



CURRICULUM NEWS

2020 Summer Term 2

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Headteacher's Welcome



Welcome to the first new format for our curriculum newsletter. In these half term editions you will get updates and information about what has been

happening in your child's class and what has been happening in their departments.

We will also be providing you with some information and help for home learning, particularly since this is a new routine that many of our pupils have experienced over the last few months.

Thank you for your feedback regarding our reintegration approach for September. The overwhelming consensus from parents and families was in support of the school running this programme.

During lockdown, Mrs Georgiades has led the department teams in working tremendously hard to re-develop the school curriculum. We are very excited to start this as soon as we can. Miss Huseyin has been re-developing the PHSE and RSE curriculums and training all the staff to ensure it's delivery is as good as it can be.

Best wishes, Lucia Santi, Headteacher

Teaching, Learning, Curriculum



As our pupils begin to return to school in September, we have been thinking about what our curriculum will look like.

Putting our pupil's wellbeing at the centre of our thinking and using the guidance from Barry Carpenter, a researcher of education for children with SEN, we have designed "The Grove Reintegration Curriculum".

The Grove Reintegration Curriculum acknowledges the experiences our pupils have had and the importance of helping them lever back into school life using the following 5 Levers.

- >Relationships
- >Community
- >Curriculum
- >Metacognition
- >Space

We want our pupils to be happy, feel safe, and able to be engaged in their learning. We are confident that The Grove Reintegration Curriculum will embed the foundations to achieve this.

Best wishes, Helen Georgiades, Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
17th July	End of Term for Pupils
20th -21st July	INSET - No Pupils
2nd September	INSET - No Pupils
3rd September	Transition for NEW Pupils
4th September	Transition for NEW Pupils
7th September	All Pupils back at School
23rd October	SEARCH Celebration
23rd October	End of Half Term
26th-30th October	Half Term
2nd November	INSET - No Pupils
11th December	Pupil Progress Day - School is closed to Pupils
15th December	Winter Show (TBC)
15th December	SEARCH Celebration
18th December	End of Term

Pastoral News - Miss Huseyin

September will be a busy flurry of new starters and returning pupils, some of which have been off for a while. In light of the changes and challenges that our families and pupils have experienced over recent months, we will focus much of our day on relationships and wellbeing. I will be leading wellbeing within school and checking in frequently with each class and individual pupils.

The past few months have meant that many of us have experienced highs and lows; I have heard about enjoyment from being able to spend time together, challenges and successes for home education, the joys of discovering new places to walk to and dismay at things such as shopping experiences and anxieties about re-engaging in the community. These are all normal reactions, the rollercoaster of emotions can be hard to navigate.

I hope that many of you will have the opportunity to enjoy these final few weeks of being at home, although I am fully aware of the challenges many of us face. I will check my emails weekly during the summer. The Pastoral Team will be working from 1st September, we will be using this time to check in with families and see how you all are and if we need to provide further support for return to school.

In the meantime, should you wish to contact me you can email me at nadine.huseyin@thegroveschool.co.uk

Best wishes, Nadine Huseyin

Career News

Dear all,

This is my first careers entry for the Newsletter which is very exciting. Over the last term I have been working with a team from across the school to develop our careers progression pathways and embed into the curriculum skills and opportunities for the world of work for all of the pupils that we work with.

In September, with a careers team, we will continue to provide a curriculum with opportunities to learn essential skills and enhance personal characteristics such as social skills, communication, independence and self-help. Just some of the things we will be doing in September will be to create a careers section into the library, provide work experience opportunities across different departments and create an information section for parents in reception about colleges and different routes at 16 and or 19. I will be updating the website and careers section in the newsletter once every half term so please look out for any updates, news or announcements.

If any families would like to get in touch with me for ideas or contacts to do with work experience opportunities, or anything else to do with careers, you can email me on:
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PRIMARY NEWS

HEAD OF PRIMARY: MR MILLS

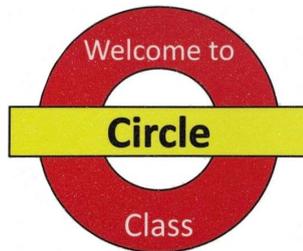
September 2020 promises to be a very exciting, busy and fun start to the new school year. Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Sergio as he is moving back home to Spain. But we will be welcoming two new teachers called Miss Taylor and Miss Shauni into the primary department which is exciting. The Primary Department will also have a new class called Elizabeth Class so we will now have four classes.

The Primary department will be welcoming nine new pupils into the department from other schools. Our current pupils will have a very important job of welcoming and helping our new pupils settle into their classes.

After such a long time off of school it is going to be really great to see your faces again and all of the staff are eager to find out what you have been up to. The first week or so might be tricky for some of our pupils to settle back into the school routine so we have designed a special curriculum for the first two weeks of the term which should help pupils understand why they have been off for such a long time, what they can do to help keep themselves safe and ease them back into the routine of school life and work.

Our topic for the new term is all about Stories. We will be learning about familiar nursery rhymes, fun fictional stories and even some myths and legends. It is going to be really fun to incorporate stories such as Jack and the Beanstalk into our Science lessons to help us learn about how plants grow. We will even be

learning new stories from different cultures around the world and we will virtually explore these new places.



CLASS NEWS

Circle Class students have made many personal and academic

achievements this half term. From transitioning to, and staying in their own bedrooms, to learning functional life skills and helping out at home. In addition, the learning activities for home and for the pupils in school for literacy has been focused on phonics, reading and comprehension. Pupils have been reading stories and answering questions via colourful semantics. Pupils have also been using their phonic knowledge to read short captions and match to the correct images.

In Maths, the learning has been around matching quantities to numerals, sequencing, patterns, counting backwards from 20, creating 3D shapes and making number bonds to 10. In PHSE, the learning has been around making 'Happiness Box', recognising and labelling different emotions and making links to which Zones of Regulations the emotions belong to.

The last term of the school year has come to an end. Circle Class staff are incredibly proud of the resilience and hard work demonstrated by ALL the pupils in Circle Class. We are very proud of you. Hope you all have a good Summer Holiday, we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

HOME LEARNING

The new Topic in Autumn Term will be 'Let's Pretend (Stories)' and 'The Stories

People Tell (Myths and Legends)'. Students will have the opportunity to act out different roles in different contexts and explore traditional tales. To prepare for these topics at home, students can watch and read stories such as 'Little Red Riding Hood', 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. Pupils can continue to practise their phonetics and attempt to read tricky words as well as retell and sequence what happened in the stories.

Ms Nayemah



CLASS NEWS

The City class team and pupils did a great job during this strange term. All work which was sent daily was adapted to individual needs. We combined different activities: sensory activities using household items, worksheets and online activities.

All activities were based on the topic of "Play and leisure:"

Numeracy: activities included varied skills such as matching numerals and Numicon shapes, counting up to 10, sequencing numerals up to 15 and completing additional problems up to 5.

Literacy: Some children worked on their pre writing skills by tracing and drawing prewriting shapes, and completing fine motor skills activities with household items. Other children worked on letter formation by copying words. Lastly, some children consolidated phonics in order to read and write CVC words (Phase 1 set 2).

We followed our topic "Play and leisure". We sent activities to make toys at home and develop play skills at different levels: exploratory actions through sensory play

and constructive play by using personal objects.

- Lastly, we focused on reading and we used the Bug Club website consistently.

HOME LEARNING

After the summer holidays, pupils will learn through an exciting topic: Nursery Rhymes. Some activities to consolidate learning will be:

Literacy: typing names of their favourite songs on Youtube, learning CVC words and animal sounds (“I have a pet”), asking about favourite songs using speech or symbols (“I want ‘Row your boat’”). Lastly, your child can create a shopping list by writing or selecting fruits when they hear the “Fruit song”.

Numeracy: using Nursery Rhymes to sequence numbers or match numbers to quantity (How many monkeys were jumping on the bed?) and solve simple addition problems (add 1 monkey jumping on the bed, how many altogether?). Lastly, you can use some Nursery rhymes such as “Five currant buns” to consolidate money skills (one bun, one penny).

Topic: exercise songs by which your child can practise gross motor skills (i.e. Freeze), developing constructive and fictional play by recreating the actions of the rhyme (i.e. I’m a little teapot) and recognising emotions (How is Humpty Dumpty feeling?)

I will be leaving The Grove after the summer. I would like to say a big thank you to the parents and class team. This successful journey would have been impossible without your support.

Mr Sergio



CLASS NEWS

The last term of the school year has come to an end and it has been a very different

experience for all of us with some pupils learning in school and some at home.

In literacy the learning activities for home and for the pupils in school have been around tracing, writing and matching letters and ordering the letters in their own names as well as sharing and listening to stories and recognising everyday sounds and phonemes in words. In maths the number learning has been around one -to-one correspondence, matching quantities to numbers and sequencing numbers to 20. In geometry we have been creating 3D shapes and matching, sorting and using 2D shapes to create pictures. In science the activities have been around floating and sinking and in PSHE we have started to use the Zones of Regulation to label and group emotions and have been exploring different sensory activities.

Thank you for all the updates and feedback over the last couple of months. We wish you all a pleasant summer time and look forward to seeing you in September.

HOME LEARNING

In the autumn term, the topic will be Nursery Rhymes and Stories. To prepare for the topic at home you can start or continue listening to the children’s favourite nursery rhymes. Singing hands have a good selection of nursery rhymes supported by Makaton signs which the children can attempt to sing or sign along with. [Click here for a link](#) Some of the songs are very good for practising maths concepts, like taking away and some songs are better for literacy activities.

Here are some examples of activities to try at home:

1. Five Speckled Frogs and Five Little Ducks - practise taking away 1 and counting how many are left by having five ducks or frogs in a water tray and taking away one at a time while singing
2. Five Currant Buns - practise coin recognition and handing over one or more coins to 'buy' snack e.g. 'Five round rice cakes on a yellow plate, along came X with 10p/£1, bought a rice cake and took it away'
3. Ten Green Bottles - sequence numbers by using a ball to roll over bottles with numbers on them in the correct order
4. Old Mc Donald Had a Farm - listen to all the animal sounds and identify the different sounds by choosing the correct animal toy or symbol.
5. Copy the actions in Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes or One Little Finger to practise the names of the body parts.

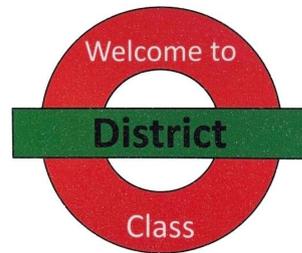
Ms Charlotta

SECONDARY EAST NEWS

ASSISTANT HEAD: MR WOODS

As we come to the end of the first year at The Grove there is a lot to look forward to in the new academic year. We move on to Year 2 of our rolling KS3 curriculum and for some, the start of their KS4 journey and qualifications pathway. We have a new class in Secondary East and we welcome 6 new students to the department. Due to COVID there have been some timetable changes but your class teachers remain the same and we will go through all the new changes and ways of working when you come back after the summer. We hope you have a

restful break and come back in the autumn term ready to learn!



FORM NEWS

District Class have settled into the school routine really well this year. They have improved their

attendance to lessons throughout the academic year in all their subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Art, Computing, PHSE, PE, Life Skills and Food Tech. The pupils have begun building their confidence in lessons and with a variety of adults around the school. A highlight for me was watching them practise for, and then perform the Winter Show. They worked hard to learn their lines and cues and stayed on stage for the duration of the show, being positive role models to the other pupils. I am very pleased with the progress District class has made, from baking cakes with growing independence to helping in the primary department. I hope you enjoyed the very last Cat Monday for the year, but don't worry...It will be returning in September! I hope you have a lovely summer!

Secondary East SUBJECTS

Art

It has been amazing to see how creative the pupils have been working from home on various small art projects. Using materials they have access to or an online sketchbook students have been engaging with Pride, BLM, various artists and short fun activities. Being sent Google Classroom artwork has been wonderful. Excited to see all the students back in art lessons in September where we will be working on a Pop Art project!

Miss Gold

Humanities

I have very much missed the great, thought-provoking discussions we have in Humanities and am excited to see you all when we return to school. Pupils have been completing work on our Invasion, Plague and Murder topic. Pupils have produced excellent work from creating their own Viking shields at home, analysing historical sources, creative writing and sitting a final assessment. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the work sent in on Google Classroom, well done! Have a lovely summer, I am looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Miss Macleod

English

Although it has been such a strange summer term and unlike anything I have seen in English teaching over the last 20 years, it has been really nice to read some of the answers to the different reading article questions as part of the work set in Readworks and for those students who are using Sum Dog it is always fun to look at the progress being made with the different reading and writing skills.

I am really looking forward to seeing everyone again in September. I'm sure all of this very unusual situation will give us lots of imaginative ideas for pieces of creative writing. I am excited to see what some of those pieces of writing will look like. Over the summer if anyone wanted to get a head start on some reading then you can read a novel called Stone Cold by Robert Swindels which will be one of the novels we will be reading together as a class when you come back.

Have a great summer, I really look forward to seeing you all.

Ms Elton

Science

This term in Science the focus has been on Space and our place in the Universe. Looking into the different planets and the similarities and differences between them.

Over the year we have now covered Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics and when we come back in September we will be starting a new Biology unit on Plants.

I hope we will be able to do some growing of our own plants and dissecting some interesting species you may never have seen before.

I hope you have a good summer!

Mr Wood

Maths

In maths this term Pupils have been studying the practical maths skills to support their day to day lives. Every lesson starts with a positive maths quote of the day. I hope you have been enjoying them! It's been great seeing how pupils are engaging in the tasks set. In September we will be furthering these practical maths skills to prepare all students for their lives as mathematicians. Remember, "Every problem has a solution!"

Ms Steventon

Computing

I have enjoyed seeing how technological all of our pupils are! Everyone has been comfortably using google classroom. Pupils have been learning about how technology has been used through history and how it is now part of everything we do. Some of the memes that pupils sent me were amazing! Really looking forward to seeing pupils back in computing lessons in September where we will be doing a range of fun things from podcasts to actually taking apart and putting back together a PC.

Ms Steventon



FORM NEWS

Metropolitan class have had a fantastic year at The Grove. Pupils have participated positively in a range of subjects: English, Maths, Science, Geography, History, Art, Computing, PHSE, PE and Food Tech. Pupils have made excellent progress in each subject and should be very proud of their achievements this year. Pupils have acted as positive role models around the school by helping younger pupils at playtime and volunteering to help during primary PE sessions. Pupils played a vital role in the school show by making costumes, props and setting up the stage. It has been a wonderful year and I will miss the class discussions about the Fact of the Day and current affairs every morning! Have a wonderful summer.

Best wishes, Miss Macleod.

SECONDARY WEST NEWS

HEAD OF SECONDARY WEST: MS CALHOUN

Dear families, I hope you are all well and ready for the summer? I can't believe our first year in our new building is done! It has been great to see some of our students back in school this term and they have all had a great time in their bubbles. Looking towards September and the start of our new school year, there are going to be some changes in our department. Firstly we will welcome a new class to our department called Northern Class led by Miss Alicia. Northern Class will be a key stage 4 class and they will work closely with Bakerloo class, together they will embark on a new qualification called ASDAN Personal Progress. Key Stage 4's theme in the autumn term will be called

"Special Events", they will be exploring different celebrations and events from various cultures and hopefully planning a special themed day for the school to engage in. In Key Stage 3 we are looking forward to welcoming 12 new students to the department and a new teacher called Mr Mike who will be leading Piccadilly class. Key Stage 3's autumn term theme is "myths and legends". Students will be learning about what a myth, legend and fables are, they will be exploring different myths and legends throughout history and in different religions as well as listening to folk tales and music and trying to recreate them.

I hope that you all have a fantastic summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming all our students back in September, we are all really excited to see them again!



CLASS NEWS

Pupils in Bakerloo class have been mainly learning from home this half term. They have shown great resilience and coped well with all the changes to their routine. They have been looking at some different English and maths skills as well as practicing their life skills and independent living. Pupils have been given the opportunity to play a variety of online games set by Ms King, to help consolidate what they have learned in English and maths over the academic year. Pupils have also been encouraged to practice their life skills around the house by doing activities such as preparing snacks and drinks, cleaning and tidying different parts of the house and tidying their bedrooms.

HOME LEARNING

There are a variety of different ways that you can support pupils to continue learning over the coming months. It would be a great idea for pupils to read regularly throughout the summer break - any comics, graphic novels, picture books etc would really support their enjoyment and engagement with reading. It would also be great if students could practice different life skills over the next few weeks in order to become more independent. You could encourage them to help in the kitchen with cooking and preparing snacks and meals, give them opportunities to clean and tidy different parts of the house or perhaps even teach them how to use the washing machine. Finally, I just want to add that fresh air and exercise will be so important over the summer - I hope you all manage to get out and enjoy the sunshine!

In the Autumn term, the theme for Bakerloo class will be 'Special Events'. We will be looking at different religious and cultural festivals and how people celebrate. We will also be covering 'Earth and Space' and will be exploring the relationship between the sun, earth and moon and finding out about different light sources.

Have a lovely break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Ms Molly



CLASS NEWS

This year has been a great academic year for everyone in Central class and we all want to

say a big thank you to all our students. We know it has been a difficult time and we appreciate all the effort you have made. We wish you a lovely summer holiday and

we can not wait to see you back in September. Some of our pupils are moving to a different class but we will always be here to support you with anything we can.

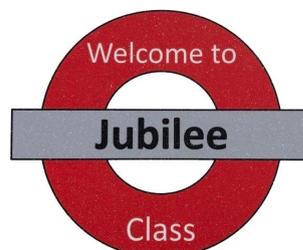
Next term we are going to cover various topics including; Myths and legends, traditional food, religious celebrations, the solar system, seasons and weather, folk music and mythical creatures.

HOME LEARNING

A great start would be if you could share some folk tales that have been passed down through your family with your child. Maybe you might have some pictures or objects to help tell a tale. Another fun thing you could do would be to watch a movie based on a fairy tale or a myth, such as watching Shrek and naming some of the fairytale or nursery rhyme characters.

It would be a good idea if pupils could practice different life skills in order to become more independent, such as preparing snacks, washing dishes and cleaning and tidying different parts of the house.

Ms Carolina



CLASS NEWS

In the summer term all pupils have been developing their numeracy and literacy skills and

they've accessed various online tools and school platforms such as Sumdog, BugClub etc to revise everything they've learnt in the past year. Moreover they were given tasks to help them develop their life and independent skills such as making snacks and drinks, cleaning the house using household equipment (i.e. vacuum cleaner) and have been very

enthusiastic to help their family at home with daily chores. They have also been very happy to participate in PE lessons and complete the challenges set by our PE coach.

HOME LEARNING

When we return our topic will be Myths and Legends therefore it would be very beneficial for them to maybe research some myths from Vikings, Greeks or Celts, look at mythical creatures and heroes and eventually even write some myths of their own. Please continue reading books as often as you can to continue cultivating their literacy skills and phonetic awareness. For Maths they can use our online tools but also try to support them to use money/ cards to pay when you're out shopping or maybe give them a list of items and allow them to look for them independently when you're at the supermarket. They should continue having some daily chores to consolidate their new life skills but also have regular exercise (YouTube videos, yoga, running, football etc). Lastly, in September we will be learning about the solar system and there are some amazing documentaries they could watch to start gaining an understanding of Space and how the planetary system works.

Jubilee class has shown so much resilience over the past term. Some students remained at home and some came to school, but all of them have been hard working and enthusiastic with their learning regardless of the setting. The class team is extremely proud of them and we all wish them an amazing summer and a great start for the new academic year in September. We also need to thank all the parents for their hard work and commitment. You are all amazing! Stay safe. Enjoy the holidays.

Ms Eleni



CLASS NEWS

During the summer term, Piccadilly class have been revisiting most of the Maths and

English skills they have learned over the school year, as well as learning about emotions, the zones of regulation and how to maintain their well-being. Most pupils have been learning from home, where they have been provided with opportunities to do a range of hands-on activities as well as access to different online resources, such as Bug Club, Sam Dog and other learning websites. Besides this, they have been practising their life skills and independent living, with activities such as making a sandwich, cooking, helping with house chores or other independent skills like learning to do their laces.

HOME LEARNING

Next academic year Piccadilly class will learn through the topic of Myths and Legends. To encourage the pupils to learn about this topic, you could look at different books about myths and legends, such as Jack and the beanstalk, or films like Shrek.

In science, they will look at the seasons, the weather and the solar system among others. Some great activities to do at home would be to let your child choose their clothes in the morning, helping them to understand what season we are in and how that matches their clothes. E.g. "It's summer and is warm, we need short sleeves." OR "It's summer, but it's raining, we need a jacket."

You can also encourage them to keep developing their independence at home, helping tidy up after themselves, helping

to put the washing machine, or making their own breakfast or snack.

It has been an unusual summer term, with loads of changes and difficulties along the way, but I am very proud of how Piccadilly class have dealt with it all. And well done to all the parents, brothers and sisters for your work and effort in supporting them at home, you have done a great job. I wish you all a great summer break and I am looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September.

Ms Alicia

POST 16 NEWS

HEAD OF POST 16: MS ELTON

Dear all, I can't believe that I am writing this entry at the end of the academic year and our first year in our new building. It has definitely been the strangest end of term I have had in my teaching career! I have been so impressed though with how all of the Post 16 pupils, both at home and in school have managed to stay so positive, completing work and communicating with their teachers and their friends.

We now have to look forward to September and what that will look like for everybody when returning. We have exciting things planned for Post 16. We will be extending our department and welcoming Miss Levanda Kyriacos along with Miss Hogan who is transferring from the secondary East department to become a trainee teacher in Post 16. We will be returning with a reintegration curriculum and then all pupils will be continuing or starting their different courses: Functional Skills Maths, English and ICT and OCR Life and Living Skills. We are still aiming to go to college once a week as well as continuing with Sports Leadership and PE where possible.

Hopefully everyone will be able to have a lovely summer, maybe do something

different or at least have a break from looking at a screen too much; I know I am looking forward to that!

Finally, a huge thank you to all of the teachers and staff in Post 16 that have either been setting work for home or coming into school to deliver lessons and support the pupils. Have a great summer.

Best Wishes, Mrs Elton

Post 16 CLASS NEWS

Post 16 has risen to the challenge of this year's unique and unprecedented academic year with good resilience and enthusiasm for learning.

They have enjoyed learning to plan meals and how to research recipes online.

Post 16 have enjoyed using their written shopping lists to shop, check expiry dates, check allergy information on packing, checkout and pay for their products. They completed this independently at the supermarket during the first half of the school year.

Back in the autumn term, the pupils learned to work effectively as a cohesive group to make stage props for the school winter show. They prepared and cooked meals for lunch, and most importantly of all they enjoyed eating meals as a group, practicing and building their social skills.

Post 16 pupils have made excellent progress in enhancing previous learnt life skills. They have learnt new life skills in how to manage and maintain a clean home by cleaning and maintaining the Post 16 life skills flat as part of their OCR life and living skills award. Part of this has been to learn how to sort dirty washing, put the washing machine on, unload and spread wet laundry on the laundry rack and fold dry laundry when done.

All our Post 16 group enjoyed attending college one day a week and making new

