



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 19th September 2025



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week, the children have worked really hard with their assessments and some pleasing results have been seen. Well done to everyone especially those parents that have continued to read with their children over the summer!

Next week we will begin our parent workshops, on Wednesday afternoon 2.45- 3.30, we invite parents from Nursery and Reception to visit to learn all about reading in the early years. On Friday morning from 9 -10 we invite our parents of SEND children to our first SEND coffee morning and on Friday afternoon we invite our Year 1 and 2 parents to visit to learn about reading in KS1.

Reading

We are continuing to work hard to ensure reading for pleasure and your children's reading level improves. This year we will be sending home some reading for pleasure leaflets. These leaflets are full of carefully selected book recommendations all tailored to suit your child's age and interests.

Each leaflet highlights year group spotlight authors and poets for this term. The leaflets are a great way for you to stay connected with what your child is reading and to discover new stories together at home.

Please take a few moments to explore the leaflet with your child to discuss which books interest them. Perhaps even take a visit to your local library to borrow some of the suggested texts.

Thanks to Miss Lisa for putting these leaflets together!



Harvest Food Collection

Thanks to the families who have already donated, we will continue to collect items so please donate as much as you can. Items needed are:

Toiletries – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shower gel, shampoo, conditioner

Tinned and dried food – cereal, pasta, rice, biscuits, tinned vegetables + fruit, tinned soup, beans and pulses

Baby products – wipes, nappies, barrier cream

Remember classes who collect the most items will win a prize so please help them to bring in a few items for their class collection!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Keeping Under 5s safe online

The internet has become an important feature in all of our lives, and this includes those under 5. Younger children enjoy using the internet to play games, watch their favourite shows, connect with a family member and even pose questions about the world to Siri and Alexa!

Ofcom's research has shown that 86% of 3-4 year olds have access to a tablet at home and 21% have their own tablet.

If you have a child under 5, you can find out more about how to ensure they are safe while enjoying activities online.

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/keeping-young-children-safe-online/>

Macmillan Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 24th September some of our lovely parents will be holding a Macmillan Coffee morning in the Albert McKenzie Hall. The morning will give you the chance to meet new parents and raise some money for this great cause by donating to charity while having a chat, hot drink and of course some cake! Please join us for this event at 9am – 10am.

Weekend Activity

Good luck to Linda in Year 6 who will be performing at the Urban Elephant Festival this weekend with her dance group. If you have time, please pop along to support her and enjoy the free activities and events. Saturday 20th September 3 -9pm in Castle Square. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information or check out the link. [URBAN ELEPHANT FESTIVAL](#)

Congratulations

A huge well done to the children who participated as part of our Choir last Sunday at the Thames Festival. Mr Tiplady and Miss Emma said you were amazing. Thanks to the parents for your support and our school adults for participating. We will be continuing with Choir this year and cannot wait to see what other opportunities are offered to us to perform.



We hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week. See you on Monday at 8.50am.

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality

Autumn Term Attendance



School year: Summer Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Venus	97.3%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Sky	100%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Mars	98.2%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Jupiter	99.3%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance%
Moon	96.8	98.9
Star	96.9	100
Venus	96.7	97.3
Mars	98.2	90.0
Planet Earth	97.9	94.7
Jupiter	99.3	99.6
Galaxy	96.7	95.2
Supernova	95.5	95.5
Neptune	96.9	98.6
Aurora	97.9	96.4
Sky	98.5	100
Weekly attendance:		97.3%

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

24/09/25	McMillan Coffee morning
24/09/25	Nursery and Reception – Reading Together coffee afternoon – 2.45pm
26/09/25	SEND Parent coffee morning 9am
26/09/25	Yr 1 and 2 – Reading Together coffee afternoon – 2.45pm
26/09/25	National Teaching Assistant Day
26/09/25	European Language Day
29/09/25	Parent Reading Together sessions begin for all parents 3.10 – 3.25
30/09/25	Individual pupil photos
01/10/25 – 31/10/25	Black History Month
02/10/25	National Poetry Day
05/10/25	World Teachers Day
06/10/25	Nursery REAL homestart parent session
06/10/25	Yr 3 and 4 – Reading parent workshop –9.15am Albert McKenzie Hall
07/10/25	Yr 5 and 6 – Reading parent workshop –9.15am Albert McKenzie Hall
08/10/25	Year 6 residential meeting
13/10/25 – 15/10/25	Year 6 residential
22/10/25 & 23/10/25	Parents evening
24/10/25	Big Draw art event
27 th October – 31 st October	Half term – school closed
03/11/25	First day back for staff and children Autumn 2

House Winners

Tim PEAKE		369
Stephanie WILSON		349
Neil ARMSTRONG		436
Helen SHARMAN		375
Bernard HARRIS		446



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Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "gasp". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **gasp**

Word Class (noun / verb)

Pronunciation / Syllables

Definition:

A gasp is a short quick breath of air that you take in through your mouth, especially when you are surprised, shocked, or in pain.

The class gasped at the ending of the story.

Synonym: pant, puff

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix: -ed, -ing

Rhyme: clasp, rasp

Link Word: loudly, faint

Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was "Cooperation". Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is a process, working together is success"

(Henry Ford)



Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Age	Class
Amanatu	7	Mars
Luciana	7	Mars
Emily	5	Star
Tiana	7	Planet Earth
Jhulian	11	Sky



Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

Dad



Attendance Ladder

How close is your child to 100%?

0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
 School's total points: **33,210**



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Class Gallery

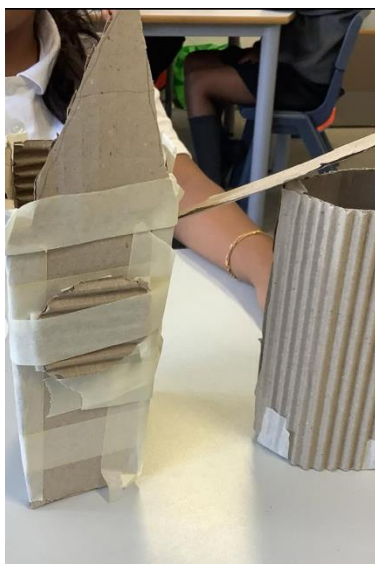
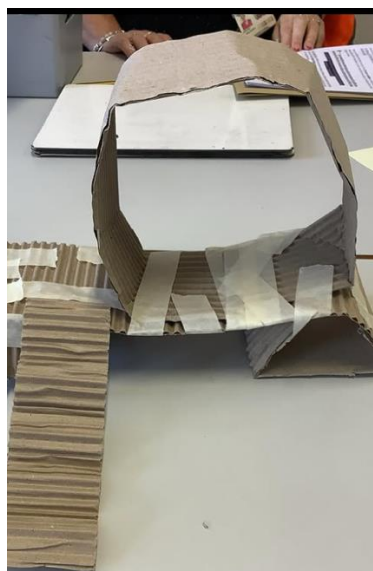
Year 4 –Supernova Class

Supernova artists got creative experimenting with different materials in their sketchbook today. They will choose their favourite material to create a background for their final piece next week 🤖



Year 3 –Jupiter Class

Year 3's cardboard sculptures inspired by Anthony Caro's abstract art 🤖





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

Core Value: **Cooperation**
Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
VENUS	Deqa	For helping her friends feel safe in class.
EARTH	Nancy	For supporting her friends and working hard as a team.
MARS	Nasir	For being so helpful to all members of our class
Class	Writer of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Ismael	For writing a sentence using finger spaces and punctuation.
EARTH	Aaliyah	For an impressive postcard about a walk in London.
MARS	Ifza	For her range of questions in her postcard
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Mohamed	For showing good subitising up to 5.
EARTH	Harleigh	For amazing results in her assessment this week.
MARS	Yousef	For his fabulous reasoning
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Jacob	For doing an amazing job in phonics
EARTH	Billion	For fluent reading of a challenging text.
MARS	Bambi	For her amazing expression when reading



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Cooperation**
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Ronnie	For always supporting his peers in group work and setting a good example
GALAXY	Leah	For trying very hard to get on with everyone! Well done!
SUPERNOVA	Santana	For being a great collaborator and always trying his best
NEPTUNE	Muhammed	For always being co-operative and helpful in the classroom.
AURORA	Elliot	For his fantastic effort during group work.
SKY	Hellen	For making a huge effort to work as a team with her new class mates.
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Ra'el	for his brilliant expanded noun phased when writing about an experience.
GALAXY	Princess	For an amazing letter of apology from a characters perspective!
SUPERNOVA	Stacy	For writing some excellent sentences to describe the shelter in our story Weslandia
NEPTUNE	Harli	Fantastic effort in writing a letter in role as a character.
AURORA	Daniel	For writing a brilliant speech about his future
SKY	Alpha	For fantastic effort in using a range of complex sentences in his writing.
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Alya	For her brilliant effort during assessment week.
GALAXY	Aisling	For practising her times tables at home! Well done!
SUPERNOVA	Woomy	For working hard to find 1, 10 and 100 more and less
NEPTUNE	Arman	For trying his best to multiply and divide by 10,100 and 1000.
AURORA	Aurora	For her outstanding effort and brilliant quality of work.
SKY	Mark	For great effort when exploring place value
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Darcie	For her super answers during our guided reading session.
GALAXY	Sherlyn	For great reading in class!
SUPERNOVA	Alpha	For reading aloud clearly and confidently during guided reading this week
NEPTUNE	Emmanuel	For excellent expression when reading aloud in the classroom.
AURORA	Alice	For reading her speech clearly and with expression.
SKY	Madeline	For amazing use of expression this week.



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ARE YOU SIGNED UP?

We use the parent app **ARBOR** to communicate with our families, so we will need to have an up-to-date email address for you.

Being signed up to the app allows you to receive information from the school quickly and means we can reduce the amount of paper we send out.

Letters for clubs and trips will be sent via **ARBOR** so please check the app and your emails regularly for these and other updates including the weekly newsletter.

You can, via the app, give consent for trips and book parent/teacher meetings when these are being held.

Do check your junk/spam inbox too as sometimes our emails end up there!

Please allow 'push notifications' on the app as we will use this to send in-app messages to alert you to new items.

Search for Arbor in your mobile App Store.





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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also.



The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse is one of my favourite books because of its beautiful illustrations, done by the author, Charlie Mackesy, as well as its lovely messages. The book follows the highs and lows of the boy, the mole, the fox and the horse - with the mole being particularly fond of any cake that pops up! You can read the book cover to cover or just open it to a random page just to look at the beautiful illustrations and words.

I recommend this book to anyone and everyone I meet! I think everyone needs to see the beauty of the world of The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse.

Miss Ellie.D, Year 2

It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

**Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.**

**Place: Grange Primary School
Date: WEDNESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER
Time: 9 – 10am**

**Come along, meet new friends and raise
some money for a great cause!!**

All parents welcome to attend



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CHALLENGE 2

FIND OUT A FUN FACT ABOUT A
DIFFERENT EUROPEAN COUNTRY
TO SHARE WITH THE CLASS

CHALLENGE 1
LEARN HOW TO SAY
"HELLO" IN A
DIFFERNT
EUROPEAN
LANGUAGE

CHALLENGE 3
LISTEN TO A SONG
IN A DIFFERENT
EUROPEAN
LANGUAGE



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