



GROVE ROAD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – 17TH NOVEMBER 2023



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I'd like to start by thanking everyone involved in making this week so amazing. Alongside all of our lessons throughout the week, we have had lots of children going out of school to enrich their learning even more. I am extremely proud of them all.

Swimming on Monday – you're all doing so well and great representatives of Grove Road.

Year 3 & 4 trip to Ripon – I absolutely loved seeing all the children, over the two days, really throw themselves into the workshops, and we had some great feedback from the staff at the museums. 'It is always a pleasure to have Grove Road' was just one highlight for me.

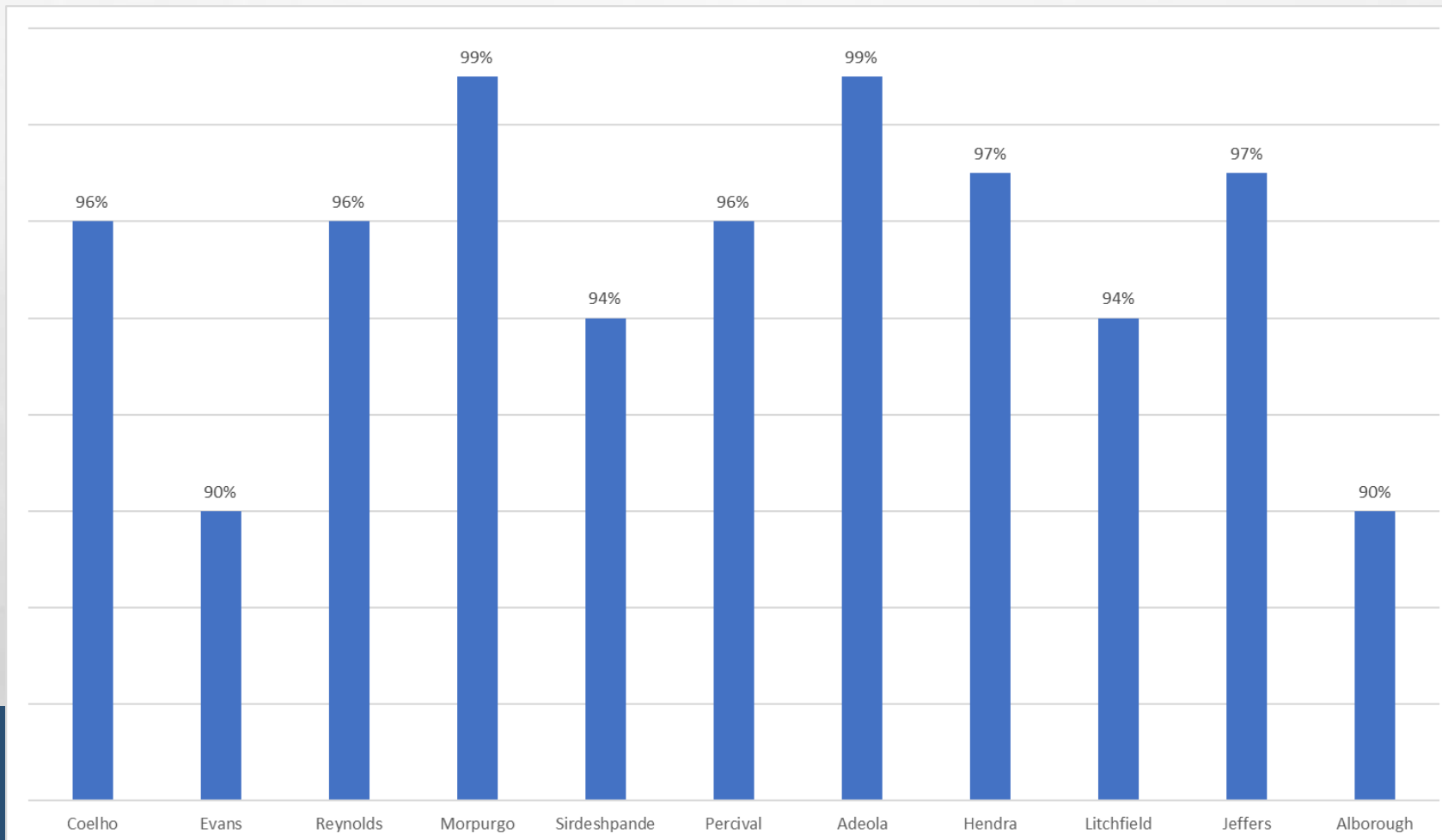
Finally, Children in Need today, how wonderful to help such an amazing cause, thank you for all your continued support.

Mr Grayston



ATTENDANCE

Attendance totals for each class – Monday 13th November to Friday 17th November



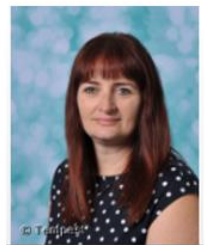
SAFEGUARDING



Grove Road Community Primary School Safeguarding Team



Designated Safeguarding Lead
James Grayston - Headteacher



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Dawn Winkley – Deputy Head
& SENDCo



Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead
Sue McGrogan – Parent
Support Adviser

Lead Governor for Safeguarding – Margaret Beagle

For further advice / referral information, please contact:
North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership
<https://www.safeguardingchildren.co.uk>

- Please visit our school website for more information and links to safeguarding websites.
- [Grove Road Safeguarding Page](#)
- For more information about keeping children safe please click here:
- [NSPCC – Keeping Children Safe Online](#)
- These websites have wonderful advice about children keeping safe on Instagram and other social media sites
- [NSPCC – Share Aware](#)
- [CEOP Police Safety Centre](#)



STARS OF THE WEEK



JEFFERS	-	Tilly
LITCHFIELD	-	Aniik
HENDRA	-	Mia
ADEOLA	-	Malony
PERCIVAL	-	Zara
SIRDESH-PANDE	-	Leonardo
MORPURGO	-	George
REYNOLDS	-	Georgia
EVANS	-	Olta
COELHO	-	Ibrahim

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry, previously the editor of Tech tabloid The Register. Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about X

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

X

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 13+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

CENSORSHIP

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat fake account seeking to exploit other users.

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is editor in chief of gaming and esports, also defence and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he is a specialist who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and IT news, his articles have been published on influential sites including iDont and Techradar.

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Quiz Night

Do you have what it takes
to be the ultimate quiz
champion? Then gather your
friends and family and join us
for the FOGR Quiz Night.

£2 per person

Teams of up to 10 people or
buy single tickets and form
teams on the night.

Family friendly and kids rounds
(from KS2 upwards)

Drinks & snacks on sale on
the evening

FRIDAY, 24TH NOV

**STARTS 6.30PM
GROVE ROAD
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*More Info:
Friendsogroveroad@gmail.com*



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What do we do?
We run fundraising events to raise funds to support the school

- School discos
- Bake sales
- Xmas Fair
- Summer Fair

Who are we?
FOGR is a group of parents/guardians with children who attend Grove Road

Want to get involved?
We would welcome any help you can give e.g.

- event preparation
- Set-up
- Running events

So we can run these fun events for our children

It's also a great way to meet other parents!

Get in touch for more information

Email us at Friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com

or find us on facebook
Friends of Grove Road C.P School



Friends of Grove Road are a group of Parent/Carer volunteers associated with Grove Road Primary School. We raise funds to support the school and enhance the education of the children

Please support FOGR raise vital funds for the school by signing up to the following online initiatives

Easy Fundraising

Sign up to support us
Shop with your favourite brands
We get a bonus £5 donation
It's not magic, it's easyfundraising!

@easyfundraising

Friends of Grove Road Fundraising Ideas
Help Friends of Grove Road raise free funds today by shopping online via easyfundraising.org.uk. Shop at no extra cost and raise free donations for Friends of Grove Road!



Your School Lottery

Email us at Friendsofgroveroad@gmail.com

or find us on facebook
Friends of Grove Road C.P School



**We need
your help!**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

DECEMBER 8TH

3.15PM TO 5PM

THE FRIEND'S OF GROVE ROAD HOPE TO HOLD THE CHRISTMAS FAIR ON FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- BOTTLES FOR THE TOMBOLA (ALCOHOLIC AND SOFT DRINKS)
- SWEETS AND CHOCOLATES FOR PRIZES
- SMALL GIFTS SUITABLE FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN
- SOFT TOYS FOR THE TEDDY STALL
- RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDING 'BIG TICKET ITEMS' & DONATIONS FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES/COMPANIES FOR THE RAFFLE
- SENDING IN SOME CAKES ON THE DAY FOR THE CAKE STALL

DONATE

CHRISTMAS LUCKY BOXES - WE WILL BE SENDING THESE HOME SHORTLY! PLEASE DECORATE YOUR BOXES, FILL WITH FUN ITEMS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL TO BE SOLD AT THE FAIR

PLEASE BRING LUCKY BOXES AND DONATIONS TO SCHOOL BEFORE MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

- PREPPING IN THE RUN UP TO THE FAIR (VARIOUS DATES/TIMES TBC)
- SETTING UP ON THE DAY
- RUNNING A STALL
- HELP WITH TIDYING/CLEANING UP

IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE EMAIL FRIENDSOFGROVEROAD@GMAIL.COM



THE WAY YOU MAKE PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL FOR MEALS, TRIPS AND CLUBS IS CHANGING

Following feedback on our current system, we are pleased to announce that we will shortly be changing our online payment platform to ParentPay. You will be able to pay online using your credit/debit card or make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7

The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind

Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint

Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

More information, including your activation/login information has been sent out via email if you have not received this, please contact the school office

What are the benefits to our school?

You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services

Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school

Improves school security

Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises

The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

IMPORTANT DATES



When	Event
Friday 24 th November – 6pm start	Friends of Grove Road – Quiz Night
Thursday 30 th November	Rec/ KS1 trip to Kirkstall Abbey Museum
Thursday 7 th December	Key Stage 2 visit the panto!
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Fair – 3:15pm to 5:00pm (Please see poster in this newsletter)
Thursday 14 th December – 3:15pm	Carols on the playground with Singing Club
Thursday 14 th December – 6pm	Rec/ KS1 Nativity
Friday 15 th December – 2:30pm	Rec/ KS1 Nativity
Wb. Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party Week (More information to follow)

