

Dear Grange Community

Today at Grange many of the staff and children wore ODD SOCKS.

They did this in honour of BBC Children in Need because they wanted to support this wonderful annual event. They want to support it because it shares the Grange value of CELEBRATING THE DIFFERENCE. We are all beautiful and we are all different and unique.

In every HT assembly I remind the children that there is no substitute for each of us. Nobody else can walk the path of our best life for us. We have to live that best life ourselves.

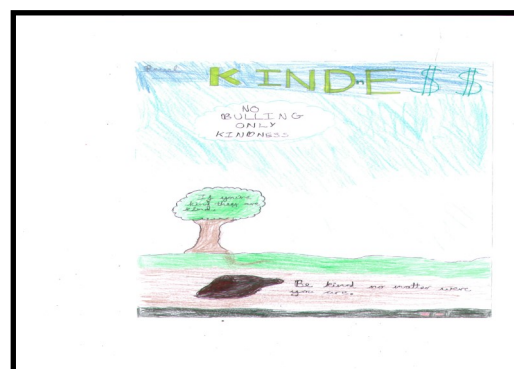
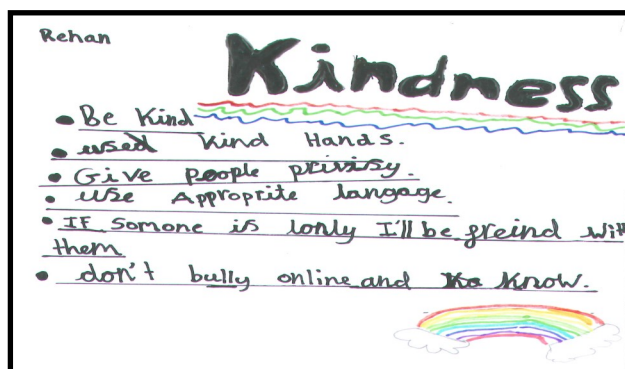
Rumi, the great spiritual poet said: "It's your road and yours alone. Others may walk it *with* you but no one can walk it *for* you."

We are seeking to teach our children of Grange to appreciate themselves and others through CONFIDENCE to believe in themselves and their own worth and CONSIDERATION to understand how we can appreciate everyone else for who they are.

The action to express this value is KINDNESS and many of the children have made such beautiful kindness posters.

They spoke about the many ways to be kind; to remember to be kind online; to think about how to be kind and gave practical examples.

I hope that you will enjoy the images of just some of the posters.



This week I enjoyed visiting classes and Ms Edwards and Mr Rasheed also visited classes to see first-hand the progress that everyone is making. Listening to children read and overhearing their conversation in maths when they are planning problem-solving is wonderful.

Today, our teachers submitted provisional summative data for me to analyse and assess our progress and for Ms Edwards and Mr Rasheed to help teachers plan the next steps for each child.

There is so much learning going on and I particularly enjoyed participating in Year 5 violin classes and trying to join the children in playing crotchets and quavers in a rhythm.

Thank you to each of you for being part of Grange and making our school a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards



Mr Kerbel
Headteacher
Grange Primary School

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EYFS HT Assembly



KS 1 HT Assembly



LKS 2 HT Assembly

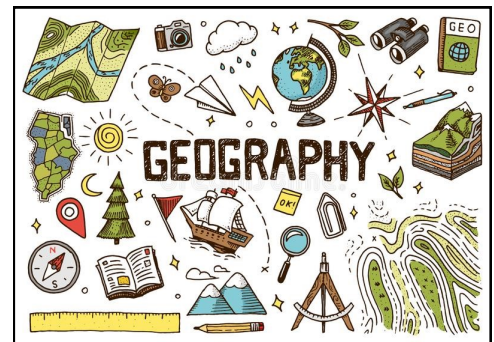


UKS 2 HT Assembly

Y1 Greta Class - Geography Lesson

In Year 1 Greta Class' Geography lesson this week, the children continued their learning about our local area.

They explored the school grounds while using an aerial photograph. They also looked at aerial photographs of West Harrow park and Shaftesbury Circle and matched photographs of different locations to the right places.



Las Fiestas

We have had a really exciting start to the Autumn 2 with lots of festivities at Grange and children across KS2 are also focussing on the theme of celebrations and festivals in their Spanish lessons.

Year 3 are working towards saying when their birthdays are and Year 4 have been enjoying exploring a mystery bag of artefacts linked to 2 different events; the Mexican Día de los Muertos Celebration and Remembrance Day (as these are both events which honour people that have passed away).



El papel picado



Una calavera



Una amapola



Year 5 have been matching up questions and answers about Spanish festivals such as Carnaval and Year 6 are retrieving the vocabulary learnt in previous years before applying it to describe different festivals.

The children have been asking lots of fantastic questions to deepen their understanding. It has also been amazing to see them spontaneously linking concepts with their learning in other subject areas such as RE. For example, Iten, Year 6 asked, "When the monarch butterflies return to Mexico after migration during the Day of the Dead festival and each one is thought to represent the soul of someone who has passed away, is this like reincarnation?" Fahad asked, 'How would life be different today if Guy Fawkes had been successful in his attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament?"

Wasim asked if we could have a tomato throwing battle similar to the La Tomatina festival that takes place annually in Buñol, Spain! Another pupil linked this to the Indian festival called Holi which involves throwing coloured powder. We shall have to ask Mr Kerbel and Mrs Joshi to see if a La Tomatina/Holi style festival could come to Grange in the future!

Watch this space...



GREAT GRANGE

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



Well done to our champions this week:

Year 3	Gloria	Klee
Year 4	Kaaru	Beckham
Year 5	Vladut	Lister
Year 6	Habiz	Parks

Class Champions: Year 4 Beckham

In last week's Headteacher Assembly, the children learnt about talking to a trusted adult when you are worried and need to feel safe.

Reception children made drawings of their trusted Grange adults and even wrote the names of these adults.

We are very proud of them and also very happy that our children of Grange know how to keep themselves safe by talking to a trusted adult when they are worried about something.



Dear Grange Community

We have been blessed to welcome 4 hamsters to Grange:

Luna, Kira, Lola and the latest great Grange hamster: Alexandra Hamilton! Harriet is our veteran hamster and we have a total of 5 hamsters and of course Connie, the great Grange dog.

The children have been brilliant with the hamsters and our Grange animals' welfare is coordinated by the skilful and caring, Ms Hewer.

Ms Hewer is supported by Olivia, our year 4 pupil who is extremely talented and hardworking especially with animals and she is also good at encouraging other children (and adults) to overcome their nerves and hold a hamster kindly and calmly.

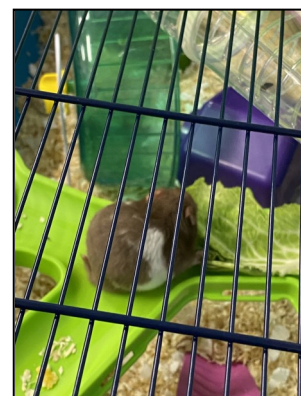
The hamsters have really appreciated the way the children demonstrate how to behave calmly and safely and they enjoy watching the children learn and getting a cuddle in break time.

The hamsters and Connie have given the Headteacher, brilliant, helpful feedback about the children and their learning and they are saying that the Grange pets are helping us learn and behave even better.

We are grateful for our CC Way hamsters!

Kind regards

Mr Kerbel
Headteacher



Parent Noticeboard

Road Safety

It's always better to walk to the school gate!

As we continue to have issues with traffic in the school vicinity, please ensure that, if you must drive, you do so sensibly, courteously and with caution, to avoid any potential accident that may cause harm, particularly to a child.



Yellow zig-zag road markings outside schools are there to provide a clear space for children to cross where they can see traffic and traffic can see them, but some motorists put children in danger by parking on them.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Please help us keep your children safe by following our requests.

Safety Issues – Children

Parents are reminded to not leave their children unsupervised on school site before 8.30am.

- We would like to remind parents/carers that children are not permitted to use the playground equipment at the beginning/end of the school day.
- For safeguarding reasons parents are not allowed to walk through the school building. If you need to speak to a member of staff or check lost property, please report to the main office first via the main entrance.
- We often receive complaints from our neighbours that some parents park their car in front of their driveways, blocking them in. Please do not park in front of driveways when bringing your children to school or picking them up.

Medicines in School

If your child requires medicine in school, please bring this into the school office. You will need to complete the parental agreement to administer medicine form. No medicines are permitted to be administered in the school without this. Prescribed medicines should be provided in the original packaging from the GP with the prescription label showing the child's name and expiry date. Medicines should not be brought into school by children.

Communications

We work hard to keep parents informed about all aspects of school life. This is done in the following ways.

Weekly Parent Newsletter

Our newsletter is produced weekly and is used to communicate information and dates. A copy will be emailed to all parents/carers. Newsletters can also be found on our website and in the school office.

Sims Intouch

By informing us of your email address and mobile numbers we can send you urgent messages and letters via Sims Intouch. This is an environmentally friendly way of communicating, although it is reliant upon you keeping us up to date with your contact details.

Are your contact details up to date?

Are your contact details up to date? Please remember to inform the School Office if you have changed address or your mobile number.

Thank you.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Due to Government Funding in the Adult Education Budget, Aim Group have several **free online Level 2 Accredited NVQ's** (OFSTED, CACHE, CQC) courses available to help adults better understand key areas around young people's wellbeing and neurodiversity while also upskilling professionally at the same time.

The following subjects are available, along with many others you may be interested in:

- **Adverse Childhood Experiences** - Introduction into childhood struggles caused by events such as divorces, bereavements, domestic violence, etc.
- **Safeguarding and Prevent** - Understanding your duty of prevent and increases awareness of online safety and safeguarding.
- **Specific Learning Difficulties** - Understanding characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia and Dyscalculia.
- **Children and Young Peoples Mental Health** - Exploring children's mental health (identifying early signs, triggers and strategies of communication).
- **Lean Organisation Management** - In-depth look the business environment and how to improve your management techniques.
- **Team Leading** - Understanding the business environment and how best to effectively communicate and delegate.
- **Mental Health First Aid and Advocacy in the Workplace** - Developing the skills and traits required to become a qualified mental health first aider.

The courses can last anywhere from 3-8 weeks and are completed on a self-study basis, meaning you are free to **make your own schedules** and can access your material online at any time. **You can do as many courses as you'd like**, however, you can only do one at a time.

Regarding eligibility, you must meet the following:

- Aged 19+
- Have lived in the UK/EU for a minimum of 3 years
- Not already on a government-funded course/apprenticeship



Please be advised to only enrol if genuinely interested. The courses are paid for via governments funds so it would classify as a waste of funding for an individual to be granted this funded and make no attempt at the course whatsoever with no reason. However, if you're approaching your deadline and need an extension, just let your online tutor know and you'll be granted an extension.

To claim your funding, please do secure your place via the funded link - [Harrow Funded Link](#)

A member of the AIM Group will be in contact within 48hrs to process your chosen course through the college free and fully funded!

www.theaimgroup.co.uk | www.aimgroupfoundation.org

IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN PRIMARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2022

CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31 AUGUST 2018

You need to apply for a reception place. Please apply online at www.eadmissions.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS

SATURDAY 15 JANUARY 2022

APPLYING ONLINE IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN EMAIL WITH THE OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.

For details go to www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email:
schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday 29th November - Friday 3rd December	Year 2 Phonics Screening Week
Thursday 9th December	Reindeers and Christmas Jumper Day Christmas School Lunch
Friday 10th December	Santa's Grotto
Wednesday 15th December	Christmas Disco - Years 1-6
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.00pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Y3-Y6	Gymnastics	Monday 3.15-4.15pm
Y3-Y5	Gardening	Monday 3.15-4.30pm
Y5-Y6	Debate Mate	Monday 3.15-4.15pm
Y1-Y3	Gymnastics	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm
Y4-Y6	Gymnastics	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm
Y4-Y6	Boxing	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm
Y1-Y3	Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm
Y4-Y6	Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm
Y3-Y6	Dodgeball	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm
Y1-Y3	Multi Skills	Friday 3.15-4.15pm
Y1-Y6	Ninja Warrior	Friday 3.15-4.15pm

GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

Thursday 8th December 6.30-8.00pm	CASC Committee
Wednesday 12th January 6.30-8.00pm	Resources Committee
Wednesday 9th February 6.30-8.30pm	CASC Committee
Wednesday 2nd March 6.30-8.30pm	Resources Committee
Wednesday 23rd March 6.30-8.30pm	Full Governing Body
Tuesday 3rd May 6.30-8.30pm	Resources Committee
Wednesday 4th May 6.30-8.30pm	CASC Committee
Tuesday 17th May 6.30-8.30pm	Full Governing Body
Wednesday 8th June 6.30-8.30pm	Resources Committee
Wednesday 29th June 6.30-8.30pm	CASC Committee
Wednesday 13th July	Full Governing Body



School Meals & ParentPay

Please could we ask Parents and Carers to regularly monitor their child's ParentPay lunch money balance. It can take 3 to 5 days for a top up made by bank transfer to be visible on the account at the school; if it is your first payment by bank transfer, this can take up to 10 working days. Card top ups do not instantly show on the account, so please leave enough time for the payment to be processed so lunch can be easily obtained by students.

Your ParentPay school lunch account should always be kept in credit. Best practice is to top up at the start of the week. All EYFS & KS1 meals are free to parents/carers as part of the Governments Universal Free School Meal programme. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you are on income support, your child may be entitled to free school meals, please enquire at the school office for further information or apply online using the link below:

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

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