



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday, 21st November 2025



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a calmer week for us at Grange. This week the senior leadership team visited classes to observe reading lessons. It has been delightful to see such great learning taking place. I particularly enjoyed the book talk which was happening in many classes and the thoughtful conversations that were being had by the children. Next week we begin to start getting Christmassy! Our Christmas tree arrives at the end of the week and our school council will have the pleasure in decorating it. Our raffle tickets for the winter fair are now on sale so make sure you look out for us on the gate to grab your ticket. We have some great prizes this year including the star prizes of two bikes!!

Weather

As the weather gets colder, please remember to send your child to school wearing appropriate clothing. Many of the children came to school this week without tights or jumpers. It is cold and although the building is heated it is a very old Victorian school!

Christmas Cards

This week your children will be given some time to design a Christmas card. Once the designs have been created you will be provided with an order form for which you can place orders for cards, wrapping paper, mugs, gift tags and many more items. There is no pressure to order these items but if you choose to do so a proportion of funds is given to the school which will go towards enrichment events offered.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

Be Internet Legends – and stay safe online!

Google have created an online resource for children (and adults!) to highlight some ways to stay safe while exploring the online world.

There is a game to play – exploring 'Interland' where children meet challenges and learn along the way. It covers 5 main aspects of staying safe online:

- Think before you share
- Check it's for real
- Protect your stuff
- Respect each other
- When in doubt, discuss

Why not encourage children to play over the weekend!

https://beinternetlegends.withgoogle.com/en_ie/interland

Trips and Visits

We will be sending letters home this week to indicate if you have paid for trips and visits. If we do not get the full contributions from all parents, we will not be booking any trips or visits for your children next term. Please respond to the letters accordingly as trips and visits play such an important part of your child's experiences and it would be really sad if we were not able to offer these.

Football

Grange Girls secured their second win of the season with a goal from Madeline, and a hatrick from Ayaat. The team demonstrated some fantastic strength holding up the ball against a very physical opposition. Midfield stayed calm under pressure, making accurate passes and good runs into space. The defenders covered the back well, always picking up loose balls and ensuring our goalie had a clear space to pass the ball out. Cheryl had a brilliant game in goal, her distribution to the wings spreading the play and allowing through balls to our striker. The player of the match this week was Aisha, who came on as a defender in the second half and made some strong tackles to stop shots being taken! The final score was 4-1 to Grange.

Grange Boys had a high energy game where they battled hard to regain control after some early opposition goals. Mohamed showed great leadership on the pitch, directing teammates to make runs and cover, while working relentlessly himself and scoring our first goal. Alpha levelled the score with a calm shot to the corner under pressure, and for a period, Grange were in control; passing well between midfield and covering well defensively. Towards the end of the first half some decisions did not go our way. Free-kicks given away for high balls lead to us being down at the break despite some great save attempts from our keeper Jamal. Unfortunately, the team were unable to bring it back during the second half, but continued to fight until the final whistle. The player of the match this week was Jimmy, who continued to work hard even when we were down. He encouraged his teammates throughout the game and showed great sportsmanship, uplifting his teammates after the game. The boys are disappointed in the result but ready to come back with something to prove next week!

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: Autumn Term | Class | % |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Attendance KS1 Winner | Planet Earth | 100% |
| Attendance KS2 Winner | Aurora | 99.6% |
| KS1 Punctuality Winner | Mars | 97.5% |
| KS2 Punctuality Winner | Sky | 98.9% |
| Rest of School | | |
| Class | Punctuality % | Attendance% |
| Moon | 100 | 96.7 |
| Star | 100 | 98.7 |
| Venus | 94.1 | 98.3 |
| Mars | 97.5 | 94.0 |
| Planet Earth | 97.4 | 100 |
| Jupiter | 97.2 | 97.9 |
| Galaxy | 97.6 | 97.1 |
| Supernova | 96.0 | 96.0 |
| Neptune | 92.8 | 97.2 |
| Aurora | 98.6 | 99.6 |
| Sky | 98.9 | 97.0 |
| Weekly attendance: | | 97.5% |

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

| | |
|----------|---|
| 30/12/25 | Advent Sunday |
| 01/12/25 | School Christmas tree to arrive |
| 05/12/25 | Pantomime visiting |
| 05/12/25 | Winter Fair - 3.30pm |
| 08/12/25 | Year 4 Ukulele concert to parents |
| 11/12/25 | Christmas Jumper Day (money raised for save the children) |
| 11/12/25 | Children's Christmas Dinner |
| 11/12/25 | Year 1/2/3 Carol concert 2.45pm Albert Mackenzie Hall |
| 15+ | House winners' trip |
| 16/12/25 | EY winter performance 10.30am Albert Mackenzie Hall |
| 17/12/25 | Year 4/5/6 Carol concert 2.45pm Albert Mackenzie Hall |
| 18/12/25 | Class Parties (PM) |
| 19/12/25 | Reports sent to parents |
| 19/12/25 | Last day – school closes at 2pm |

House Winners

| | | |
|------------------|---|-----|
| Tim PEAKE |  | 547 |
| Stephanie WILSON |  | 550 |
| Neil ARMSTRONG |  | 616 |
| Helen SHARMAN |  | 551 |
| Bernard HARRIS |  | 619 |



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
School's total points: **71,141**



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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: descend

Pronunciation / Syllables

Word Class (verb)

Definition:
An act of moving downwards, dropping, or falling.

The leaves slowly descended from the tree.

Synonym: drop, fall

Antonym: ascend, go up

Prefix / Suffix: -ed, -ing

Rhyme: ascend, friend

Link Word: direct, lineally

Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was “respect”. Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

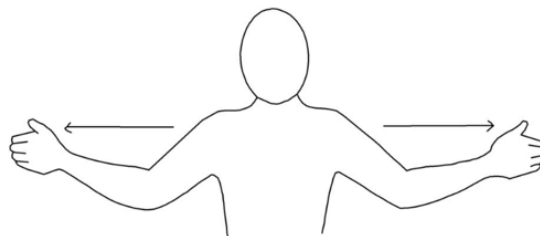
“The secret of a happy life is respect. Respect for yourself and respect for others”



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.

Big



Happy Birthday to You!

| First Name | Age | Class |
|------------|--------------|-------|
| Eva | Mars | 7 |
| Samyra | Galaxy | 9 |
| Soraya | Aurora | 11 |
| Nancy | Planet Earth | 7 |
| Kamil | Neptune | 10 |
| Zane | Supernova | 9 |
| Juwayriyah | Moon | 5 |



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 |



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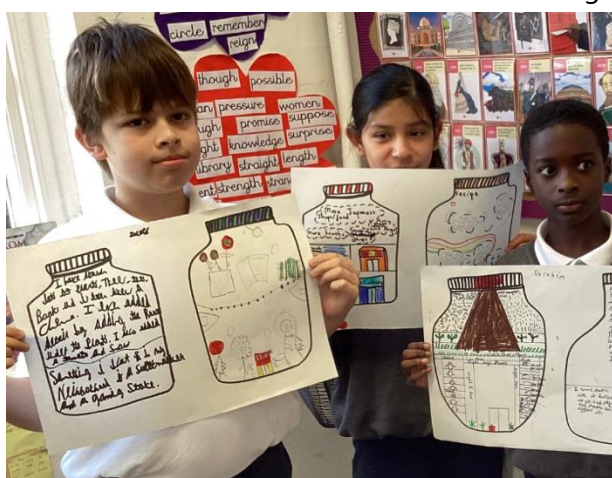
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Class Gallery

Year 5 – Neptune Class

Neptune class have created some great drawings when working with the "Drawing Room". They spent their time designing chutney!



Year 1 Venus Class

This week Venus class spent some time creating observational drawings of flowers which they then turned into block prints!





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

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

| Class | Writer of the week: | Reason: |
|--------|----------------------------|--|
| VENUS | Deqa | For writing the objects and linking them with their materials in Science. |
| EARTH | Billion | For amazing independent writing this week! |
| MARS | Manel | For her SUPERB diary entry! |
| Class | Mathematician of the week: | Reason: |
| VENUS | Andre | For showing umbers using double sided counters |
| EARTH | Fatima A | For excellent effort adding number past 10 |
| MARS | Ibtisam | For her incredible progress in maths - wow! |
| Class: | Reader of the week: | Reason for Award |
| VENUS | Sikario | For segmenting and blending words with more confidence during our guided reading sessions. |
| EARTH | Mohammed | For amazing progress in his fluency |
| MARS | Ifza | For always wanting to improve her reading and practise. |



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

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

| Class: | VIP of the week | Reason for Award: |
|-----------|----------------------------|---|
| JUPITER | Suhaila | For always modelling the value of respect. |
| GALAXY | Princess | For always being respectful and looking after classroom resources! |
| SUPERNOVA | Isabella | For always being kind, respectful and helpful around the classroom! |
| NEPTUNE | Muhamed | For being a respectful member of Neptune class. |
| AURORA | Samson | For his excellent behaviour |
| SKY | Ayaat | For working extremely hard throughout the week across every subject. Always willing to help her friends. |
| Class | Writer of the week | Reason |
| JUPITER | Darcie | For her brilliant biography plan. I am looking forward to reading it. |
| SUPERNOVA | Safura | For writing an excellent dialogue between two characters |
| GALAXY | Kai | For ordering sentences in English! |
| NEPTUNE | Hosna | For writing an excellent report about the women in the book 'Hidden figures'. |
| AURORA | Nabila | For using sophisticated punctuation with great accuracy |
| SKY | Ruby | Writing a lovely WW2 poem for topic. |
| Class | Mathematician of the week: | Reason |
| JUPITER | Karim | For his brilliant effort in maths this week. |
| GALAXY | Federico | For great work in Maths this week |
| SUPERNOVA | Zane | For excellent problem-solving using multiplication this week! |
| NEPTUNE | Azion | For excellent effort solving problems involving square and cubed numbers. |
| AURORA | Ibrahim | For his excellent work on fractions and decimals |
| SKY | Mohammed J | Working extremely hard when learning how to multiply fractions . |
| Class: | Reader of the week: | Reason |
| JUPITER | Aila | For her brilliant answers during guided reading. |
| GALAXY | Nyima | For making more effort with her reading! |
| SUPERNOVA | Parker | For writing a brilliant letter to the author of our text 'The Undeafated'! |
| NEPTUNE | Arman | For trying hard to improve his fluency. |
| AURORA | Soraya | For answering questions with great accuracy |
| SKY | Isha | Working extremely hard when answering reading ordering questions. |

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.



I've chosen the BFG by Roald Dahl for my favourite book Friday entry! I love the descriptions of the mysterious places in this story and the playful inventive words the author uses. Sophie is a very courageous character who stands up against things being unfair and the giant shows kindness throughout the story. I always enjoy reading this book out loud! Happy reading!

Miss Daisy, Year 4

Christmas at Grange

| Date | Time | Event |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Friday 5 th Dec | All Day | Pantomime visiting – see cover nearer the time for timings |
| Friday 5 th Dec | 3.30 – 5.15PM | School winter fair |
| Thursday 11 th Dec | All day | Save the Children - Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thursday 11 th Dec | All day | School Christmas Lunch |
| Thursday 11 th Dec | 2.45pm | Yr 1,2 and 3 carol concert to parents |
| Monday 15 th Dec | AM | House winners prize to east Dulwich Picture House – Polar Express Yr 1,2,3 |
| Tuesday 16 th Dec | Time TBC | House winner's prize to Canary Warf ice rink yr 4,5,6 |
| Tuesday 16 th Dec | 10.30 | EYFS winter performance to parents |
| Wednesday 17 th Dec | 2.45pm | Yr 4,5 and 6 carol concert to parents |
| Thursday 18 th Dec | PM | Class parties |
| Friday 19 th Dec | PM | Reports sent to parents |
| Friday 19 th Dec | 2pm | School closes early for the holiday |
| 05/01/25 | 8.45am | Inset Day |
| 06/01/25 | 8.45am | Children return |

GRANGE PRIMARY WINTER FAIR

Friday 5th December 2025

3.30pm to 5.15pm

Join us for our annual Winter Fair where you can meet Father Christmas and enjoy some fun and games! We will have a toy stall, bouncy castle and target football challenge. Hot Dogs and Slushy's will be on sale and of course there is the Raffle with two kids bikes as our big prizes and other great gifts to win including games, food hampers and more!

If you have any items you would like to donate for the Raffle, please bring them in to the office.

THANK YOU!



WINTER FAIR RAFFLE

Tickets on sale from Friday 21st November 2025

£1 for a strip of 5 tickets
Or 25p each

Help raise money for the school by entering our RAFFLE with the chance to win some great prizes. This year we have two brand new kids bikes (age 4-6 & age 6-11 yrs)



games, toys and lots more!

If you have any good quality items you would like to donate for the raffle, please pop them in to the school office, thank you.