



*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. Our new Reception students have settled into The Grange Way of Life so well – they all earned a CBG in assembly today for such outstanding positive attitudes and listening to learn.

**Attendance** is dropping. We are at 96.94% at present. We have had children off school with COVID already. Please be vigilant as this strain is a beastie.

We have started our school improvement and development journey in earnest and staff have already undertaken a lot of training to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students. The areas of development for the school are listed below in five sections.

### **School Improvement: Areas for Development**

#### **Leadership and Management:**

- For governors to have an accurate understanding of the school's subject effectiveness
- Leaders should ensure that staff have sufficient guidance about what pupils need to learn and remember, including how component knowledge builds over time in all subjects.
- To establish new operational routines and staff structures to incorporate new senior teachers creating a collective endeavour for school improvement and improving delegation and accountability.
- To ensure subject leaders have a clear understanding of how the curriculum and teaching within EYFS form the building blocks of their subject curriculums.
- Ensure subject leaders understand how the delivery of the curriculum has been adapted to meet the needs of SEND pupils.
- LSAs are deployed effectively and deliver interventions to a high standard.
- Mentoring of ECTs/Apprentice TAs and new staff

#### **Quality of Education**

- To improve spelling systems (transitioning from Phonics and into LKS2) across the school ensuring progress from all children and application in all subjects
- Ensure that learning for SEND pupils enables them to access learning with increasing levels of independence.
- Develop the Curriculum for Writing
- Secure SPAG subject knowledge
- Use rich texts to inspire good writing
- To establish an explicit and consistent approach to teaching fluency in Maths from EYFS to Year 6
- Embed strategies to improve the accuracy and retainment of x tables, improving attainment in the statutory x tables test
- Teachers use an established assessment system to make accurate judgements about children's learning.



- Leaders develop a rigorous system of triangulated monitoring of teaching which provides precise evidence for self-development targets.
- Embed Plan Bee materials

### Personal Development

- Improve the school's arts and culture provision to increase the cultural capital children are exposed to.
- Further increase pupils' and new staff awareness of school values so that they can talk about them with great confidence and display them at all times.
- For child 'Subject and PD Ambassadors' to be able to positively talk about their subject and inform subject improvements
- To improve the quality of the school's lunchtime and play experience leading to good social development.

### Personal Development

- Implement new government guidelines for improving attendance and improving the attendance of children considered persistent absentees.
- Ensure all staff manage behaviour in and around school consistently, incorporating The Grange Way in all aspects of behaviour management.
- To recognise age-appropriate safe and unsafe behaviours including online safety/road safety/stranger danger

### Early Years Provision

- To ensure teaching within the EYFS provision establishes firm foundations in literacy and maths that lead successfully into the Year 1 curriculum.
- To create an early years curriculum and establish structured curriculum systems to support children to meet national standards
- To create an EYFS outdoor area that complements classroom systems and supports all EYFS areas of learning in an inspiring way.

As a school, we are hell-bent on never standing still – always looking for things to get better at and ensuring outstanding progress and attainment of our children- always putting them first.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning Year 5 and 6 only:** On Tuesday 17th October the year 5 and 6 children will be hosting a Macmillan coffee morning at 10 am in the school hall, 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 Tuesday 17th October 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 own 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 one of the Year 5/6 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.



**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.

**School Body Representatives:** By the end of today, we will know all of our House Captains, councillors and leaders. We will then move on to Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Announcements will be made the week after next.

**Harvest – time Collections – The Grange FOODBANK:** 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. Please send in what you can. Many thanks

- 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

### Well Done and Congratulations to:

**40 CBGs:** Euan T, Hadassah V, Kye O, Tristan S, Jennifer A

**70 CBGs:** Max N, Ollie G, Alfie M, Lillie C

**Gold Badge:** Nathaniel P, Maddie Be, Elektra A

**100 CBGs:** Charlotte-Rose B

**110 CBGs:** Sophie K

**130 CBGs:** Sophie R

**140 CBGs:** Aurora H

**160 CBGs:** Gracie B

**Amethyst Badge:** Mikey W

**190 CBGs:** Lucie T, Sienna L

**220 CBGs:** Liam B, Charlie H

**230 CBGs :** Josephine F

### Showing the Grange Way outside the school

#### Well done to:

Hadassah V has completed and earned her Yellow Award for gymnastics. She worked hard to master a move she had been finding tricky.



The following children who have completed the Summer Reading Challenge:

Levi V  
 Hadassah V  
 Preston C  
 Alexis B  
 Lily B

Lilly H has earned some horse-riding rosettes - she was 1<sup>st</sup> in Show Jumping, 2<sup>nd</sup> in Best Turned Out and she was the kindest, happiest, and politest person at camp. Brilliant!

Olive De F has been awarded a Level 1 Distinction award in a graded examination in Dance. WOW!

Leo K has earned bronze, silver, and gold with Just Camps – GREAT JOB!

Sophie S who has been awarded Head Teachers Award for creating her Read, Read, Read magazine. EXCEPTIONAL.

All year 6 children who attended PGL and successfully completed the PGL Adventure Course.

Lily B has been awarded her Stage 3 swimming certificate. Great sculling!

Samuel B has been awarded a rugby medal for playing well and encouraging his friends. Grange Way!

Daniel S has been awarded a Blue Peter Sports Badge for enjoying and playing football. Legend!

# HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

Well done to all of our KS1 and KS2 children for taking part in our House Cross Country Competition on Wednesday, they all showed lots of determination and self-belief on their way round and should be very proud of themselves. Everyone earned points for their Houses which were added up across the school to generate the overall results. Well done to the Sycamores who are the 2023/2024 Cross Country Champions! The top 8 boy and girl finishers in each phase have qualified to compete in the Level 2 School Games Cross Country at Wykham Park next Thursday – good luck!

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>		
RESULTS	SYCAMORES	WALNUTS	HORSE CHESTNUTS	LIMES		
<b>HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY TOP 8 FINISHERS 2023</b>						
	1/2 GIRLS	1/2 BOYS	3/4 GIRLS	3/4 BOYS	5/6 Girls	5/6 BOYS
1	Lily B	Jacob	Evie H	Levi	Mill	Roman
2		Max N	Maisie	Ted	Olive	James W
3	Josie	Jack	Ariyah	Ethan	Annie	Danila
4	Beatrice	Joey	Jemima	Joseph	Aurora	Charlie H
5	Ellis	Max W	Maggie	Jack	Isla B	Eraldo
6	Hadassa	James	Eddie	Milan	Henna	Ethan
7	Harriet	Jan	Willow C	Patrick	Sienna	Theo B



8	Ivy	Tima	Elise	Elliot	Gracie B	Charlie G
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### 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.

### SPREAD THE WORD PLEASE:

# The Grange Community Primary School


## Open Days for Reception 2024


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Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 5pm  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am & 10.30am  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 9.30am  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 9.30am

**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 9<sup>th</sup> of October we will be holding our annual Grange Conker Competition! If your child would like to enter then they will need to bring a battle-ready conker to school by no later than Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Conkers should be clearly 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!

“Cheerio” to Mrs Vinson our lovely dinner lady – her service and dedication to our school has been unrivalled. Thank you Chrissie; we will miss you,

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.

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