



Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have had a busy first few weeks, with an exciting project taking place with Jessie's Fund a music charity that work in schools, they will be with us for a total of 18 days working with the pupils and the staff to develop music in school.

We welcomed one new pupil last term and are working hard with our senior pupils to help them plan for the future and their next steps. This year there are many changes occurring in the Post 16 and Post 18 funding and the way these stages will be organised. We as a school continue to wish to support all our learners as long as The Grove School is the right provision for them; however, some learners may wish to leave and attend college at 16 or 18 yrs, rather than stay at The Grove School until they are 18 or 19 yrs. The decision on whether or not a pupil will be able to continue with their education at The Grove School, Post 16, is not our decision it is the decision of the Post 16 panel. We will need to show that a young person can make progress towards employment or training if they are to receive funding or not. The young person would need to be looking to attend a college/education placement after these two years and they will need to show that moving to college at 16 would not be appropriate, some authorities are only funding 3 days of education for Post 16 pupils at college or in school. These are huge changes; we had an open morning recently to share these with parents and intend to have another meeting in the summer term. I am aware that for many of you this will be of great concern please feel free to contact school, we have also put a flow chart together to explain the process that is on our website.

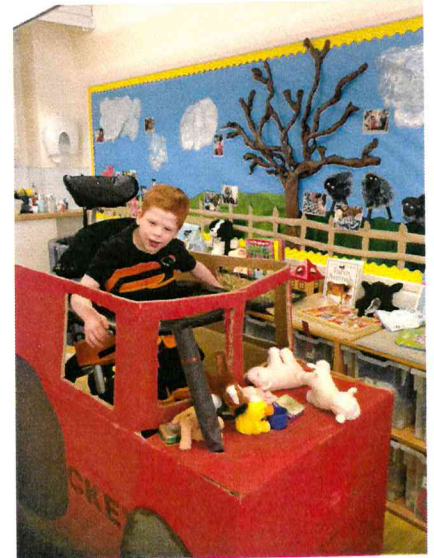
Yours Sincerely

Mrs Penny Derries





Maple and Willow have been learning all about animals and have been to visit Hunting Hall Farm. The children have followed up their visits by making colourful art work and helping to building a tractor



Mrs Swan's family and friends fund raised to buy a new physiotherapy bench for Maple and Willow.



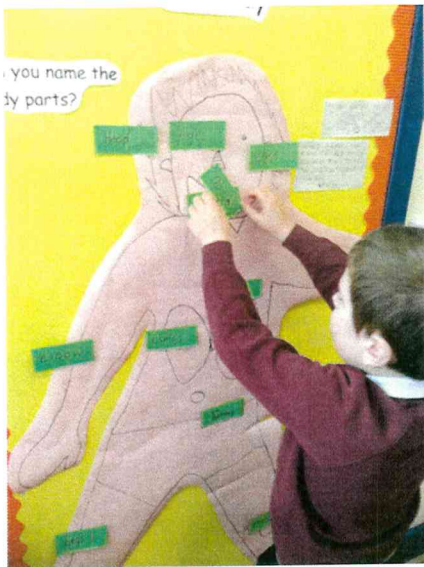
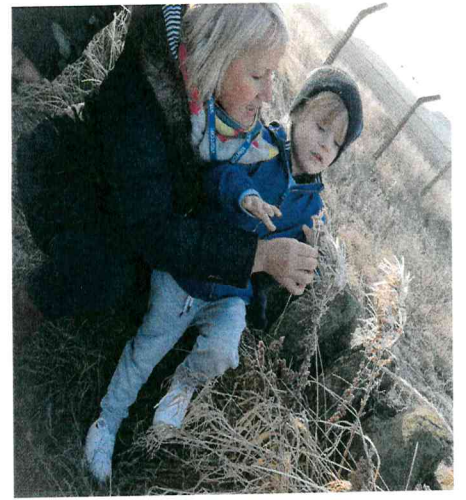
The children have been learning to use a switch to help them learn and develop their communication skills

We are very grateful to everyone for their generosity



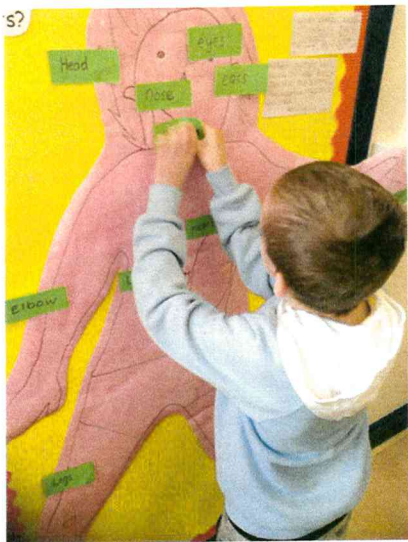
Simpsons Malt gave a generous donation to enable school to buy a new Therapy Bed.



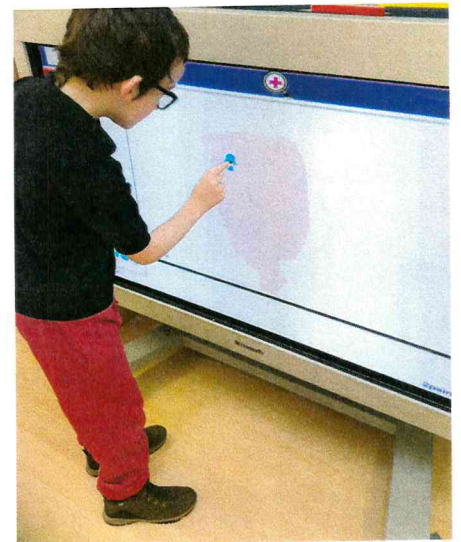


Elm Class

We have been learning about the Human body and the names of body parts. We have enjoyed using our role play area that has been set up as a Doctor's Surgery. We have been learning about Pancake day and how to make and flip our pancakes! Sensory learning has been great fun with shaving foam, bubbles, mud and moon sand to explore.



We have spent lots of time outside and we are developing our physical skills by playing lots of parachute games, team games and working as part of a group.



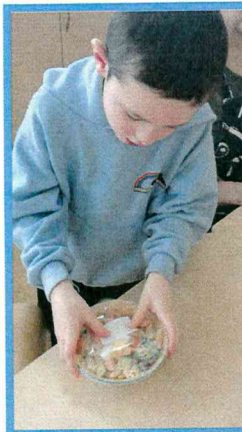
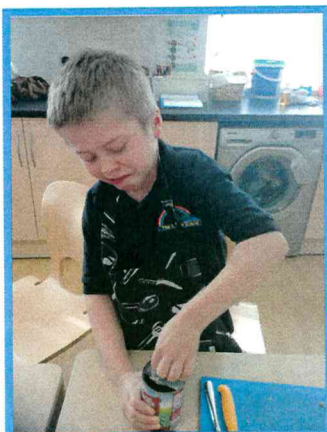
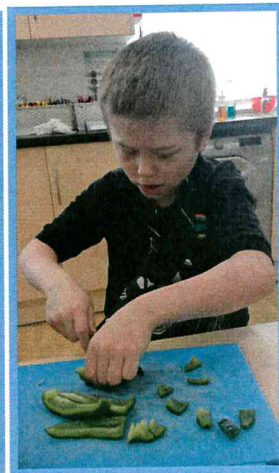


Beech Class



Our class make vegetable pasta salad every Thursday and we sell it to staff to make money for our business. We chop up cucumber, tomatoes, onions and peppers and mix them all together with pasta, eggs and mayonnaise.

We spend our business money on treats for our class room and fun days out with our friends.

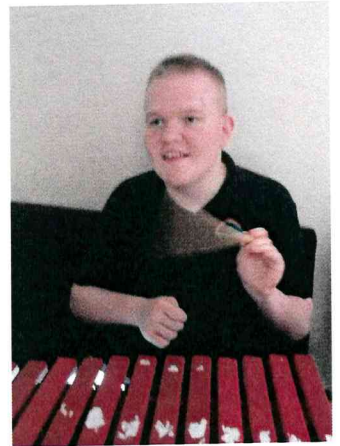




Oak Class Newsletter



We have been focusing on music this term in Oak Class. We were lucky enough to have another visit from Jessie's fund. Both pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed learning more about music and improving our music skills.



Sixth Form's News

Sixth form have been using their Friday bus time to improve their travel skills. Each Friday afternoon they have caught the B1 bus to Berwick and back again. This travel training will enable them to become independent after they have left school in order to get to work and college.





We all enjoyed a visit to St Mary's church in Wooler to meet Reverend Suzanne. She showed us around the church. She showed us the bread and wine and we dressed up like Reverend Suzanne. We lit some candles and thought about people who are special to us.
By Sycamore Class

