You can find the recording on the Grove Road school you tube channel.

It is always a pleasure to award children who have done exceptionally well in school over the year and to demonstrate to others that it is worth striving to do your best.

The Children's leadership team gave incredibly poignant and emotional speeches before handing on the baton to their successors:

Head boy – **Elias**

Head girl – **Harshitha**

Deputy Head boy – **Arit**

Deputy Head girl – **Suwayda**

Well done to all the year 5 children who applied for new roles, we look forward to working with you next year.

The prize winners were as follows:

Class Shining stars:

Red Class – **Christina**  
 Orange Class – **Aiza**  
 Yellow Class – **Prahsith**  
 Green Class – **Teekshana**  
 Blue Class – **Ridhima**  
 Indigo Class – **Faris**  
 Violet Class – **Harshitha**

Year 6 Prize winners:

Sports Award for outstanding skill, ability and sportsmanship – **Steve**

Art & design Award for outstanding creativity and innovation – **Nang San**

Science & Technology Award – **Slaiman**

English Writing Award for outstanding creativity and penmanship – **Sumaya**

Mathematics Award for outstanding mathematical skill and problem-solving ability – **Nafis**

Outstanding Shining Star – **Ryan**

We then had the joy of watching some of our youngest children “graduate” to big school. The children of orange class each came up to the stage to receive their certificate which said, well done on a great year.



<https://youtu.be/2hdPBcWiTKo>

## End of Term Fun Day

To end the year, we organised a socially distanced, in bubbles, Fun day!

The children were treated to a picnic outside for lunch followed by ice-cream courtesy of the school kitchen and a range of activities and games to say well done in completing the year. Here are just a few pictures from the event.









## Coming up in September

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> – Staff INSET

3<sup>rd</sup> – Children in Years 1 to Year 6 Start School

6<sup>th</sup> – First group of children into orange and red classes

7<sup>th</sup> – Next group of children to start orange class

8<sup>th</sup> – Final group of children to start orange class and second group for red class.

13<sup>th</sup> – Final group of children to start red class.

24<sup>th</sup> – School council trip to the Houses of Parliament

27<sup>th</sup> – Individual school photographs