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Newsletter



Wonderful Weather!

It has been lovely to actually come to school without a coat the past few days! Although this weather mightn't be with us for very long, it has been very pleasant to spend break times outside with the children, enjoying the weather and all that nature has to offer in Spring.

I myself have to remember to start applying sun lotion as otherwise I'll look permanently red and angry – please consider this when getting the children ready for school, where they will need sun lotion and a hat. The children are also getting very hot due to wearing lots of layers of clothing, we are nearly at the point in the year where they do not need vests.

As we start the last term of the year, we begin to prepare children in some year groups for their statutory assessments. I have been particularly impressed with how Gold Class are managing their revision and how they are remaining focused. Ensuring children are in school every day is the first step to supporting them at this time, as well as engaging with any reading or online homework that the children may have. As always, Teachers can discuss particular assessments with you personally if you have any questions.

With thanks,

Mrs Beckford

Easter Egg Hunt!

Our annual Easter egg hunt is a favourite tradition at Grove Road! As you can see, it was a joyful experience!



Summer Uniform

As it is Summer 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 pairs of shorts and summer dresses for sale in the second-hand uniform shop, as well as both being stocked in the school uniform shop on Bell Road.



Rocksteady

There are currently vacancies in each instrument category for Rocksteady – sign up today and your child could begin immediately!

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Building Work

You will have seen that over the past week, the sandpit and valleys have been removed. This was a difficult decision, particularly as I remember this being built, but unfortunately it had become quite a hazard over recent years. We have secured the funds to be able to add an additional room to our new Centre building, to help us expand a little bit more.

We will work with school council to decide what we might add to the playground space that we have gained from removing the sandpit.



EYFS ensuring that we have the right equipment for the job!

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.



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.

Please don't copy in multiple school mailboxes – this can mean that the chain of contact can get confused.

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

To contact Mrs Parsons or Mrs Pires, please continue to email the office mailbox, office@groveroad.hounslow.sch.uk where your email will be passed on.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about STREAMERS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.

FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that - influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Coming up in May

- 1st – Indigo Class swimming lessons resume
- 5th – Bank holiday – school closed
- 6th – Blue Class Orleans gallery visit
- 8th – VE Day celebration
- 12th – 15th – Year 6 SATS Week
- 14th – Violet Class Mosque visit
- 19th – Green, Indigo and Gold Class literature festival
- 20th – Blue and Violet Class literature festival
- 20th – 22nd – Book Fair
- 21st – National Numeracy Day
- 23rd – Gold Class celebration trip
- 26th – 30th – Half Term

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