



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 16th October 2026



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week of learning at Grange. This week Miss Matheson and I visited every class across the school to look at writing books, watch some English lessons and join in with some learning. It was great to see how well the children are focussing on their handwriting and trying hard with their sentence construction.

Harvest Food Collection

Well done to Venus class who have collected over 100 items for the foodbanks. Congratulations to all of you that donated we were very happy to be able to load a significant amount of dried and tinned items into the Pecan Van on Friday afternoon. Thanks to all who donated and to Miss Rosie Hall for organising the collection.

Parents Evening

We are really looking forward to seeing you all on Monday or Wednesday evening for your first parents evening of the academic year. Please remember this meeting is a short 10 minute appointment for you to meet the teacher find out your child's targets and see how well they have settled into the term. Please do arrive promptly so you can look at your child's books while you wait and complete our parent questionnaire. If you have already had your meeting (Earth and Neptune class) please complete the questioners by scanning the QR code on the last page of this newsletter.

Big Draw

Next week we will be holding our big drawing event. Through the week the children will focus on their drawing skills, creating their footprint through the school. On Friday at 3.15pm you are invited to attend our Big Draw exhibition to see your child's amazing art work. Thanks to Miss Rahman for organising this event.

Colder Weather

As the weather is getting colder, please remember to send your child to school in a warm labelled coat, gloves and hat. We will continue to send the children to play unless there is torrential rain, so it is important they stay warm.

G' Factor Talent Show

We will be running our annual talent show on Friday 13th November, just a week after we return from the holiday. If your child is interesting in performing at our talent show please speak to them over the holiday and help them to prepare their act. Auditions for our talent show will take place during the first week back to school, only the most polished acts will be selected to perform! If your child is performing you will be invited to attend this event!

Online Safety Tip of the Week

More and more children are being given technology that can be worn, e.g. smartwatches and whilst there can be benefits the risks aren't always apparent. This article from Internet Matters explores wearable technology for children and gives advice on:

- The different types of wearable tech, e.g. smart watches, glasses, VR headsets and fitness trackers.
- Whether wearable technology is safe and what some of the concerns are, e.g. privacy and data collection, impact on body image.
- How wearable tech can support wellbeing.
- And more.

You can find the article [HERE](#).

World Mental Health Day

Thanks to Miss Natasha for organising another successful mental health day. It was great to see how much we have raised and to see everyone in yellow.

Year 6 residential

Our Year 6 pupils had an amazing three days visiting PGL in Marchants Hill. They experienced rock climbing, abseiling, climbing Jacobs ladder, fencing and even had a camp fire. Thanks to Miss Matheson and Mr Bucknall who accompanied them on their magical adventure.

Individual Photos

On Friday 6th November our school photographer will visit. Between 8 -8.55am you will be welcome to come to school early for sibling and family photos. Between 9 – 3pm the children will be photographed in class. Please make sure your child is wearing their full uniform on this day.

As you know Friday 23rd will be our last day before we have a week break for half term. We will return to school on Monday November 2nd.

I hope you have a great week off with your family and friends and look forward to seeing you all week. on Monday 2nd November at **8.50am**.

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality

Autumn Term Attendance



School year: Spring Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Planet Earth	98.9%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Sky	98.1%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Venus	97.0%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Sky	99.2%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality%	Attendance%
Moon	94.3	95.7
Star	98.3	93.3
Venus	97.0	96.1
Planet Earth	94.8	98.9
Jupiter	98.4	96.8
Saturn	98.9	93.9
Galaxy	96.4	96.8
Neptune	96.0	97.0
Pluto	95.7	96.2
Sky	99.2	98.1
Weekly attendance:		96.7%

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

19/10/26	&	Parents evening (3.45 – 7.00) (3.45 – 7.00) (Mon + Wednesday)
21/10/26		
23/10/26		Big Draw Day and parent event
23/10/26		Last Day of half term
26/10/26-30/10/26		Half Term
02/11/26		2 nd Half of Term Begins - Children return
02/11/26		New starter tour for parents
05/11/26		Classes to mark Diwali/ Guy Fawkes– Bonfire / fire work safety
06/11/26		School Photographer – Individual and sibling photos
06/11/26		Class newsletters and new homework project sent to parents
09/11/26		Classes to mark Remembrance Day
09/11/26		EYFS Maths coffee morning
13/11/26		G-Factor talent show to raise money for Children in Need
16/11/26		Anti Bullying week / Wear odd socks day
18/11/26		New starter tour for parents
26/11/26		KS1 Maths coffee morning

House Winners

Neil ARMSTRONG		381
Bernard HARRIS		443
Tim PEAKE		352
Helen SHARMAN		433
Stephanie WILSON		254



Mathletics



Winning Class: **Pluto Class**

School's total points: **46,531**



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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **ransack**
Pronunciation / Syllables

ransack
(ran-sack)

Word Class
(verb)

Definition:

If people ransack a building, they damage things in it or make it very untidy, often because they are looking for something in a quick and careless way.



The shops had been **ransacked**.

Synonym:

plunder
pillage

Antonym:

Prefix / Suffix:

-ed
-ing

Rhyme:

Link Word:

shop
shelves

Value of the Week

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

"Winners take responsibility. Losers blame others"
Brit Hume



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.

Tap twice



Back

Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Jinx	STAR	5
Mattias	STAR	5
Echo	SUN (star)	4



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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Class Gallery

Year 6 – Sky Class

What an amazing week at PGL – Year 6 residential trip!





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Rewards

Years EYFS, 1 & 2

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
VENUS	Emily	For caring deeply about her learning and presentation of her books.
EARTH	Ishmael	For always taking responsibility for his learning.
Class	Writer of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Grey	For using his phonics to label parts of the body.
EARTH	Issah	For using imperative verbs in his writing.
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Gabriel	For arranging numbers in ascending and descending order.
EARTH	Youcef	For demonstrating a great understanding of place value.
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Praise	For her fantastic progress in her phonic lessons.
EARTH	Stephanie	For reading at home very day.



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Rewards Years 3 to 6

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Nasir	For being a great role model for his classmates.
GALAXY	Ibrahim	For always looking after class equipment!
SATURN	Francis	For helping to look after our classroom and resources
NEPTUNE	Samyra	For keeping the classroom tidy and clean.
PLUTO	Alpha	For assisting others and showing integrity in class and on the playground.
SKY	Hosna	For always willing to lend a helping hand and consistently showing kindness
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Eloa	For a great effort in her story writing.
GALAXY	Zendaya	For working hard on her plan for own civilisation!
SATURN	Dahen	For trying hard to write his own story
NEPTUNE	Roman	Excellent effort writing a sequel to Beowulf.
PLUTO	Sheriffdeen	For the fantastic job of creating a piece of writing in the style of Beowulf
SKY	Joseph	Great presentation on his local area
Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Khadijah Barrie	For working hard in Maths this week.
GALAXY	Yosof	Great independent work during our maths lessons!
SATURN	Amanatu	For her excellent attitude towards maths
NEPTUNE	Rubie	Fantastic effort rounding numbers.
PLUTO	Yana	For the excellent effort shown in Maths in class and Mathletics at home
SKY	Enji	Great work multiplying 4 digit by 2 digit numbers on her first day !
Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Harrison	For a great effort in his reading this week.
GALAXY	Abdul	For working hard in our reading lessons this week!
SATURN	Nancy	For her clear and confident reading aloud
NEPTUNE	Sarai	Excellent effort in reading regularly.
PLUTO	Calvin	Doing a fantastic job of reading at home
SKY	Imran	Reading his presentation out



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**Parent/ Carer
Information and Support**

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AMAZING ART EXHIBITION

Friday 23rd October
3:15pm - 4:00pm

All parents and carers are warmly invited to attend and celebrate their children's artwork. ♥

Come and enjoy a wonderful display of creative work from pupils across the school, including:

- Big Draw Week
- Identity Footprint Project
- Autumn Art Units

Art Brings Us Together ♥

Create Imagine Inspire ♥

Small Artists Make a Big Difference ♥

Be Creative Be You Leave a Mark ♥

Leave a Mark

Parent Survey – Please Scan the QR code

