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Newsletter



Summer is Here!

As the end of the school year approaches very quickly, we have had a busy month at Grove Road, filled with lots of exciting trips, whole school events and workshops.

I was very happy that the hot weather dipped slightly for Sports Day, so that everyone could enjoy the event without overheating! It is such a wonderful day to share with families; I was very sad that I had to miss it for the first time *ever* this year, but I heard all about how hard all of the children (and perhaps also parents) tried in their events. Although Rosen were the overall team winners this year, we saw wonderful examples of sportsmanship and fair play from all of the children. We are always so grateful that so many families can be there to enjoy the event with us and join in with some of the fun and competition!

It has been a very hot few weeks recently, with weather reports indicating that there are more hot days to come! We appreciate your help with ensuring that children are wearing sun cream, sun hats and appropriate uniform. We encourage all children to remove jumpers and cardigans in such hot weather, and discourage the wearing of layers.

As we move into July, we will be preparing for transitions into new year groups, and for some, new schools. Although this can be an emotional time, there will be lots of new experiences to look forward to. Mrs Pires is always available to signpost you to support for any concerns, particularly if there are any worries about the summer holidays. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we might be able to assist.

With best wishes,

Mrs Grace Beckford
Acting Headteacher

Make Music Day



The whole school enjoyed a wonderful day dedicated to making music, where children showcased their skills on some tuned and untuned instruments, as well as their singing skills. I was very impressed with the recorder and ukelele players, particularly as I could see the progress that has been made this year through the music lessons with Hounslow Music Service.

Violet Class Songstars



Ms Turner and I were filled with pride when we were invited to be guests at the Songstars performance in the Chapel Royal in Hampton Court, where Violet Class, alongside the Year 5 children at The Orchard, were the stars of the show. Violet Class have been taking part in weekly singing sessions, where they have been learning a range of songs. Mrs Letzelter also learned some new skills in how to lead singing and was part of the show also. I had the pleasure of witnessing some amazing singing in a stunning venue.

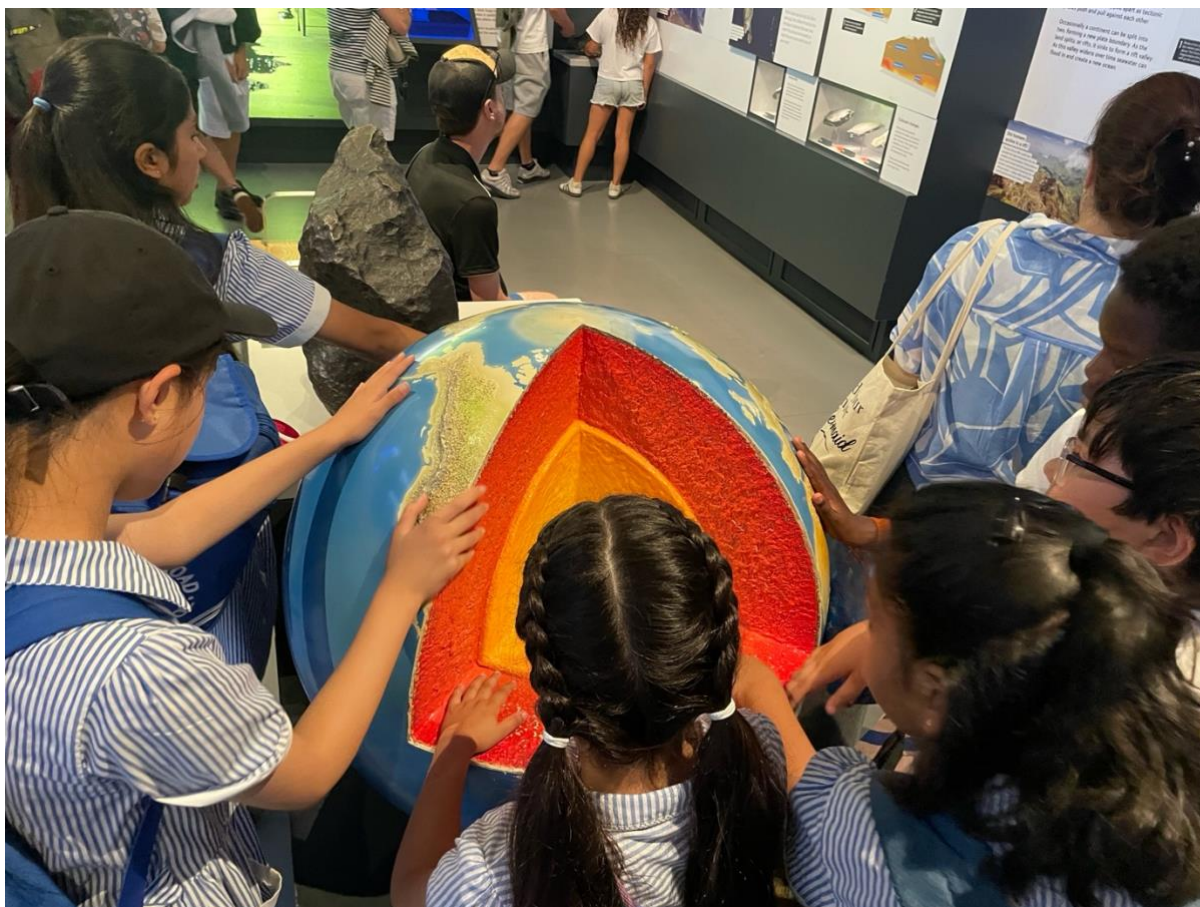
Yellow Class Hampton Court Trip



Yellow Class visited a local historic site, where they learned about Tudor life.

The children were able to take part in a workshop and try out some of the Tudor clothing!

Indigo Class Natural History Museum Trip



As part of their learning about natural disasters, Indigo Class enjoyed a day at the Natural History Museum. Miss Sheldrake commented on how engaged the children were and how excited they were to learn that museums like this are free to attend at any time, if they wanted to visit again!

Gold Class Junior Citizen Day

Gold Class spent the day at Cranford Community College, where they took part in the Hounslow Junior Citizen event. This event, designed to give Year 6 children some important lessons about safety, is attended by many Hounslow children. The messages they brought back were:

- You should shut your doors at night because it gives you an extra 15 minutes of safety, if a fire was to start.
- Violence against women - what counts as verbal abuse and what counts as physical abuse.
- What to do in a terrorist situation - Run, Hide, Tell



Sports Day





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

Another reminder that there are currently vacancies in each instrument category for Rocksteady – drums, electric guitar, base guitar, keyboard and voice. We hope to continue this into the new school year if we have enough children signed up! Visit <https://booking.rocksteadymusicschool.com/> to make your booking.



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 have also created a new page on the website about uniform with links to our second hand uniform shop and to the online Sanco website.

If you have any good quality uniform that you no longer need, consider donating this to us to be re-sold. Any donations can be sent to the school office.

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.

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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 GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY

Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the Internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING

Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY

Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES

Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

IDEAS

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.

PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.

ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.



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Stronger Relationships Online Course

For parents and other adult carers
living together or apart



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent ?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online
sessions



6 group
discussions



Certificate on
completion



Information on
strategies to identify
and reduce arguments



Hear from other
parents and carers



Downloadable
worksheets and
handouts



Videos, quizzes and
interactive activities



Do sessions at a time
that works for you



Weekly support from
our course experts

TOPICS COVERED

- Healthy adult relationships
- Identifying and managing disagreements
- Understanding how conflict affects your children
- Enhancing parent-child relationships
- Managing stress, anger and emotions
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home and how to adjust them for you
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships
4. Hear from others about what works for them

Find out more
or register for
the course by
scanning this QR
code or email us at:



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Coming up in July

- 1st – Transition Afternoon for all pupils
- 3rd – EYFS Trip to Hobbledown
- 8th – Gold Class Leaver Show
- 9th – New Nursery Stay & Play
- 11th – End of Year Reports to Parents
- 11th – Blue Class Hounslow Heath Trip
- 11th – Taste of Grove Road
- 14th – Optional Report Discussions
- 15th – Gold Class Prizegiving
- 15th – Cello Performance
- 16th – Rocksteady Concert
- 16th – Orange Class Graduation
- 16th – Gold Class Party
- 18th – End of Term – 1.30pm Finish

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