

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that tomorrow is a bank holiday so we will be closed, and students will have a break from their learning, and we will convene the school timetable from Monday 11 May 2020.

How are we doing with our fundraising for Market Drayton Food Bank? We have exceeded our target of £1000 with our total currently standing at £1357.00 which is brilliant. I am loving seeing how many of our school community are getting involved so thank you very much for embracing this challenge and let's continue to offer our support.

We are anticipating an announcement from Boris Johnson on Sunday about the plans for lifting lock down which we expect will refer to the partial reopening of schools. Please rest assured that the safety and well-being of our school community is crucial and will be at the forefront of our plans. I will be communicating with you as soon as I have information to share.

You have been asked to complete a survey so that we can see how you are and what we can do to further support our families. Your views are important so please do complete the survey below.

Stay safe, be kind and stick together.

Parent/Carer Survey

We really value your feedback and feel we have been working well with our pupils so hoping you can spare 5 minutes to complete the attached survey. Please click [here to take part](#).



Mrs Sonia Taylor

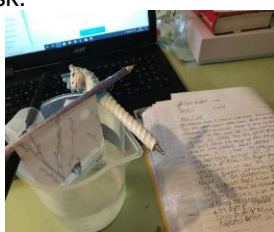
NOTICES

Home learning roundup

Another week has passed, and the students and families of The Grove School are continuing to excel themselves in embracing lockdown life.

The **Science department** have had some excellent successes with pupils embracing online learning.

It was nice to see **Kacey Hughes (7HWG)** do some chromatography at her desk.



Miss Hardy would also like to congratulate **Chloe Dudleston (6KDO)** for completing 5 hours of seneca work over the time she has been in lockdown. It is encouraging to see the Year 11s and 13s continuing to develop their education ready for their next steps.

Dr Prokic would like to share this amazing solar system project completed by **Erin Pullar (8DHU)**. What a great example of creativity and excellence.



Fun Production

Black Eyed Theatre have released a free streaming of their live theatre production "Teachers" by John Godber to schools. Teachers is a play within a play. Three school leavers, Salty, Hobby and Gail perform to the audience an account of their time in High School 'Whitewall' specifically their time with Mr. Nixon, the new drama teacher who ignites their passion for the stage with his idealism and belief that all children should be treated equally. [Click here](#) to view the production.

VE Day – marking 75 years

Remember to visit our Facebook page on Friday, where you will be able to get interactive with us by sharing your photos on our VE Day post which will go live on the 8th. We look forward to seeing how you decide to mark this special occasion during these unprecedented times: whether you have created your own decorations for an at home street party; baked a recipe from the wartime years or you could even share a poem or dress up in themed outfits from the era – we want to hear from you!



Free digital books Headteacher

As a school we want to encourage reading for pleasure throughout this time and there are over 7000 books available for free through Renaissance, please [click here](#) to view.

Wellbeing support

CAMHS Resources contains a collection of downloadable self-help guides relating to wellbeing that you may find useful – click here. Some of the downloadable pdf's are aimed at adults but the ideas and suggestions in them can still be relevant for young people and parents.



Stargazing

Below is a list of astronomical sightings which students may want to keep an eye out for over the next month:

- 7th May – Milk Moon (Last Supermoon of 2020).
- 12th May – Close approach of the Moon, Jupiter and Saturn.
- 27th May – Comet Swan visible to the naked eye.

Teaching & Learning

Please see a new addition to our bulletin to show you how teaching and learning takes place in The Grove School, as well as how you can support this at home. This week, you will find some guidance on how you can support your children at home during the lockdown.

BEING REALISTIC

- Working, parenting and teaching simultaneously isn't possible.
- You're not expected to be a teacher. Don't feel guilty.
- Avoid arguments by developing your child's routine with them. Give them a say. Plan together and then allow them to work independently; they can do it.
- Learn what subjects they naturally enjoy, as well as those that they need more encouragement with.
- Don't worry if you don't understand the work that your

VALUES AND PURPOSE

- Think about what YOU want to achieve. What do you believe is important? What will you be happy with your child accomplishing? Write this down: it will guide your choices in the coming weeks.
- Prioritise what your child is doing by staying true to your values.
- Know what you want to see and then reward it when you see it. Reward effort, not outcome.
- Rewards don't need to be expensive; privileges and treats in the house all count.

TOP TIPS

1. Maintain a routine. Your child should still be getting up, having breakfast and starting their activities all at a good consistent time. (This will make it easier to adapt when children return to school, as well as make it easier to manage each day whilst in isolation.)
2. Routine will stop the days blurring together.
3. Use the help of the school as much as you want to. Use the 'home learning' link on our website, email teachers and use BBC resources to develop learning and enjoyment.

Competitions & Challenges

D&T competition: Rolls-Royce are running a fantastic competition, encouraging aspiring designers up to the age of 16 to design their dream Rolls-Royce of the future. Entries close at 12.00 on Monday 18 May 2020. Click the link [here](#), to find out more.

History competition: The Historical Association are running a 'Write Your Own Historical Fiction Competition 2020'. Winning students will each receive a cash prize, engraved paperweight and a year's free subscription to the Historical Association for their school. Entries close Friday 26 June 2020, click [here](#) for more details.

Geography competition: The Royal Geographical Society are running their Young Geographer of the year competition, asking students to submit entries based around the theme of 'the world beyond my window', full competition details can be found [here](#). The deadline for receipt of all entries is Tuesday 30 June 2020 at 5.00pm.

STEM competition: Rapid have launched the '6 week challenge' designed to incorporate all areas of STEM. The challenge revolves around using free Arduino hardware to produce a protective measure to help combat coronavirus. Every week students will be presented with a new challenge, with lots of amazing prizes on offer to win. More details found [here](#).

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS



Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#).
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#).



FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook [@GroveSchoolShropshire](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news, competitions and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow [@MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

