

Newsletter, 12th October 2018

Only Cowards Carry Weapons Workshop

Jenny and Tanya from the charity “Only Cowards Carry” came to Grove House on Wednesday 3rd October to deliver a Weapons and Gang Culture Awareness workshop to our Upper school pupils. Our pupils learnt how gang members prey on the vulnerable to force them to commit crime through fear or “take the rap” for crimes gang members have committed. Our pupils were also shown how to protect themselves, the importance of being alert to what is happening around them and to question why people may want to be their friend. This workshop was a real eye opener and our pupils found it very informative and useful.

Jenny and Tanya also delivered a “Bullying Awareness” workshop to our Middle school pupils. They worked with our pupils to develop their understanding, not only of how to deal with bullies but the impact bullying has on a person’s self-esteem and emotional well being. Again our pupils found this workshop very useful.



ELKLAN Training Course

Grove House are offering parents/carers of Lower School pupils the opportunity to attend a 2 day ELKLAN “Let’s Talk with 5-11s” course. This will run on Friday 2nd November & Friday 7th December 9am to 4:30pm in school. Lunch and refreshments will be provided. This course will aid parents/carers in supporting their child’s language and communication by:-

- understanding what communication is,
- understanding difficulties with comprehension,
- expressive language and speech and advice
- strategies and resources

Attendees will also have the opportunity to do the accreditation. If you would like to attend please complete and return the slip attached to the letter you would have been sent. Thank you.

Sainsbury Trip

As part of our Social Skills lessons Class UH pupils were given the opportunity to practice functional communication skills out in the community. They carried out a shopping process to get the ingredients for a meal. They wrote a shopping list, travelled to Sainsbury, navigated around the supermarket, approached staff if they needed help, paid for the items, packed items and travelled back to school. This is all in preparation for adulthood life.



PTFA



Our PTFA Barn Dance was a huge success! With your help we raised over £200, but most importantly everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you so much. Our PTFA have been asked to hold another Barn Dance event so watch this space! The next PTFA event will be the Christmas Bazaar which will be held on 1st December 1pm to 3pm. We hope to see everyone there. If you would like to help out at this event please get in touch with our PTFA via the school office. Thank you!



Pupil Consent Forms

We will shortly be sending out Pupil Consent forms. There will also be attached a pupil information sheet which needs to be checked and signed to confirm we hold up to date information. It is very important that you complete and return these asap. Thank you.



**Don't forget
parents evening
Wednesday 17th Oct
4:30pm to 7:30pm**

Fundraising

One of our staff member, Mrs Maslen, is taking part in the Snowdonia Marathon on 27th October 2018. She is raising funds for a indoor climbing wall for Grove House. So far she has raised £370. Please support Mrs Maslen and help her reach her target of £600. You can donate via www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nicolaann-maslen. Thank you for your support.



Class and Individual Photos



Next Wednesday the school photographer will be at Grove House to take class and individual photos of the children. Please can you ensure your child comes in with the correct school uniform. Thank you.

Dates for your diary



- Mon 15th Oct:** Viking Workshop—Lower School
- Wed 17th Oct:** Class and Individual Photos
- Wed 17th Oct:** Parents Evening 4:30pm to 7pm
- Mon 22nd Oct:** Half Term week
- Mon 5th Nov:** School closed for pupils
- Fri 9th Nov:** Trip to Brentwood Memorial
- Fri 19th Nov:** Children in Need day

We would value your comments on any matters relating to your child's education at Grove House School. Please address these to Miss Christodoulides, Head Teacher