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Newsletter



Winter is upon us..

And just like that, the clocks have changed and we are almost in the month of December. This year feels as if it has gone by so quickly and it feels amazing to think that we have nearly completed the Autumn Term.

It has been a pleasure to visit classes this week with some visiting Headteachers from other Hounslow schools. They commented on the children's brilliant attitude to learning, their enjoyment of their lessons and were impressed at how well they spoke about some of the things they have been learning. In particular, school council impressed the visitors with their knowledge of our STEM curriculum. They made me very proud!

This edition of the newsletter contains lots of information about attendance – the Children's Commissioner for England as well as the Dept. For Education are committing a lot of resources towards improving school attendance across the country.

There is a lot coming up in December as we move closer towards the end of term, including our Christmas production, pantomime, Christmas Jumper Day, and many, many more exciting things. As always, we are adding dates to the shared calendar on the website, but lots of pre-planned activities are included at the end of this newsletter.

With Best wishes,

Mrs Grace Beckford

Acting Headteacher

School Value for Autumn 2

Resilience

This is when we show that we never give up!

Even when we are faced with challenges or something new, we give it 100% and show stamina and endurance.

We can try different ways of doing things always ensuring that we try to improve or better ourselves.

We do not retaliate and show real strength of character. We persevere, if something is worth doing we do it well!

Children in Need



The whole Grove Road community enjoyed a very spotty day to mark this year's Children in Need appeal. Lots of activities were completed throughout the day and the children took part in a special assembly. We are very grateful for all of the money we raised – an amazing £175.50!

Y5 & 6 Sports Hall Event



A group of our oldest children had a great afternoon competing against other schools in Hounslow in a sport event. They took part in a range of skills-based activities and showed brilliant teamwork and resilience. Miss Baxter was very proud!

Children's Commissioner Survey

The children's commissioner for England has requested that parents and children complete this survey: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition .

The commissioner wants to ensure that the voices of all children in the London area are fairly represented in the findings so that she can share their views with the most senior members of the country.

If you or your child have a spare moment, please consider completing the survey and sharing your views.

Y3 & 4 Badminton Event



A team of Y3 and 4 children had an enjoyable introduction to badminton this month. They took part in 10 mini activities and represented our school with pride.

Blue Class Butser Ancient Farm Visit



Blue Class got to experience life in the past this month – looking at Celtic and Roman life and getting to experience some of the ways of life first-hand! It was a fantastic day for everyone!

A Message From Mathletics



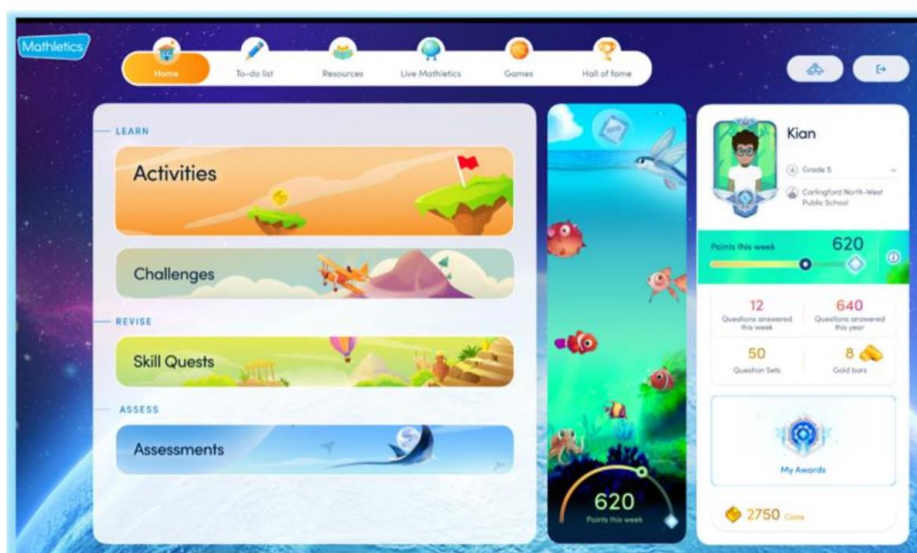
Dear Parents,

We are excited to bring you the latest updates and enhancements to Mathletics, and we believe your child is in for an extraordinary experience. Our commitment to making Maths learning modern, engaging, and motivating has led us to introduce the all-new Mathletics Student Centre and Student Certificates.

The Avatar Maker, launched in June, marked the beginning of our transformation journey. With an incredible 100,000 avatars created within the first 24 hours, it was clear that we were onto something special. However, the journey doesn't end here, and we're thrilled to share what's next.

Introducing the ALL-NEW Student Centre

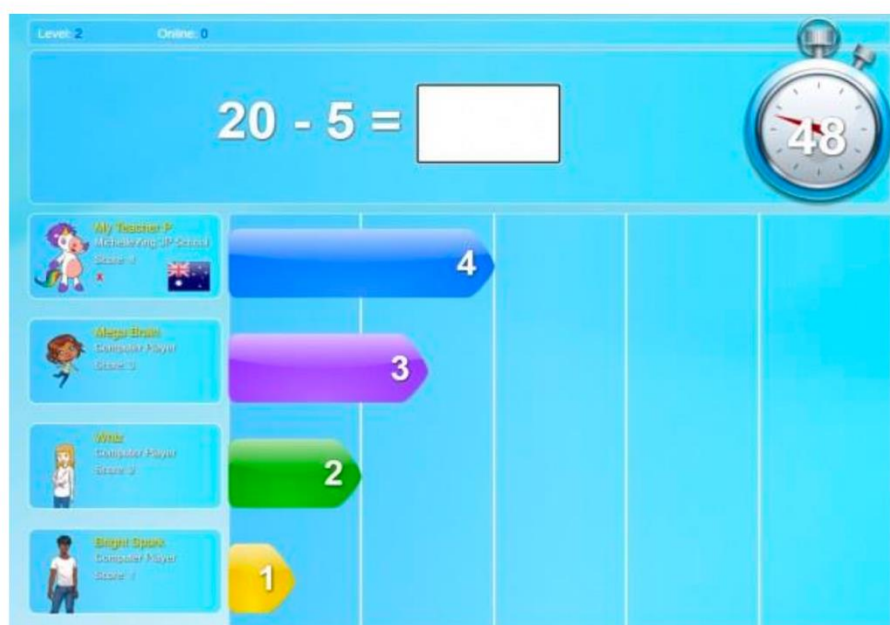
Our new Student Centre is the heart of Mathletics, meticulously crafted over nearly two years to deliver a student-oriented, motivating, and engaging experience. It puts students at the centre of their Mathematical learning journey like never before.



3. Rewards and Incentives: The new Student Centre proudly showcases students' accomplishments, from questions answered to sets completed, gold bars, M Coins, and awards. Interactive widgets, weekly themes, personal stats, rewards, and achievements keep students motivated and excited about Mathematics.

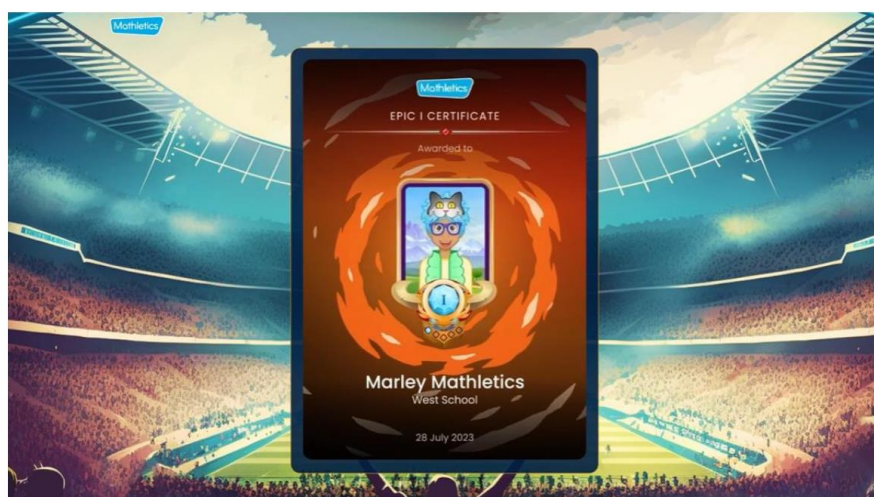


4. Collaboration and Competition: Live Mathletics adds a thrilling dimension to learning. Real-time competitions challenge speed and accuracy, allowing students to compete with peers from their class, school, and around the world. Accessing Live Mathletics is just one click away in the new Student Centre.



NEW Student Certificates

But that's not all – we've introduced the new Student Certificates! These certificates celebrate your child's hard work and link to our Achievement Levels. These levels demonstrate how often a student has earned 1000 points per week and progress from Bronze to Legend status. Who doesn't dream of becoming legendary?



We provide the best tools and resources to support your child's mathematical journey. These new features are designed to inspire, motivate, and make learning Maths an exciting adventure.

We encourage you to explore the new Mathletics with your child, engage with the Student Centre, and celebrate their achievements with the Student Certificates. We believe that a positive learning experience can make a significant difference in your child's future success.

► Sign up for FREE progress updates in 3 easy steps:

- 1 Visit www.mathletics.com/parent
- 2 Complete the form and click "Submit"
- 3 Look out for a weekly progress email in your inbox at the beginning of each week.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing your child's growth and achievements on Mathletics.

Second Hand Uniform

We have seen a lot of use of our second-hand uniform shop this month and are pleased to continue to offer this all year round. Please visit <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/grove-road-primary-school> to browse our selection and make any purchases that you would like. We are also accepting any donations of school uniform as well as Christmas jumpers that you may have through the school office.

Attendance

Attached to this newsletter is some information from the Children's Commissioner for England about school attendance.

We know that pupils fall behind their friends and classmates when they miss school. We want the amount of missed education to be reduced as much as possible. We believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are building life skills, life-long friendships and preparing your child for future success.

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.

We would really appreciate your help and support ensuring that children come to school every day so that they can get the best possible outcomes. We want to work with you to achieve this – please call or come in and meet your child's class teacher or Mrs Pires if there is anything we can do to support you or your child. We appreciate that every family's situation is unique

Class Emails

We continue to have class mailboxes for you to contact your child's class teacher. These emails are monitored daily but please allow up to 48 hours for a response. For anything urgent, including reporting your child absent, please continue to contact the school office.

Red Class: red@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Orange Class: orange@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Yellow Class: yellow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Green Class: green@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Blue Class: blue@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Indigo Class: indigo@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Violet Class: violet@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Gold Class: gold@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

Rainbow Class: rainbow@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk

December Upcoming Dates

4th – Orange Class height and weight checks with school nurse

5th – Centre Open Afternoon

7th – Maths Story Day

8th – The Inventors Science Taster Sessions

11th – Christmas Show Dress Rehearsal

12th – KS1 Pantomime in school

12th – KS2 Pantomime at Hounslow Arts Centre

13th & 14th – Christmas Shows

19th – Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

21st – End of Term -1:30pm Finish

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