



## Upcoming Events

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd Half Term

Monday 25th School starts

Monday 25th—8th March—Year 4 swimming

Tuesday 26th—School Council trip to Parliament

### March

Monday 4th -Mallard & Merlin at Suntrap

Parent evenings ( except Year 6)

Tuesday 5th Moorhen and Magpie at Suntrap

Parent evenings ( except Year 6)

Thursday 7th World Book Day—come to school and read with your child

Friday 8th Blackbird Assembly

Monday 11th—15th STEM week

Friday 15th Comic Relief

Waxwing & Wren class assembly

### Year 4 Swimming

25th February—8th March

The Year 4 children will have 2 weeks learning to swim at the Olympic park. Learning to swim is a life skill. The children will get a bus to the swimming pool and back.

Don't forget to book a place at the holiday club. We can only take pre-booked children. Please don't think that you can turn up on the day and be guaranteed a place. We have lots of children coming from other schools and have a set number of staff for the club.

You can pick up an application form from the office or the from the website.



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## Mission Grove

### WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

It has been another busy half term here at Mission Grove. Thank you for all your support with the events that we have had. With the film night and disco we have raised £1450. This money is going toward buying more information books for each classroom and also helping to reduce the cost of some of the trips that are coming up next half term.

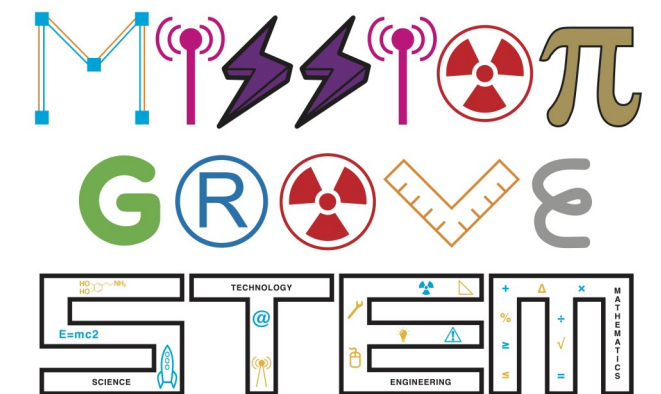
Thank you to the people who have shown an interest in the Parent Council that we are looking to set up. We still need to have parents from the following classes; **Goldfinch, Magpie, Merlin, Kingfisher, Kittiwake, Waxwing, Woodpecker, Skylark, Sparrow, Swan, Barn Owl & Blackbird.**

The School Council will be visiting the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday 26th February 2019. They will have the chance to take part in a tour of the historic building and a workshop where they will learn about its history and the story of how our democracy came to be. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about the importance and role of our government and also reflect on the significance of their role as the School Councillors for Mission Grove.

Red Nose Day—The School Council will be selling them after Half Term. The cost this year is £1.25.

### STEM week (Logo by Aiden T)

We will be holding our 2nd STEM week from the 11th to the 15th March. If this is your field of expertise and want to get involved or you work for a company who may want to get involved please let us know. We already have a mathematician signed up to do some workshops with the children.



### Eco- Council

Eco Council have decided on our three subjects we are going to work towards to try and achieve The Green Flag Award. The eco-council have also started a blog please visit it at:


<https://missiongroveeco.home.blog/>

We are looking for ideas on how we can achieve The Green Flag Award. We need ideas linked to our three subjects; marine, bio-diversity and litter. If you have any great ideas please see a member of the eco council or Mrs Nichols and Ms Carter.

Please note the office will no longer be writing letters for proof of address or attendance at the school, unless we have an official request from solicitors, or other official organisations.

World Book Day

It is National World Book Day on 7th March. We would like to invite you to come in to school with your child in the morning and read with them. Feel free to come dressed as a book character, but this is optional. The children will also be doing other activities in the run up to the day and should bring a sheet home today.



**THE BIG BOOK OFF**

**ARE YOU READY TO TAKE THE BIG BOOK OFF CHALLENGE?**

WORLD BOOK DAY

Presented by NATIONAL BOOK tokens and elfe

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

**CREATE** **IMAGINE** **TICK OFF EACH CHALLENGE AS YOU COMPLETE IT.**

**GOAL:** Complete at least one activity from each category with your class.  
**CHALLENGE:** Try to complete as many activities with your class as possible!

A storybox  
 A soundscape  
 A model of a character  
 A book-based game

A story using puppets  
 A scene from a story using freeze-frame  
 A dilemma through 'conscience alley'  
 A scene or setting read aloud through art

My/our favourite books and authors I/we have discovered by taking part in The Big Book Off Challenge are:

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
2) \_\_\_\_\_  
3) \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPLORE** **DISCOVER** **EXPERIENCE**

An illustration - 10 things I can see  
 A character through 'role on the wall'  
 Different poems and poets  
 How books are made

A new place through a book  
 A key author/illustrator  
 Where to find books in my local area  
 Something new through reading

Oral storytelling  
 Teachers reading aloud  
 Performance poetry  
 Stories outdoors

My/our favourite Big Book Off activity is: \_\_\_\_\_

[WORLDBOOKDAY.COM/BIG-BOOK-OFF](http://WORLDBOOKDAY.COM/BIG-BOOK-OFF)

The week in Pictures



Politics Project

The children in Swan and Swallow class took part in a Politics Project. Councillor Clare Coghill, Leader of Waltham Forest Council and councillor for the school's ward, took part in a digital surgery with them on Wednesday. This is what the children had to say:

"I felt nervous but then I was excited to ask her my question. Her answer was good and I was happy with it." (Mariyah, Swallow)

"It was nice to find out about what Clare Coghill does to help us make the borough a better place." (Nyima, Swallow)

"I felt confident to ask my question to her. And I felt good to hear her answer, that some people in different places in Walthamstow do actually cycle." (Sakina, Swallow)

"Meeting Clare was nerve-racking but after a while I got used to actually talking to someone famous on Skype. I asked her my question about the environment and she said that there are 50,000 trees in Waltham forest. As many as children. It was great, hope it happens again." (Kimarley, Swallow)

Kwik sticks Hockey

The team worked very well together and played with strength and confidence throughout the competition. The team played competitively in their pool winning a round but unfortunately did not progress to the finals.

