



Welcome to the new academic year  
2023/24.

I want to start by reassuring you all that we do not have any Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete here at Mission Grove. A survey was completed 2 years ago and nothing was found. We will be having another survey to check the sites in the coming week. Mission Grove is a large school with many buildings dating back from over a 100 years ago. We have a robust maintenance program to ensure that all buildings are safe and fit for purpose. On the 21st of this month we are lucky to be working with Boston Consulting Company, who will be sending their staff members to help us with the wildlife area on the North.

Many of you may have been thinking:

**As a parent what can you do to be involved with your child's schooling?**

There are so many ways you can get involved.

Firstly ensuring your child is in school everyday, on time, wearing the correct uniform and prepared for the day. Reading with your child everyday, either them reading to you, you reading to them or sharing a book, comic or newspaper together. Ensuring that you sign their reading record when you have read.

Attending events from stay and play in nursery to Ms Khan's phonic workshops and fundraising events like the upcoming family disco when you can socialise with other parents. You can donate old, good quality uniform to our uniform swap shop. Or dry food, toiletries and cleaning products to our welfare bank, which is accessible to all.

As well as this we have more formal roles for parents :

**Volunteers**— for trips and helping in the classroom.

**PTA** – Parent Teacher Association—to help organise events and help raise funds for the school which we use to pay for theater trips, pantomimes, residentials, books, sound systems, ipads and much more.

**Parent Council**—The Mission Grove Parent Council was set up with the intention of improving parental engagement at the school. Check the website [here](#) for more information. At the upcoming coffee mornings we will be getting a parent from each class to sign up.

**Parent Governors**—We have 3 Parent Governors and all positions are currently taken. They are Mrs Thomas who has children on North site in years 4, 3,1 and nursery, Mrs Dadabhoj who has a child in years 2 & 1 on North and Dr Viscomi whose child is in year 3 on South.

I look forward to catching up with you all at the family discos.

Just a polite reminder that we have a soft start at the beginning of the school day. If you need to see your child's class teacher you will have to wait for the end of the school day. If you want to get a message to the teacher please speak to the office of the staff member at the doors.

At the end of the day can we ask that you put your mobile phones away and greet your child with asking how their day has been or what have they done today.



**Greet your child  
with a smile  
and  
not a mobile!**

## SPECIAL DATES IN SEPTEMBER

### Gate times

There is some confusion with the morning gate times and when the children should be in class. Children should be in class on south at 8.45 am—the gates close at that time to let parents out. On the north children should be in class at 9am and again the gates close at that time to let parents out.

8.45 and 9am should not be seen as the time to get your children in through the gates they should already be in class and reading. The gates are open at 8.30 South and 8.45 North—that is the time that you should be aiming to get your children to school.

You are **braver**  
than you believe,  
**stronger** than you  
seem, and **smarter**  
than you think.

- Winnie the Pooh



11th –Sign up for clubs on the school app. Clubs will start the week beginning the 18th Sept. You can only join if you sign up

14th—Full Governors meeting

15th Year 6 present their school captain speeches

18th Bikeability North site

19th Year 6 lea Valley National Slalom event

19th Year 3 & 4 Girls football team competition—chosen children

21st World Peace Day—children to wear their favourite clothes

21st BCG working with year 5 & 6 on North in the Wildlife area.

22nd Jeans for Genes—for a donation children can wear non uniform

22nd Family Discos outside ( event will be cancelled if bad weather) Come along to meet other families. Refreshments on sale

Week beginning 25th—MacMillan Coffee mornings with your child's class teacher

Monday 25th North—Reception & year 5

South Year 1 & 6

Tuesday 26th North Year 1 7 6

South Year 4

Wednesday 27th North Year 2

South year 3

Thursday 28th North Year 3

South Year 2

Friday 29th North Year 4

South Reception & Year 5

28th Year 4 trip to the British Museum Ancient Egypt

## Term Dates 2023/24

**Autumn Term (74 Days) *Inset days*** – Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th & Wednesday 6th September 2023

**School starts for children:** Thursday 7th September

**Half Term Holiday** - Monday 23rd October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Ends:** Thursday 21st December

**Spring Term (54 Days) *Inset day*** – Monday 8th January 2024

**School starts for children:** Tuesday 9th January

**Half Term Holiday** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Ends:** Thursday 28th March

**Summer Term (67 days) *Inset day*** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

**School starts for children:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Half Term Holiday** - Monday 27th May - Friday 31st 2024

**Bank Holiday** : Monday 6th May

**Ends** : Wednesday 24th July



# MEET THE HEADS OF YEAR

Hello, I am Miss Mozir and I am the Year Group Lead for Reception.

I'm sure you have seen me around as I have been here at Mission Grove for a while now. I am really excited to take on this new and exciting roll this year. Teaching has always been my passion, and I feel privileged to have the opportunity to guide and inspire young minds every day. I enjoy meeting new people and building strong relationships with students, parents, and colleagues. This allows me to effectively collaborate and communicate with everyone; ensuring that each student receives the support and guidance they need to succeed. As a Reception teacher of 10 years, I have gained a solid understanding of the academic, social and emotional needs of young students. I believe in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment that encourages children to develop their full potential. In addition to my teaching skills, I bring a sense of fun and creativity to the classroom. I believe that learning should be an enjoyable experience and strive to make lessons engaging, interactive, and tailored to meet the diverse needs of my students. By incorporating a variety of teaching strategies, I aim to foster a love for learning within each child and create a positive classroom atmosphere. I hope that I am able to make a positive impact this year.



I am Mrs Brash and next year will be my 9<sup>th</sup> year working at Mission Grove! I truly love working at the school and couldn't imagine teaching anywhere else. My favourite subjects to teach are art, literacy and phonics. I just love seeing how much all of the children grow during their time with us at Mission Grove. I'm looking forward to my new role as year group leader next year and getting to know all of the wonderful children moving up to us from Reception.

Hi I am Miss Hakeem. I started working at Mission Grove in April 2022. I have currently been a Year 2 teacher for the past 5 years. I love working at Mission Grove as it is such a vibrant school with inspirational, hardworking and creative pupils. Year 2 will definitely be a year to remember for your child, we have fun exciting activities planned based around our termly topics such as building a real fire, making films, baking bread and learning how to swim!

Alongside delivering a diversity-led, knowledge-rich creative curriculum through fostering a love of reading with our core text approach. As well as being a year 2 teacher, I also lead the Creative and Expressive Arts curriculum here at Mission Grove so will build in opportunities for the whole school to take part in Music and Art related events.

If there are any queries or questions you may have, please feel free to come and speak to me.



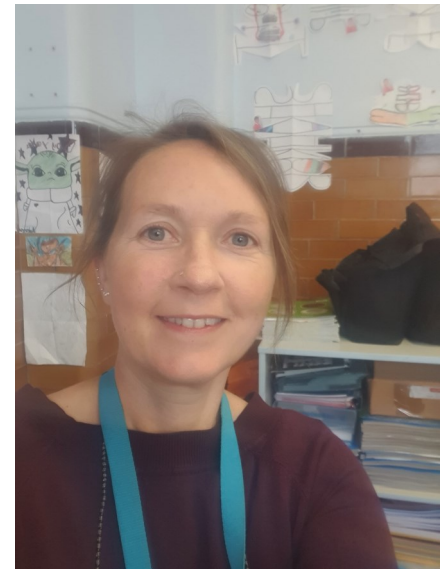


Hello, I am Miss Harper and I am very much looking forward to being head of year 3. I have taught at Mission Grove for nine years now and have enjoyed every minute of it. For the last 8 years, I have also been Maths lead at the school. Next academic year, I will be Swan class teacher on the south site. I can't wait for all the exciting things to come next year.



My name is Cynthia O'Brien, and I am excited to be the Year 4 Group Leader in 2023. I have been a teacher for over 11 years, including teaching in the United States, Spain and England. Most recently, I have been teaching Year 4 at Mission Grove for the past 5 years, which has allowed me to gain a great understanding of the curriculum that can help the other teachers and students navigate the year ahead. Year 4 is an exciting year filled with interesting history and geography topics such as Ancient Egypt, Anglo Saxons and Brazil. We will also be enjoying trips, film week, swimming, STEM week and much more. I wish everyone a nice and relaxing summer break and I look forward seeing you all in September.

Hello, I am Mrs Osborne and I am proud to be the new year 5 lead. I am a firm believer of giving children every opportunity to nurture their development and academic skills in an environment that they feel safe and secure in. I want next year to be a year where every child fulfils their potential and really understands their importance within Mission Grove Primary School.



Hi, I'm Miss Poptani. I am a second Year ECT excited to continue my journey in Year as the Year Group Lead. I aim to push all the children to reach their full potential by providing the best support I know I can. If you see me around, please do come and say hi!