



Where Children Come First

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Happy Friday everyone

What lovely weather to end the week on.



It's been another busy week at The Grange with lots going on. We have collated our baseline data for every child and will be sharing that with you in Parent meetings straight after the Autumn break – look out for the dates and invite being sent out to you. Feedback from parents last year stated that some of you don't know about your child's progress and attainment through the year. These meetings are important to provide you with that important information – please ensure that you attend.

Attendance is dropping. We are at 96.56 %. Unfortunately, last week's attendance was below the National Average at 94% - **that's a first ever for The Grange** - because so many families are taking our students out of school to go on holiday and too many students are late for school. I know that many of you are committed to school attendance. Whilst I appreciate the honesty about taking time out of school to go on holiday, I must remind you of this information:

Attendance record and lessons missed

- 95% attendance means 50 missed lessons. This means a child missed about 10 days or 2 weeks of lessons in the school year.
- 90% attendance means 100 missed lessons. This means a child misses four weeks of lessons in the school year.
- 85% attendance means 150 missed lessons. This means the child misses almost 6 weeks of lessons in the school year
- 80% attendance means 200 missed lessons. This means the child misses over 7 weeks of lessons in the school year
- 75% attendance means 250 missed lessons. This means the child misses about 9 weeks of lessons in the school year

Punctuality

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year, that's 20 lessons missed
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks of absence a year, that is 55 lessons missed
- Arriving 30 minutes late every adds up to 19 days of absence a year, that is 123 lessons missed

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon Year 6 only: WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER @1.30pm

Our Year 6 children will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning at 1.30 pm in Chasewell Community Centre, with all proceeds to be donated to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity through our Student Council. Year 5 and 6 parents and family members are warmly invited to come along, have a natter, and enjoy a slice (or two) of cake.

We would like the children to bring in a 'sweet treat' on the morning of 13th November to sell



at this event. Children are welcome to bake their own creations at home if they wish or bring in a shop-bought item, however, we politely request that the cakes do not contain nuts. If children have made their cake, please can they bring in the ingredients list so that we can check for allergens.

If you have any questions, please come and speak to the Office team. We look forward to seeing you there!

Uniform: We have a rail of washed and ironed -in good condition- school uniform items in school ready to go to a good home. If you need any items, please contact the office. There will, be a table in Reception next week. If you have any good-condition uniform that your child has outgrown, please send it in washed, and ready to be passed on.

Reading: Please ensure that reading is a massive part of the home routine. Reading Journals must be in school every day and reading should be recorded regularly. We are working hard to challenge our children with a vast range of genres and demanding and inspiring texts, so every little bit of help will make a difference.

Harvest-time Collections: In a few weeks, we will be thinking about Harvest and appreciating its importance. The week beginning **21st October**, we will be collecting items for Harvest and the Foodbank in Banbury and for our families here at The Grange.

People can't afford to put food on the table. This isn't the cost-of-living crisis – it's the cost of surviving. With soaring energy prices and sky-high inflation, families are struggling to afford both their bills and meals. Please help by making a gift of food, toiletries, nappies and household items– whatever you give will allow our school food bank to help families do more than just survive. Our donations through last year were superb; please keep the tradition going.

- Breakfast cereals
- Soup
- Pasta or Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned pudding
- Tea or coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- UHT Milk
- Juice
- Snacks
- Toiletries
- Nappies
- Washing liquids/powders etc

Thank you in advance.

Well Done and Congratulations to:

20 CBGs: Tadana M

Bronze Badge: Aaniya Z

40 CBGs: Ayra Z, Bleri B

Silver Badge: Zachary B, Jennifer A

70 CBGs: Oskar D, Oliver B, Jessica H, Preston C, Leo W, Skyla B



80 CBGs: Oliver H

Gold Badge: Angelina G

100 CBGs: Harriet C-S, Josie B, Leighton D

110 CBGs: Felix B

Platinum Badge: Callie M, Laurel B, Gabriel D, Leah W

130 CBGs: Gabriel S, Betsy G, Zuzanna B, Emily S, Scarlett F-H, Arlo H, Poppy S, Madeleine B

140 CBGs: Willow S, Harvey H, Charlie M

150 CBGs (Book): Jayden D, Abigail O, Archie K, Emmi M, Sophie R

160 CBGs: Fern B-T, Samuel P, Elliot K-L

170 CBGs: Aurora H, Yousuf H, Grace W, Barnaby N

Amethyst Badge: Ethan H, Summer H

190 CBGs: Anthony E, Rory A, Adam D, Olive C, Evie H

Topaz Badge: Lara P

230 CBGs: Annie B

Showing the Grange Way outside school

Well done to:

- All children who attended PGL, they have all received a Certificate of Achievement for completing the PGL Adventure Course.
- Teddy M, Anthony E, Arthur S, Hadassah V and Preston C who have completed The Summer Reading Challenge.
- Arthur S who has completed Level 1 in swimming.
- Oliver G who has completed Level 3 in swimming.
- Ellis R who has achieved Level 4 in swimming.
- Patrick M who has been awarded Level 1 in Practical Music (Grade 1) and passed with merit.
- Scarlett F-H who has been awarded a medal from the Wolf Fun.
- Sophia K who was given her first gold medal in 100 metres butterfly and she came third in the 200 individual medal, which is 2 laps of each stroke (butterfly, back, breast and freestyle).
- Samuel P who has achieved Green Belt in Freestyle Martial Arts.
- Alice M who won silver in the Wade Gymnastics Competition.
- Alastair W who has earned two Blue Peter badges, one for sports and one for trying cricket.
- Samuel P who has earned a green belt in Martial Arts

School and Student Body Representatives

School Council:

Isla D, Ayra Z, Lirael O, Peter B, Emmi M, Patrick M, Lillie C, Samuel B, Sophie M, Madeleine B, Aaniya Z, Jennifer A, Jessica H, Archer B, Alastair W, Alice M, Otis W, Rabab k

Eco Council:

Ellis R, Mason W, Willow C, Huw S, Grace-Willow K, Daniel S, Genevieve D, Frederick S, Maisie W, Nancy S, Oliver W, Aurora H, Elizabeth P, Arthur S, Tristan S, Katie S, Preston C, Morgana H

Sports Rep:

Charlotte-Rose B, Nathaniel P, Toby S, Arliyah H, Jack H, Elise B, Scarlett F-H, Fern B-T, Jack M, Leah W, Maggie W, Joey M, Daisy B, Sonny S, Callum C, Elsie D, Thomas L, Rebecca B, Millie H

Stem Ambassador:

Seth P, Leah P, Henry C, Angelina G, Leo K, Dylan W, Alfie M, Betsy G, Zachary H, Roman S, Zuzanna B.



Team Captains:

Annie B, Madison B, Olive DF, Anthony E, Summer H, Milly L, Sophie W, James W

X COUNTRY CHAMPIONS 24-25!



Following their performances at the House Cross Country, our top runners went to compete at the School Games Banbury Area Cross Country which was held at Wykham Park Academy last week. They all ran with exceptional determination to do their very best and absolutely smashed it! Out of the 16 schools that were there, our Y3/4 girls team, Y3/4 boys team and Y5/6 girls team all came first in their categories with the Y5/6 boys coming 2nd. When all of the scores were added up across the teams, The Grange had a very impressive 101-point lead making them The Banbury Area Cross Country Champions 2024/2025. We are beyond proud of every single one of them and the effort that they put in for their school. There were over 100 children in each race and many of our children finished in the top 20 including; Maggie and Joseph who won their races; Milan and Roman who came 3rd in their races; Arliyah who came 4th in the Y5/6 girls' race and Lily and Evie who came 5th in their races. All of our teams have qualified for the next stage of this pathway competition which is the North Oxfordshire Finals at Sibford School on 6th December.

Wrap Around Care:

Wrap Around care before and after school is in high demand this year – unprecedented demand. If you have tried to try and book a session and you are unable to, please do give us a ring and we will have a look at the session and try and get you booked on. We will make it work, so give us a call.

Reminder: Playground Equipment Usage:

We kindly remind you that the school's outdoor playground equipment – particularly the timber trail and outdoor gym is not to be used when leaving the school site at the end of the



school day. This is to ensure the safety of all children, to maintain the equipment in good condition, and to allow the site to be secured and locked on time.

Dates:

Book Fair 9-14th October 3.15 – 3.45 pm

Annual Conker Competition: During the week beginning the 14th of October

W/B 21st October: Harvest Collection Week

Reception Harvest Show Monday 21st October 2 pm.

Halloween Disco 24th October 4.30 -6 pm

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon - Y6 parents/carers 1.30- 3pm

SPREAD THE WORD PLEASE:

The Grange Community Primary School
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Open Days for Reception 2025

Tuesday 1st October 9.30 am
Tuesday 22nd October 9.30 am
Monday 11th November 9.30 am
Monday 25th November 9.30 am
Tuesday 3rd December 9.30 am
Wednesday 4th December 9.30 am

Please book your place by visiting our website

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Annual Conker Competition: I hope you are all preparing your conkers - During the week beginning the 14th of October we will be holding our annual Grange Conker Competition in classes and the final will be held on 18th! If your child would like to enter then they will need to bring a battle-ready conker to school by no later than Friday 6th October. Conkers should be named. Please prepare your conker safely. See this video for a guide:

[How to hole & string a conker - SAFE & EASY GUIDE - YouTube](#)

For more information, please see your class teacher.

Good luck!

ROAD SAFETY AND CARS: This topic keeps me awake at night. I know the volume of traffic is high with two schools and I know the frustrations in our community and with our neighbours having to endure parking over their drives and speeding cars. I must commend those of you who are walking and cycling to school – thank you. With that in mind, this week, I had an email from the father of a student who left in the summer. Here it is:



'I need to make you aware of an incident on Birchwood involving [REDACTED] and some Grange students.

As she was walking home along this road, she was knocked over by two young boys in Grange uniforms riding their bikes recklessly. She says they looked young – KS1 probably.

[REDACTED] was sent flying and her phone screen was smashed. She has blood all over her knee and is recovering from a broken wrist – luckily she landed on the other arm. Her tights are ripped and she has blood on her blazer.

These boys didn't stop to check on her and the parents were around the corner chatting – oblivious to the situation.

Can we just ask that people be made aware that they should be supervising their children, so this doesn't happen again?'

We must be aware that elderly people live in our community and that could have ended in a more serious and harming way.

Have a great weekend all – Friday 5, please! Read, Read, Read, Read, Read; Tell someone close to you that you love them; Keep Active; Stay Safe; Show The Grange Way.

See you on Monday. Keeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeep dancing....COME ON WYNNE!

Ms Boswell x

