



Friday 14th February 2020

# The Grove Valer

## Girls Football Competition

Our girls went to play a 6 a side football competition at Sandwell Academy last week. They did really well and both teams finished 3rd in their groups. Well done girls!



## Training Day Monday 24th February

Please be aware that Monday 24th February is a staff training day, therefore school is closed to children that day.

## Magical Maths Club

Magical Maths is running a brand new KS1 (Yr1 & Yr2) club starting Weds 4th Mar for 5 weeks after school. If you would like to reserve your place, visit [www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) or call 0121 392 7475 today. Limited places available.



## Coronavirus Information

The government is monitoring Coronavirus and taking action. The risk to individuals remains low. The advice for those who have recently travelled is as follows: If you have travelled from Wuhan or Hubei Province, or other part of China, Thailand, Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia or Macau **in the last 14 days** and have symptoms of cough, fever or shortness of breath, you should stay indoors and avoid contact with others, and call NHS 111 to inform them of your travel.

As always, it is important to practice good hygiene to prevent the spread of germs. You should wash your hands with soap and water regularly, and avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. You should also avoid close contact with people who are unwell.

## Curriculum Drivers

This week we have had an assembly about our curriculum drivers, which are: Be Creative, Be Ambitious, Be Resilient and Be Curious. The curriculum drivers are ways in which the school achieves its objective of educating children in the knowledge, skills and understanding that they need in order to lead fulfilling lives. We are launching this by linking a driver to a colour team:

Yellow = Team Creativity like Priyanka Chopra and J.K. Rowling

Blue = Team Resilience like Malala Yousafzai and Bear Grylls

Red = Team Ambition like Ellie Simmonds and Jofra Archer

Green = Team Curiosity like Albert Einstein and David Attenborough.

Through the newly planned lessons, trips, clubs and theme days, teachers will make sure the children will have opportunities to share their learning in different ways, solve problems, try new things and ask interesting questions.

### Safer Internet Day

This week, we have enjoyed taking part in a series of activities based around online safety and "Safer Internet Day". Children had a wonderful day on Tuesday, sharing a range of stories based on using the internet safely and taking part in activities within their class and during their workshops. We hope that parents found their session useful and thought provoking.

To end our Safer Internet week, we are encouraging you and your child/children to take part in our online safety competition. We need some help to create a character to represent online safety at Grove Vale. This may be in the form of a superhero, cartoon, etc. We would also like you to write down (on the back) any traits or super powers your character has to use the internet/technology safely. We are encouraging you to **be as creative** as possible, which is one of our curriculum drivers. Entries must be submitted to Miss Cotterill by **Friday 28th February**.

### Swimming Challenge

Results for week 4 (Final):

03/02/10 6C 26 children swan for 25 mins. 385 lengths (+53)  
07/02/10 5M 30 children swam for 25 mins. 380 lengths (+29)  
07/02/20 5B 27 children swam for 25 mins. 388 lengths (+14)  
07/02/20 6H 25 children swam for 25 mins. 390 lengths (+139)

I think we can all agree this has been a very successful exercise and we have had positive feedback from the children who took part.

Many thanks to everyone for your encouragement and support.

Monday 17th-Friday 21st February	HALF TERM
Monday 24th February	SCHOOL CLOSED—Teacher training day.
Friday 28th February	Reception to sea life centre
25th-28th February	TESTING WEEK
Tuesday 3rd March	Year 6 trip to RAF Cosford
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March	International women's day
Friday 13th March	Sports Relief
Friday 13th March	Year 3 Parent Mosaic Workshop
Thursday 19th March 3.45-6.45pm	Parents evening
Thursday 19th March-Friday 20th March	Mother's day shop
Friday 20th March@2pm	Mother's Day workshop for reception parents
Tuesday 24th March	Easter puppet theatre assembly for children
23rd-27th March	Shakespeare Week
Thursday 26th March	School Disco
Monday 30th March	Yr 2 trip to Gurdwara
Tuesday 31st March	Easter bonnet Parade (Little Valers, reception, yr 1 and 2)
Tuesday 31st March	KS2 decorated egg competition
Tuesday 31st March @ 2.30pm	Year 2 India showcase for parents
Wednesday 1st April @ 9:30am	Year 5 Easter Assembly to Parents
Thursday 2nd April	Effort reports sent home
Thursday 2nd April	End of term assembly
Thursday 2nd April	Break up for Easter
Friday 3rd April	Teacher training day —school closed
Monday 20th April	Return to school after Easter holiday