

## Friday 1st October 2021 Newsletter No. 4

Dear Grange Community

I hope you have had a good week. It has not been the easiest week with shortages of petrol and the sudden change in the weather.

Nevertheless, the Grange Community has really impressed me by improving significantly in terms of punctuality.

Last week, the Headteacher assemblies focussed on maximising learning time. We spoke about how the children of Grange could work with their adults at home to speed things up in a helpful way. The children were amazing with their suggestions: Setting your alarm clock earlier; Asking your Parents and Carers how they can help; setting their clothes out the night before; filling their water bottle so parent/carer doesn't have to do it. They also spoke about being calm and through calmness, everything at least does not slow down!

I hope you enjoy today's Assemblies. Please just scan the QR code to take you straight to your children's assembly.









EYFS HT Assembly

KS1 HT Assembly

LKS2 HT Assembly

UKS2 HT Assembly

In the assembly today, I spoke with the children about what I feel education is actually about. What is the essence of what we are doing in school. I explained my 'ABCD' of education which I came up with a long time ago. I invited the children to reflect and think about what their 'ABCD' of education would be. Ennis class have already had a discussion.

You will have to watch the videos to find out what I came up with 10 years ago but Simina in Year 4 at Grange came up with this awe-inspiring ABCD of education:

A = Attitude

B = Bravery

C = Confidence

D = Doing Well

This is an example of the character strength of the children of Grange - they are truly amazing and it is a special feeling every day, to arrive and work with the Adults of Grange and the spectacularly wonderful kind children of Grange.

Grange will be celebrating National Poetry Day - find out more by scanning this QR code.



Kind regards,

Daniel Kerbel Headteacher Grange Primary, Harrow



### Meet our Chair and Deputy Chair Governors

The Chair of Governors Mrs Katie Atkinson and Deputy Chair of Governors Ms Carol Kirkland are visiting Grange on Tuesday 5th October. Parents and Carers will have an opportunity to meet with Mrs Atkinson who will be with Mr Kerbel on Welbeck side and Ms Kirkland who will be with Mr Hutchinson on Furness side at 8.30am on the day.

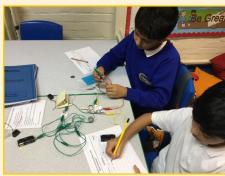


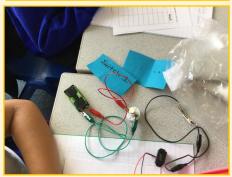


Year 4 children have been learning about Electricity in Science. Many everyday appliances rely on electricity for them to work. Some appliances use mains electricity (are plugged into a socket) and others have a battery to make them work. The flow of an electric current through a material is called electricity. The children performed investigations on circuits and conductors. Electricity can flow only if there is a complete circuit. There must be no gaps in the circuit. The wires should be connected to both positive and negative ends of a battery. They also drew diagrams and symbols of a circuit, switch, wire, battery, bulb, buzzer and switch. Children also learnt about conductors and insulators.

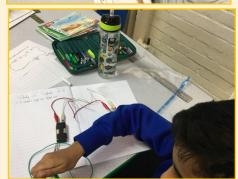




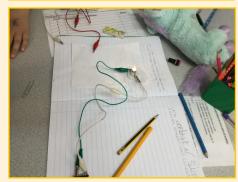


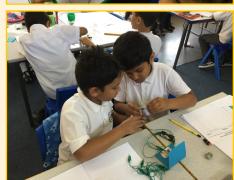












# National Poetry Day

Thursday 7th October The Grange Community is celebrating National Poetry Day on Thursday 7th October. We will be holding a poetry recital competition and encourage all the children to participate.

#### How It Works:

- Find a poem your child enjoys
- Practice performing it
- Performance should be no longer than 2 minutes
- The poem can be in a different language but you must provide a translation
- Your child can perform it in anyway they like e.g. add actions, change their voice or bring in props

Two winners from each class will go forward to the finals and perform in front of 3 esteemed judges on Thursday 14th October. Three winners will receive a prize!

This is a fantastic opportunity for all the children.

### Barnett Football Club Joins Grange

This week, we were very lucky to have two football players from the first team at Barnet Football Club join us to lead a PE lesson with Y3 Matisse! This is just the start of a partnership we have established with Barnet FC and to encourage all children to take part in sports. We will be offering FREE tickets to all children who would like to watch Barnet FC play at home. Adult tickets will be available for just £5! Barnet FC play at The Hive, Camrose Avenue, HA8 6AG. Please look out for emails and letters coming out in the next few weeks on how to reserve your tickets.

For more information on our 2 players, please click the link below.

Sam Beard: <a href="https://barnetfc.com/first-team/sam-beard">https://barnetfc.com/first-team/sam-beard</a>

Mason Bloomfield: <a href="https://barnetfc.com/first-team/mason-bloomfield">https://barnetfc.com/first-team/mason-bloomfield</a>





Left: Sam Beard (defender). Right: Mason Bloomfield (striker)

#### The Book Fair Extended until 11th October

8.30-8.45am (mornings)

3.15-3.45pm (afternoons)

We are pleased to announce that the Book Fair has been extended until 11th October.

The Book Fair will be held outside the Dining Hall via the Welbeck Road entrance from Monday 5th October until Monday morning of 11th October.

Please note that a one-way system and social distancing will be in operation at the Book Fair so please be patient if you are asked to wait before visiting.

This year, we are offering a pre-pay service. If you wish to purchase 'Book Fair Credits' please return the reply slip (letter sent earlier this week) with the correct amount of money in a sealed envelope. Your child will then be able to visit the Book Fair and make purchases to the amount you have pre-paid.

Remember, every penny spent at the Book Fair goes towards new books for our classrooms and library. Our last Book Fair raised **over £700** - we can't wait to see how much money we raise this time.



### Debate Mate Club Years 3 - 6

We are delighted to inform you that we have once again signed up with Debate Mate. The club is available for children in Years 5 & 6 and will start in November 2021 until April 2022. Children will have an opportunity to attend the Debate Mate Launch in London on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

The Debate Mate programme consists of 14 one-hour after-school debating sessions plus participation in 2 national competitions. It runs from November to April and is for students in Years 5 & 6. The weekly after-school sessions will take place at the school from 3.15-4.15pm on Mondays each week. The programme is split into three areas:

- 1. After-school club
- 2. The Urban Debate League (2 rounds)
- 3. The Debate Mate Cup (a national full-day debate competition)

Children will learn the art of debating and how to debate in a formal setting. The club will be run by specially trained and DBS cleared university students and the techniques are delivered through a series of fun and interactive exercises and games.

Debating is shown to improve the following:

- · Confidence
- · Teamwork
- · Leadership
- · Resilience
- · Creative Thinking
- · Self-Management
- · Academic Achievement
- · Speaking and Listening Skills

This is an extremely exciting opportunity for your child and will benefit their educational achievement as well teach them key communication skills.

We would love for your child to take part, so please sign up via your ParentPay account.

Gymnastics Club Years 3 - 6





The children in Gymnastics Club have been working very hard on their acrobatic skills including forward rolls, handstand, bridges and cartwheels.

They have been really enjoying using their brand new equipment this year!







# GREAT GRANGE TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS



### Well done to our champions this week:

Year 3	Shreyas	Picasso
Year 4	Kaarunyan	Beckham
Year 5	Branshika	Lister
Year 6	Shravan	Mandela

Champion Class: Year 6 Mandela

# Year 5 Meet the Teacher Virtual Welcome Meeting

We would like to remind you that Year 5 Meet the Teacher virtual meeting is on Monday 4th October from 1.00-1.30pm. Google Meet links have been sent via email by your child's class teacher.

### Multiplication Check Workshop for Parents/Carers

All Year 3 and 4 Parents and Carers are invited to a Multiplication Check Workshop on:

Thursday 7th October at 9.00am in the KS2 Hall

### Parents/Carers Evenings

Please note that our parents/carers evening meetings will take place on Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October. All appointments will be via video link using School Cloud as before. There will be no face-to-face appointment this year.

The meeting times will be as follows:

Wednesday 20th October 2.00-5.30pm (school to close at 1.00pm)

Thursday 21st October 4.30-6.30pm (school to close at normal time)

Appointment bookings will go live from 6.00pm on Friday 1st October. Please click on the link below to book an appointment:

https://grangeprimaryharrow.schoolcloud.co.uk/

Should you have any problems logging in, please contact the office or email your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### Please help Grange to collect Morrisons 'It's Good to Grow' Tokens

### Free Gardening Equipment for our School

For every £10 you spend (in store or online) at Morrisons, you'll get a Grow Token to help our school get everything we need to get growing. Download the MyMorrisons app today to start collecting Grow Tokens and choose Grange Primary School, Harrow.

We will then be able to exchange our Grow Tokens for FREE gardening equipment to get kids growing.

#### What is It's Good to Grow?

It's Good to Grow is a schools programme to inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SCHOOL CALENDAR		
4th-11th October Outside the Dining Hall, Welbeck Road Entrance	Scholastic Book Fair	
4th October 1.00-1.30pm	Year 5 Meet the Teacher	
Wednesday 20th October 2.00-5.30pm	Parents/Carers Virtual Evening School finishes early: 1.00pm	
Thursday 21st October 4.30-6.30pm	Parents/Carers Virtual Evening	
	School finishes at normal time	
Friday 22nd October	Last Day of Half Term	
Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October	Half Term Holidays	
Monday 1st November	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL	

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS			
У3-У6	Gymnastics	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	
У3-У5	Gardening	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	
У1-У3	Gymnastics	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	
Y4-Y6	Gymnastics	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	
У4-У6	Boxing	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	
У1-У3	Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	
Y4-Y6	Football	Wednesday 3.15-4.15pm	
У3-У6	Dodgeball	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	
Reception- Y6	Dance	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm 16th September - 21st Octo- ber (6 weeks only)	
У1-У3	Multi Skills	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	
Y4-Y6	Dodgeball	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	
Y1-Y6	Ninja Warrior	Friday 3.15-4.15pm	

GOVERNING BOD	Y MEETINGS
Wednesday 13th October 6.30-8.00pm	Full Governing Body
Wednesday 10th November 6.30-8.00pm	CASC Committee
Thursday 2nd December 6.30-8.00pm	Resources 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

### **CLUBS**

It is your responsibility to make a note of the times, start and end dates of any club that your child(ren) attends. The information is on the leaflet/letter that you initially receive and can be found on the school website.

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