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Newsletter

Happy Half Term!

It seems hard to believe as I look out of my office window at the rain, that last week we had some lovely sunshine and bright summer days! Nevertheless, it feels like, as we close this half-term, that the good weather will be upon us again very soon.



You will have noticed that the new Centre build has now had foundations and base installed, with walls due to start going up next week. We are on track to complete the build ready to move in for the next academic year which is very exciting!

We were very proud of Gold Class, who sat their SATs papers last week. It can be quite a daunting activity to complete tests but they showed amazing resilience throughout. I know that Mr Farnell and the team worked tirelessly to prepare the children and that they all felt ready. I have already heard them preparing for the end of year production, which feels like a nice way to end the half-term!

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you back on the 3rd June.

With thanks,

Mrs Grace Beckford
Acting Headteacher

"Our family school where all are equally valued"

School Council Dragon's Den Competition

We were very proud of our school council this month, when a group of children presented our enterprise project to a 'dragon's den' at Hounslow House. We were awarded with 'best pitch,' and were commended on how confident our children were in presenting – particularly as they were competing against other schools with much older pupils!



This week has been very exciting for Red and Orange Class with a visit from a police officer – complete with police car! The children enjoyed seeing the inside of the car, seeing the siren and lights working and trying out handcuffs!



Blue Class Dance Workshop

As part of their topic all about dance, Blue Class learnt some dances through the ages! They showed great resilience when feeling tired from lots of movement, and performed some brilliant moves!



Pyjamarama

We had a fantastic day last week celebrating all things reading, as well as raising some money for Booktrust. Amongst many activities, classes paired up and made 'reading buddies'. Pictured are Blue and Red Class enjoying books together. We raised an impressive £186.78!



Y5/6 Quad Kids Competition

A selection of children represented us in the borough Quad Kids competition, where they took part in a range of throwing, jumping and running activities! As ever, they all represented us well and made us very proud.



Hounslow's Health in the Park is back

The health event of the season is making a welcome return to Hounslow this summer and it promises to be a full day of fun for all the family at Lampton Park, Hounslow on Saturday, 15 June.

The free event is a partnership between local NHS Services and voluntary and community groups and will run from 11am to 3pm.

All activities are **FREE** and have been designed by health and community partners.

Here's what's on offer:

- Hop on a smoothie bike and make a refreshing drink while you cycle
- Test your skills on the court with tennis taster sessions
- Jump on the inflatable 5-a-side football pitch with Brentford Community Trust
- Get involved in a nature treasure hunt
- Immerse yourself in African culture
- Centre your mind with Baduanjin qigong (a mind and body exercise using meditation), 12-minute sessions on offer throughout the day.
- Test your knowledge with health quizzes
- Join an outdoor yoga or Tai Chi session
- Enjoy live cooking demonstrations
- Share your voice in a dementia-friendly 20-minute Singing for the Brain session
- Relax in the sunshine and participate in a painting and sketching session

Full details at - <https://healthyhounslow.co.uk/health-in-the-park/>

Family Hub: A friendly and safe environment for babies, children, young people, parents and carers to access support and services through the community.

Three Family Hubs in Hounslow, Feltham, and Brentford are providing advice and support closer to home, for families with children aged 0-19, or up to 25 years old if they have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), from the Council and its partners. Opening Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, these hubs will offer a range of joined-up services, focusing particularly on parenting support, infant feeding support, early language support and perinatal mental health support.

To find out more about Family Hubs and locations, please visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/familyhubs and contact the below.

Family Hub East:	Brentford, North Road, Brentford, TW8 0BJ	Tel: 020 8583 5760
Family Hub West:	Alf King, 7 Hanworth Road, Feltham, TW13 5AF	Tel: 020 8583 3922
Family Hub Central (Hanworth)	Lampton, Neville Close, Hounslow, TW3 4JG	Tel: 020 8583 3720

One Hounslow: An information and guidance hub connecting residents to local advice and support. <https://hounslowconnect.com/>



The 123 Magic Behaviour Management Programme is a virtual 5 week programme for parents and carers of children ages 2 - 12 years diagnosed with ADHD or who display challenging behaviour.

The programme aims to empower and equip parents and carers with techniques to use in the home to better manage behaviour, whilst developing their confidence and understanding of their child's behaviour.

To register or for more information, email FFISgroupprograms@hounslow.gov.uk

Next dates:

Summer 2024 Cohort:

18 April 2024 - 16 May 2024
Thursdays 10 am - 12 pm

12 June 2024 - 10 July 2024
Wednesdays 10 am - 12 am

This Behaviour Management Programme offers parents and carers support and easy to follow steps to immediately manage challenging behaviour with reason, patience and compassion.

The programme provides simple tools for:

- Controlling / managing unacceptable behaviour (e.g. testing and manipulative behaviour such as whining, badgering, physical attacks, swearing, aggression)
- Encouraging positive behaviour (morning and bedtime routines, eating meals, household chores, cleaning up after themselves)
- Strengthening the child - parent relationship (and building your child's self-esteem)

Repeat Messages:

Summer Uniform

This term, children may wear the summer uniform. This is either the school striped summer dress with white socks (**no tights or leggings please**), or grey school shorts with a short-sleeved shirt and tie. Children can also continue to wear the winter uniform if they would prefer. We have lots of shorts and some summer dresses for sale in the second-hand uniform shop as well as both being stocked in the school uniform shop on Bell Road. If you have any summer dresses that no longer fit your children, we would appreciate any donations to add to our shop!



Second Hand Uniform

We are still adding lots of second-hand uniform to our shop! We have recently added some summer dresses and shorts. Please visit <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/grove-road-primary-school> to browse our selection and make any purchases that you would like.



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

Coming up in June

1st – Start of Summer 2 Term

1st – Start of Y4 MTC window

4th – School Council Trip to retirement home

5th – Y5/6 Cricket competition

6th – Yellow Class Hampton Court Trip

10th – Start of Y1 Phonics Screening Check

10th – Y3/4 Dodgeball competition

14th – Indigo and Gold Class Children's Literature Festival Trips

17th – Blue and Violet Class Children's Literature Festival Trips

19th – STEM Day

20th – Yellow Class Special Assembly

24th – Race for Life

26th – Sports Morning

27th – Gold Class Chessington Trip

28th – EYFS Special Assembly



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