



GROVE WEEKLY BULLETIN



Dear Parents and Carers,

As a community it is vital that we recognise the success of our students and allow them to feel proud of their school. Exam results year on year continue to improve and predictions for the current Year 11 and 13 show further improvements still. In addition to this, we work hard to ensure students get the opportunity to shine in many different areas. The Spring Festival ran this week with singers, pianists, dancers, drummers, and bands of staff and students performing in front of a large audience of friends and family.

The results from the National Maths Challenge recognised some of our students with bronze and silver certificates in what is an extremely challenging exam. We also recognised students in Year 7, who achieved top ATL's so far this year.

Our Duke of Edinburgh students are preparing for their first practice camp and hike, in their pursuit of the Duke of Edinburgh bronze award.

We have much to celebrate about the school and more importantly the students in it, who should feel proud of their achievements this week and those still to come.

As a school and community, we are extremely proud of our students. They are after all, our shared purpose.

Darryn Robinson, Deputy Headteacher

New Beginnings for Lower Heath

Lower Heath CE Primary School and Nursery based near Whitchurch Shropshire, has become part of the Marches Academy Trust.

This week, the CEO of the Marches Academy Trust, Sarah Longville, visited Lower Heath to outline the exciting opportunities that the school has.

Mrs Deborah Sadler, Headteacher at Lower Heath CE School, added: "I am absolutely delighted to be part of the Trust and the exciting opportunities it will bring for the staff, pupils and wider community. It was wonderful to welcome Mrs Longville today and we cannot wait for what the rest of this academic year brings, as well as the years to come. It truly is an exciting time to be a part of the Marches Academy Trust."



Top ATL Performers

A huge congratulations to the following students who are last week's top ATL performers:

	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1	Zachary	9EBR	22
2	Jade	9EBR	21
2	Matilda	9EBR	21
3	Abbie	9EPR	18
3	Ellie	8DPO	18
3	Kate	9ERO	18
3	Samuel	9PER	18

ATL Celebration

On Tuesday, we celebrated the top performing Year 7 students who received the most ATL's over the last term. The group of students were invited to have cakes and drinks with Head of Year 7, Mrs Roberts and Headteacher, Mrs Taylor. A fantastic achievement, these students have really done themselves and the school proud.



Spring Festival

The Spring Festival offered an opportunity for our fantastic students to perform in front of an audience and provided the chance for families, friends and the wider community to enjoy an evening of song and dance. Miss Brundrett, Music Teacher added: "The humanities, modern foreign language and music faculty would like to thank all students who took part in Spring Festival. It was a fantastic evening, which showcased lots of hard work, so well done to all! It was wonderful to be able to have so many students keen to take part and to see these events continue to grow. Thank you to all who came to support, it was lovely to see so many there and I know it means so much to the students when they have the opportunity to perform to a full hall. A special thank you to the Sixth Form 'Events Team' as they have become, who sadly leave us this time. It would not have been possible or as enjoyable without you. We look forward to seeing you all again soon!"



Maths Challenge

Fourteen of Grove's Year 9 and Year 10 students were part of over 250,000 students from more than 3,000 schools and colleges across the UK, which participated in the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge on the 7th February 2019.



The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is one of a number of maths competitions run by the UK Mathematics Trust. It is aimed at students aged 13 to 16, and is sat in school.

Stars from Grove this year include, Harry and Katie who earned themselves a bronze certificate and Emily who earned a silver certificate. Well done to all the students involved!

Pokémon Club

Recently, students in Pokémon club have been participating in Grove's first ever Pokémon Tournament. Students have been playing matches at lunch and after school, battling each other and staff for several weeks.



There has been some exemplary gameplay, and the attitude that students approached each game with has been absolutely amazing. The winner of the tournament was Jacob with a stellar ten wins and only one loss! This gave Jacob an overall lead of 14 points, making him this tournament's clear winner. Our 'Best Attitude' prize goes to Boyd, who approached every match with enthusiasm and showed constant improvement with the changes that he made to his deck week on week. Jacob has received a Pokémon Elite Trainer Box, and Boyd has received a Steel Great Ball Tin for their efforts. Well done boys! Keep your eyes peeled for the next tournament sign up! - Mr Davies and Ms Wood.