

Dear Grange Community

We had 2 really valuable visits from our Parent Governors this week and it was so, so helpful to get their feedback. Here is an excerpt from my notes from the visit:

What is going well:

- Behaviour is very good
- All children are engaged
- Hardly hear any noise (even low level)
- Children are confident and speak respectfully even with people they are not familiar with such as a visitor to the school)
- Children display good manners
- Learning is good and extended - "not just the basic" (this was overhearing the lesson talk when popping in to classes)
- All children are busy in the whole class learning, not just the higher attaining children - everybody appears ready for learning and their contributions make sense
- When popping in to classes can see how focussed children are - often so busy with work, don't even notice visitors coming in
- Green corridor displays are beautiful, interesting and filled with children's work
- Beckham class and Parks class were filled with supportive to learning displays such as vocabulary choices and working walls

Comments from children to question 'what do you love about your school?' - "Love the learning; there is lots and lots of it." Another pupil: "All religions and cultures are celebrated for example Eid and this didn't happen in my last school".

Even Better If (room to develop)

- We need to ensure that all classes are filled with supportive displays e.g. Vocabulary prompts and working walls with models of work for learning from e.g. writing models.
- Corridor walls looked bare and there is a missed opportunity to share our messages and make the walls and corridors share the learning

I'm conscious of how hard staff are working so I will have to come up with a plan about how we make our corridor walls come alive but at Grange we always come up with a 'Polya' (that is a Grange word for problem solving).

We really welcome these wonderful visits from our Governors and there are more planned in the future.

Our Governors of Grange care deeply about the school and do all in their power to shape and hone the direction of the school to provide the very best provision for our children of Grange and the powerful progress and outcomes our children of Grange deserve and need for their lives ahead.

In the next 2 weeks, we will be building up to a joyous Christmas break with a visit from reindeers; Christmas jumper day; an interschool quiz; Christmas lunch and The very own Grange grotto for Santa!

Behind the scenes we will be holding a Governor committee meeting focussing on Teaching and Learning and I will be working on analysing data to present us with clear targets for the year ahead.

We have our Grange CC Way and we know that there is no substitute for each of us - we need to live our best lives so be great; BE GRANGE!

Kind regards,



Mr Kerbel
Headteacher
Grange Primary School

End of Term Finish Time

We would like to remind parents and carers that school will finish at 1.00pm on the last day of term Friday 17th December.

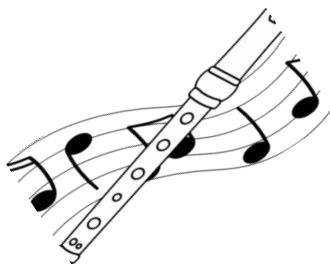
Boxing Club Trip to All Stars Boxing Gym

On a cold Thursday evening, five Grange students from Mr Omotayo's renowned boxing club took their skills to the All Star Boxing Gym in London. It was a fantastic and gruelling two hour session which involved fitness, pad work and some shadow sparring. All the students had a fantastic time and are excited to come back to the All Star Boxing Gym but for now the hard work continues in the Key Stage 1 Grange Boxing Hall.



Year 3 Picasso Class playing their recorders

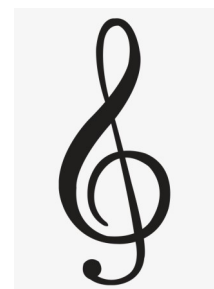
Scan the QR code to enjoy Year 3 Picasso Class



Learning to read the notes and to play recorder at the same time was tricky!



Scan to hear Grange pupils play!



Christmas Lunch

Thursday 9th December

To celebrate the festive season, the school canteen is offering a special Christmas lunch on Thursday 9th December.

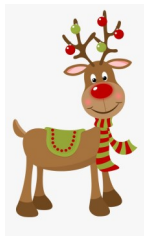
Children who usually have a packed lunch are very welcome to have a school Christmas lunch on that day. School lunches cost £2.10 per day. Kindly top up your child's ParentPay lunch account. Children on universal and free school meals **do not** need to pay.



Reindeer Visit Thursday 9th December

We have some very special visitors coming on Thursday 9th December. Yes, the reindeer are coming back to Grange before making their voyage to the North Pole.

Due to current restrictions, the children will not be able to take pictures with the reindeers.



Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 9th December

Grange Community is taking part in 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day' on Thursday 9th December. All children can come dressed in their Christmas themed jumpers instead of their school uniform jumper/cardigan.

If your child doesn't have a festive jumper, you may modify their festive jumper using tinsel, baubles or homemade snowflake.

As this is a charity event, please send in a donation of £1 towards the 'Save the Children Christmas Appeal'.
Thank you for your support.

Santa's Coming to Grange

Santa's coming to Grange on Tuesday 14th December and all children will get to meet him in our Magical Christmas Grotto.

Due to current restrictions, the children will not be able to take pictures with Santa.





GREAT GRANGE

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



Well done to our champions this week:

Year 3	Gloria	Klee
Year 4	Martina	Beckham
Year 5	Kishan	Lister
Year 6	Dinura	Parks

Class Champions: Year 6 Parks

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

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 on the Noticeboard at the school entrance.

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.

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EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

LEARN PANTOSAURUS' FIVE EASY RULES FOR STAYING SAFE

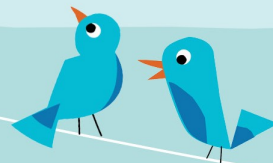
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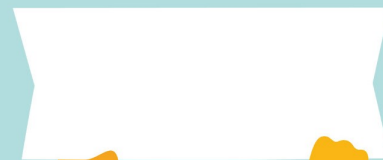
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Maths Day
Monday 20th December

Please see below information on a Maths Day at Mathnasium in Harrow. Mrs Silcott who is a Maths Teacher at Harrow Boys and an ex-parent of Grange and ran many maths workshops at Grange will be one of the featured speakers and will be doing one of the talks she does at the Royal Institute.

If you would like to attend, please sign up directly with Mathnasium by 10th December.

MATHS DAY

Monday 20th December 2021 | 10am - 12.30pm | Ages 7 - 10

With Special Guest Mrs Silcott Maths Teacher from Harrow School

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

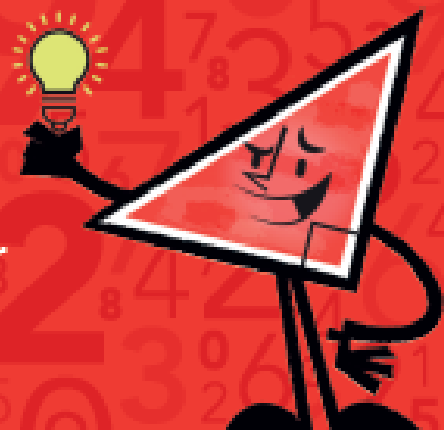
The Golden Ratio - 1.618

This has intrigued mathematicians for many years and can be found all around us in nature and architecture. It is even being used to help in the fight against Covid-19. We will be exploring this fascinating number and we will create a piece of art using the golden ratio.

Gumdrop Structures

We will be exploring the strength of triangles by creating 2D and 3D geometric shapes using gumdrops and toothpicks. Once we have created various prisms and polyhedral, we will go onto build a bridge.

Problem Solving: Word problems & Riddles



Please RSVP by 10th December
Limited space available
Ticket price: £20

MATHNASIUM
The Maths Learning Centre

020 8004 8220 • harrow@mathnasium.co.uk

Mathnasium of Harrow, 20 College Road, Harrow, HA1 1BE

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Thursday 9th December	Reindeers Visit Christmas Jumper Day Christmas School Lunch
Tuesday 14th December	Santa's Grotto
Wednesday 15th December	Great Grange Quiz
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term School finishes at 1.00pm
Tuesday 4th January	Inset Day School Closed for Children
Wednesday 5th January	Children return to school

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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