



Co-op Academy
Grove

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Event News

Oh my goodness - I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone!

We have achieved so much this year and the school has truly gone from strength to strength, as recognised by our recent Ofsted.

As always I continue to be so proud of the children here at Grove, it really is an honour to work with them and they make every day so happy with their smiles, chat and ideas! I am also incredibly grateful for the continued support of all parents and carers, we couldn't do what we do without you and I really appreciate your support.

It's always very sad when it's time for Year 6 to leave us - I've known many of them for 4 years and some for even longer. They have been an amazing year group to work with, and we all wish them the very best of luck at high school where we are sure they are going to have many more great experiences.

Hope you all have a relaxing and safe summer and I will see Years 3, 4 and 5 back in school on Wednesday 4th September.

Take care.

Summer Term 2



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Ofsted reported:

"The school has high ambition for all pupils to succeed, especially those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). The curriculum is well sequenced and organised to build pupils' knowledge over time. Many pupils are achieving well, particularly in reading and mathematics, because this curriculum is being delivered effectively."

The report went on to praise and acknowledge the steps taken by staff to identify gaps in learning.




"In mathematics, staff revise what pupils have previously learned and link this to new learning. They check how quickly pupils can recall basic number facts through regular daily practice.

"Staff make cross-curricular subject links to help pupils apply the knowledge they gain in different contexts. For example, in science, pupils learn about how to conduct fair tests and successfully apply mathematical skills to analyse patterns in their results."

Ofsted also praised the way that staff identify pupils who need extra support: "The systems for identifying pupils with SEND are effective. Staff receive training on how to support pupils with SEND. They skilfully adapt learning and provide additional support to ensure all pupils know what to do. As a result, pupils with SEND are able to access the same curriculum and wider opportunities as their peers."

Summer Term 2

ATTENDANCE

Whole Academy Attendance Target	96%
Whole Academy Attendance for Academic Year 2023 – 2024	94.59%
3GC -94.43%	5CPO -94.32%
3HK - 91.2%	5JBC -94.73% 
3PB -93.74%	5SJ -95.09% 
3KN -93.76%	5AB -90.96%
4CC-94.53%	6CB -92.66%
4GB -94.29%	6CPE -93.71%
4KE -95.04% 	6EP- 94.34%
4JW-94.69%	6SK-90.23%

This academic year, we have introduced our new attendance reward incentives. This term...

12 children have been awarded their Bronze Attendance Badge

25 children have been awarded their Silver Attendance Badge

111 children have been awarded their Gold Attendance Badge

35 children have been awarded their 100% Attendance Badge for their perfect attendance for the academic year

2023-2024



Summer Reading Challenge

The theme this year is MARVELLOUS MAKERS!

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AGENCY

2024

Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries



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Summer Reading Challenge guide

How it works

The 2024 Challenge starts on 22 June online and in Scotland, and on 6 July in England and Wales

Online

At your library



1. Sign up

Visit [your local library](#) and ask to sign up – a librarian will give you a special collector folder when you start your Challenge.



2. Read books

Set a reading goal and read anything you like.



3. Earn rewards

Each time you finish a book, visit the library. You will collect special stickers and rewards for reading books!*

*Please check with your local library service which rewards they will be offering.

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3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock rewards for your reading including a new online badge and a certificate when you reach your Challenge goal!

Sports Day



What I can say, we did try and book the sun but it was a no show. That did not stop all the staff and children who were excited and ready for the day ahead. It was Lower School in the morning. The children definitely didn't let the cool conditions dampen their spirit and fully enjoyed themselves. It was then Upper School's turn. The children were eager to start their races, and again the children displayed great sporting attitudes and enjoyed taking part in their events to represent their teams.

We are so proud of all the children at Grove they did exceptionally well when walking down to the stadium, displaying great road safety. We cannot thank you as parents and carers enough for your support helping us to run these big events safely! You walked with the children, cheered them on and supported staff - A BIG THANK YOU!



Well done!

Sports Day



This is what the children had to say about Sport Day :

Year 3 said:

Sports day was amazing and we all got to take part in our favourite sports. We really enjoyed the day.

Year 4 said:

I enjoyed skipping because it was fun and we got to race against people . Even though you sometimes lose, you still have fun.

Aida

The long jump into the sand was fun. I got dirty! We practiced this at school but not in sand.

Valentina

I like relay because you pass the baton and have to run as fast you can and pass it on to your partner. It's a team effort.

Isabelle

I liked relay its really fun. It was better this year than in year 3 because we knew what we were doing

Year 5 said:

We really enjoyed our sports day this year and competing in the sports we chose.

Year 6 said:

It was really good and we enjoyed our last ever primary school sports day. We think though there could be more events or different ones.



Well done!

YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL

Some of our children took part in a 9-a-side tournament against other schools in Stoke-on-Trent. They played well and really enjoyed their matches. Sadly it wasn't to be this year and they lost their last match which sent us home. The children learned new skills and really want a girls football club... so, keep your eyes peeled for September!



GOAL!



Fathers' Day Big Breakfast

We were delighted to welcome the special men in our lives for a big breakfast to celebrate Fathers' day. We invited these wonderful men to our school to celebrate the impact on our lives and how much they mean to us. Our dads enjoyed a drink, cereal or a cheesy oatcake. Thank you for being so amazing, we loved having you join us in school. Thanks to Year 4 staff for organising and all staff for helping out!



Unified Cricket

We took 8 children to represent Grove at the annual 'Unified cricket' tournament. Our children showed all the values of the sports: sportsmanship, team work, gratitude, gumption and enjoyment. Grove won again and you can see by the photos how much they enjoyed the day!



Raise the bar

Raise the bar – part 2

We took another 10 children out to Staffs Lifting Club to take part in a programme called 'Raise the Bar'; as an exciting part of their PE lessons. The children took part in a range of activities such as climbing ropes, learning to lift a bar, using a bar to 'clean and snatch'. They also played team games and looking at their faces they thoroughly enjoyed these sessions! Cannot wait for more lessons like this in the new academic year.



Weightlifting

We took 12 children to the Staffs Lifting weightlifting competition. It was girls vs boys. They all had so much fun and enjoyed the day. However, this time around it was the girls who beat the boys by only a few points. All children won a T-shirt and brought back medals and a trophy for the school.

This is what the children had to say about the event:

Year 4:

I really enjoyed taking part and getting to know other people. I liked that I met people who liked the same hobby as me.

I loved weightlifting because it made me feel stronger and I learnt how to lift heavy weights. I would definitely recommend this to my friends.



Hanley Town

Athletics

We took 41 children to Northwood Stadium to compete in a very tough competition against all of the Hanley schools - 9 schools took part. Our children did extremely well and showed real courage when competing. They screamed each other on showed great support for one another. In the end our boys came in third place and our girls came fifth, overall school position 4th place. Great day for Grove, who displayed the School Games sporting values and will be back stronger next year.



Well done!



CONKERS

Year 6 residential trip

The Year 6 residential was a resounding success and fun was had by all. We participated in kayaking, high ropes, a barefoot walk, assault course, adventure trail, maze, labyrinth and a sensory trek through the forest .

We had the centre to ourselves in the evening and played football, hide and seek, a 10pm conga around the grounds then settled down (!!!) with hot chocolate and biscuits.

The food was amazing, along with the weather and most children even had a good nights sleep - it was not the case for some staff though!!

Needless to say, we've booked for next year and are keen to pack in even more fun than this year!



Road To Paris

This year is the Olympics and Paralympics are taking place in Paris. At Grove we wanted to celebrate some of the sports that will be held there. All of our school took part in many activities such as athletics, archery, goalball, boxing, dodgeball, wheelchair racing, boccia. Whilst we do most of these sports within our PE or as a club, it was lovely to see all our children involved and having fun taking part.

Here is what the children had to say about the events:

Year 3 said:

My favourite part was the wheelchair race - when Miss Newton and Miss Boateng had a race. We also liked the Boccia and would really like this as an after-school club. Dodgeball was a firm favourite as well, all children loved dodging the balls from the teachers. It was extremely funny seeing everyone outside playing and screaming when they were dodging the balls.

Year 4 said:

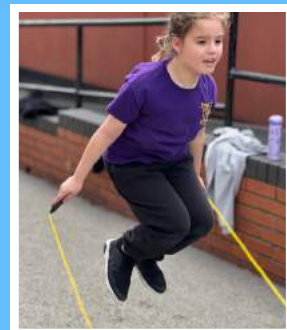
I really enjoyed learning more about the Paralympics and love the idea of including people with disabilities. My favourite activity was the wheelchair race. I found goalball really exciting and it gave me an idea of how people who can't see might feel. I also really enjoyed boxing.

Year 5 said:

We really enjoyed the wheelchair racing think this a favourite across the year groups. We also enjoyed the athletics. Think we should do this again.

Year 6 said:

We really enjoyed all the activities. The best three were goalball, boxing and the wheelchair racing.



Road To Paris



Co-op Academies Poetry Performance Festival



Some of our year 5 children attended a Co-op Poetry Festival in Manchester on Friday 28th June, where they represented our school superbly. Leighlan, Miriam, Sami, Ayah, Amira and Melis performed an interpretation of a classic poem, 'Spellbound', by Emily Brontë, using all their own ideas. Chloe created a fantastic powerpoint to add effect to the performance. The performance brought the poem to life, which was recognised by the judges, who commended them on their creativity, expression and flair. In addition, Chloe performed an original poem, 'The Mighty Fight', which again was creative and full of confidence. It was such an honour to watch our children thrive during this fantastic event. Some amazing memories made!

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE FANTASTIC POETS!



Year 5 Co-op Academy visits

On Tuesday 25th June and Tuesday 9th July, the children in Year 5 were invited for an early transition morning at Co-op Academy Stoke-on-Trent. The children were greeted on the day by some very friendly staff and then took part in a range of activities including chromatography in Science, optical illusions in Art and drumming in Music. The children came back incredibly excited to visit Co-op Academy again because they enjoyed the activities so much! They represented Grove brilliantly and all staff at the high school commented on how well-behaved and courteous they were.



Change4Life

School games

My Name is Charlie and I am in year 3.

I went to a yr3-4 change4life festival.

I enjoyed seeing other schools and meeting new children from other schools who were taking part in the event too.

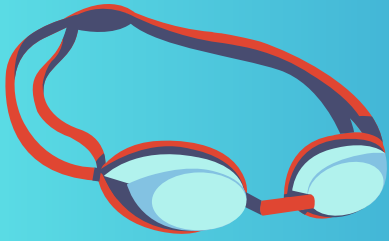
I enjoyed all the different activities that we could have a go at, I especially liked the balloon 'keepy uppy' game as it made me aware of how fast my reactions were during this activity, I also liked the parachute activity because it brought us together as a team.

I hope to be able to go to more events in the future.



Swimming Gala

City finals



We took 13 children to represent Hanley schools in the city finals at Fenton Manor. These children won their races in the Hanley Town Gala and all did exceptionally well. It was a very tough competition with all children from across Stoke-on-Trent. Hanley Town came last in the competition but they all enjoyed themselves and represented the School Games sporting values.

Here is what the children said about the event:

We really enjoyed the day even though we didn't win, it was a great experience to take part with all the schools in Stoke. We definitely need more practice in future.

CITY FINAL ATHLETICS

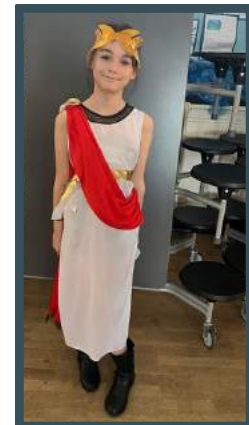
On the 10.07.24, 7 children represented Hanley schools in the City Athletics Finals. These children came first in their races at the Hanley Town athletics. The girls for Hanley came 3rd and the boys came 4th, overall Hanley Town came 4th out of the 5 towns of Stoke-on-Trent.

The children enjoyed their races and for some it was their last races as primary school children. Well done
Team Grove!



4KE Class Assembly

4KE thoroughly enjoyed preparing their assembly for parents and carers and what an amazing performance they put on! We got to travel back in time and learn all about the Romans, discovering their amazing history and how they lived. It was like being in a real Roman village! Plus, we had so much fun with our times tables, turning maths into a cool adventure whilst putting parents on the spot! Professor Multiplier was very impressed with the children, but he did think the parents needed a bit more practice...oops! To finish off, we looked back on our year together reminiscing on all the special moments we have had and how we have supported each other and sang the beautiful song 'Oh Happy Day' that I must admit may have brought a tear or two to our eyes. A big thank you to all our children and parents for making this assembly so interesting and enjoyable. Let's keep the spirit of learning and fun going every day!



ROCKSTEADY

CONCERT

On Wednesday 10th July we held our final Rocksteady concert for the year. What an absolute delight it has been to see these children grow in both their ability and confidence to perform to over a hundred students and parents too. As a school, we are incredibly proud of the gumption and determination these students have shown during their practices and this is clearly evident in the talents and skills they are demonstrating in both their lessons and in the performances throughout the year.

Also, we cannot thank our Rocksteady band leader - Callum - enough! He has worked incredibly hard with the students during the year, helping them to grow and shine in something that is new to our school. Unfortunately Callum will not be joining us in September as our band leader. So we wish him the best of luck and we will truly miss him here at Grove!

Even though Callum is leaving us at the end of this year, Rocksteady will still continue into the next academic year and we look forward to seeing many new faces to fill the Year 6 band members' places!



Break the rules day

BREAK the RULES DAY

Here's how it works:

When?
Friday 12th July
2024

RULES TO BE BROKEN INCLUDE:

- JUICE IN BOTTLES
- NON-UNIFORM
- CRAZY HAIR (NO SHAVED LINES)
- MAKE-UP
- NAIL VARNISH
- SWEETS AT BREAK AND LUNCH
- EXTRA BREAK
- DITCH A LESSON

Pay 50p per rule that you break!!
The more you pay – the more fun you have! All money raised will go towards our new library and books for the pupils.

BREAK THE RULES

WHAT AN AMAZING FUN DAY FOR GROVE!!
WHAT RULES ARE YOU GOING TO BREAK??
PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE ON THE DAY IN CASH - JUST FILL IN THE FORM TO LET YOUR TEACHERS KNOW WHAT RULES YOU INTEND TO BREAK!!

Fun was had by all! We ate sweets, had crazy hair, painted our nails, wore our own clothes - but more importantly, we ditched lessons for a small price!!. The fundraiser was a fantastic success - raising over £800.

We can't wait to get bigger and better next year!!

End of year awards

We were super proud of all of the children who received End of Year awards. Their teachers awarded certificates for:

Sportsmanship
English progress
Maths progress
Resilience
Kindness and respect
Being a role model

Parents and carers were invited in to share this special occasion with us.

Well done to our amazing children!



WOW

Amazing!

Year 6 Leavers' Performance



5 STAR REVIEW!!!! Year 6 blew us away 'to infinity and beyond' with their fantastic performance of 'STAR WARTS'. Each and every child had a part to play from acting and singing to prop organisation. The children (and staff!) had great fun putting this show on for our wonderful families; everyone left with a huge, proud smile and full of enjoyment. We are extremely proud of our Year 6 cohort for their confidence and energy to perform!
Well Done to our STAR WARTS Citizens!

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' PROM



What an end to a magnificent school year! Year 6 enjoyed dancing the night away at their Prom. The children looked fantastic and all grown up in their outfits- plenty of proud tears were definitely shed from families, children and staff! Our Prom is a beloved memory for both staff and children to let their hair down and truly enjoy a night to remember all together! We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 cohort; it has been an honour to see them grow, develop and succeed during their time with us. They will certainly be missed by our wonderful Co-op Academy Grove family! We wish them all the very best.



MAGIC DAY

Magic Day for the last day of Summer Term

A special buffet has been created with a Y4 pupil and the City Catering team to celebrate.

Ice Creams all around courtesy of staff at Co-op Academy Grove for all children as a magical treat to end the day.





STOP PRESS!



A huge congratulations to the BASC team for receiving an amazing 5 Star rating from their recent inspection from the Environmental Health Team!



BASC



This half term at BASC the children have had fun and got creative with the glitter and sequins. The children shone as bright as their art work! Take a look at some of their fantastic work below.



Have a great Summer
from all Grove staff!



We will see you all on
Wednesday 4th September