



GROVE WEEKLY BULLETIN

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all acknowledge and believe that reading is important but how often do we take the time to stop and think about what the actual benefits of reading for just twenty minutes per day are? I came across an article detailing the impact on the brain of reading every day that I would like to share with you. The following were identified as being the main benefits of reading:

1. Promotes mental health
2. Reduces stress
3. Improves general knowledge
4. Become more empathetic
5. Expands vocabulary and verbal skills
6. Improves writing skills
7. Develops stronger analytical thinking skills
8. Improves memory
9. Improves focus and concentration
10. Boosts sleep
11. Helps to create inner tranquillity
12. Gives the brain a workout
13. Slows down mental aging

It is clear that there are significant advantages of reading every day, especially in today's society because we are living with an increasing availability of information where we are bombarded with images through various forms of communication technology. This means that our attention span as a species is decreasing. Reading is an activity that you can engage in to buck this trend, as it will improve concentration spans and teach us to be more discerning in the face of so much information.

I urge each of you to celebrate reading and encourage your children to actually pick up a book and put down their mobile phone, even if it is for just twenty minutes a day.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Sonia Taylor

Headteacher



Top Five ATL Performers

A huge congratulations to the following students who are this week's top five performers:

Position	Student	Tutor	Number of ATL 1's
1	Matilda	9EBR	26
2	Charlotte	9EBR	23
	Jade	9EBR	23
3	Arron	9EBR	21
	Emily	9PER	21
4	Rebecca	9PER	20
	Zachary	9EBR	20
5	Emi	9PER	19
	Poppy	9PER	19

British Science Week

As part of British Science week, the Grove welcomed the Animal Man for our Party Animals event last Friday and Wednesday. This was a well received and sold out event, which was enjoyed by children of all ages from both school and the wider community. The children had the opportunity to interact with a variety of exotic animals and learnt about their incredible evolution and amazing adaptations.



Table Tennis Club

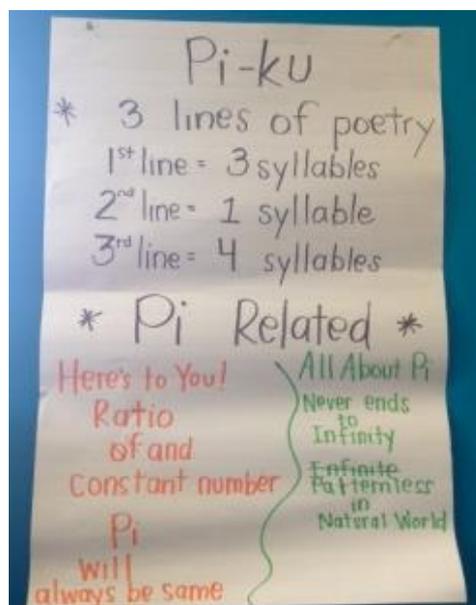
Table Tennis club has started! This fantastic club will take place every Tuesday night after school from 3:00pm – 4:00pm, all year groups welcome. The club is free to attend and there is no need to book – just turn up and have some fun!



International Pi Day

In response to International Pi Day on Thursday students were challenged to create a 'Pi-ku' (a haiku poem where the syllables of each line, is each digit of Pi). Prizes will be awarded next week to students for the best poem in each year and also for the longest poem.

Parent challenge – try it for yourself!



Vacancies

A number of exciting vacancies have arisen across the schools within the Trust:

- Director of English and Drama – The Grove School
- Leader of Art/Photography – The Marches School
- Teacher of History – The Marches School
- Teacher of Music (Maternity Cover) – The Marches School
- Director of Mathematics – Sir John Talbot's School
- EYFS Teacher – Tilstock C of E Primary School
- Class Teacher KS2 - Tilstock C of E Primary School
- Class Teacher KS1 - Tilstock C of E Primary School

For further information regarding the positions please visit:
<http://marchesschool.co.uk/information/job-vacancies/>

Spring Festival 2019

The Grove School and College
Proudly Presents Our...



Monday 1st April 6:30pm

A showcase of talented music, drama
and dance students!

Refreshments served in the interval

Raffle tickets on sale, £1 a strip!

Tickets = £3.00 (£2.50 concessions/students), payable through WisePay, collect from the finance office.

Shropshire Cycle Ride



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