

Dear Grange Community

We are almost at Christmas and at Grange, the reindeers have visited, Christmas jumpers lit up the school and the amazing Great Grange grotto is taking shape!

Most amazingly, this week we have witnessed the miracle of Grange and I have come to realise that this school of ours is truly a place of wonder and miracles: Grange is one very special school!

Miracles happen all around us and sometimes we just have to slow down to recognise them!

Here is the story of the Christmas miracle at Grange:

This Monday, I received distressing news. I was informed that one of our hamsters; Kira of Beckham, had escaped and left the safety of her classroom.

I was so, so sad. I just gave myself a confidence boost and said that whatever happens, we will get through this.

I was worried for our children of Beckham and indeed I soon learned that most of the children on the red corridor had heard about the disappearance of Kira.

Mr Hutchinson went to work. He searched high and low and put the afternoon school cleaning team on high alert!

I have to admit, I did offer up a small, humble prayer in my office.

Sadly, Tuesday went by and no sign of Kira. Wednesday went by and no sign of Kira. I was preparing myself for the worst.

The children of Beckham and red corridor were extremely considerate and they helped cheer each other up. They understood that at Grange: We never (ever) give up!

Thursday was a quiet day and there was no news of Kira.

However, on Friday morning, the news came through.

**KIRA HAD RETURNED TO HER SAFE SPACE OF BECKHAM CLASSROOM.**

....but how?????

There were so many versions of the story and indeed the many urban Grange myths were proliferating! Apparently Kira had made it all the way up to the KS1 Hall, past Ms Edwards office! Others said that Kira had scurried back into the classroom by herself.

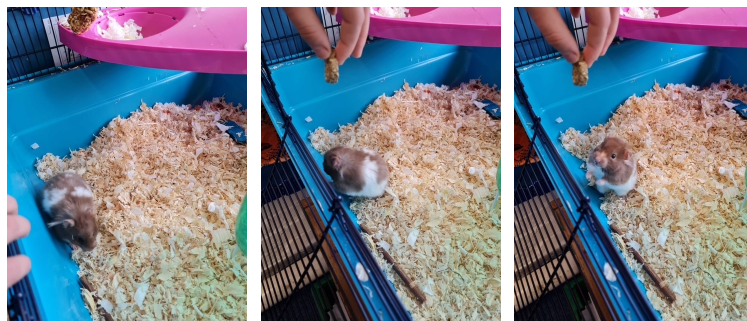
However Mr Loza, the Beckham teacher explained what he had seen first-hand.

After lunch on Thursday the children of Beckham were lining up outside the classroom after returning from lunchtime play and Mr Loza spotted Kira climbing the steps just by Beckham classroom. She stopped as he spotted her, waited by the door of Beckham and Mr Loza picked her up and put her back in the safety of her cage.

I have been to visit her and she stood up on her 2 back legs and even allowed me to gently stroke her side.

Kira is back!

Truly our school is a wonderful place of miracles and the Christmas spirit lives at Grange. We also know that even the hamsters at Grange, never mind children and adults love to come to school!



Wishing you all a wonderful week ahead and looking forward to the Great Grange Christmas grotto and the end of term interschool LetsLocalise virtual quiz.

Happy Christmas and well done for 2021 to all the great People of the Grange Community and of course Harriet, Lola, Luna, Kira and Hamilton, the hamsters; Connie the dog and Thunder the Grange Tarantula.

Kind regards,



Mr Kerbel  
Headteacher  
Grange Primary School

### End of Term Finish Times

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



## The Great Grange Year 1 Footballers

On Wednesday, some of our Year 1 footballers went to Longfield Primary School to participate in a 3v3 football event. They showcased their talent for a Chelsea FC Academy representative and played fantastically.

Well done to Ali, Dario, Elyas, Iustin, Luis, Yousef!!



## Reindeer Visit The Grange Community



The most exciting event this week!

The children got to meet some very special visitors... Yes, the reindeer!!

Children learnt about the reindeer, their habitat, what they eat, their adaption to the climates they live in, why they have feet like they do...





# GREAT GRANGE

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Well done to our champions this week:

Year 3	Gloria	Klee
Year 4	Kaaru	Beckham
Year 5	Kishan	Lister
Year 6	Jawsa	Parks

**Class Champions: Year 6 Parks**

### 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.

If you would like your child to have a photo taken with Santa, please email to [office@grange.harrow.sch.uk](mailto:office@grange.harrow.sch.uk) by 12.00noon on Monday 13th December and send in £1 in a named sealed envelope for a digital photo which will be emailed to you by the first week of January.



### 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](http://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](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

For help and advice on how to complete your application please email:  
[schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk)

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Tuesday 14th December	Santa's Grotto
Wednesday 15th December	Great Grange Quiz
Friday 17th December	Last Day of Term <b>School finishes at 1.00pm</b>
Tuesday 4th January	Inset Day <b>School Closed for Children</b>
Wednesday 5th January	Children return to school

## GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

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

## 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.



**All after school clubs are now finished unless you have been informed that your child will have an extra session next week.**

## 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 Government's 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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