

Welcome to...Grange Federation Newsletter

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"Being the best I can be, learning together,
thinking for myself"

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Dear Parents, Friends and the Community of Grange Federation

It continues to be a very busy year for both schools. Since my last letter Year 3 have started a course of swimming lessons at Milton Road Pool, Year 4 have been out on a residential course at Liddington PGL, Year 5 have performed their rendition of Beauty and the Beast and Year 6 have undertaken their SAT's! Please find more details later in my letter.

The weather is steadily improving allowing the children to go outside to enjoy P.E. lessons and more outdoor activities. The torrential rain on the 11th May did cause us some problems on both sites but appeared to be very exciting for all the children who, I have no doubt, wished they could pull on their wellies and raincoats and splash about in the huge puddles it created!

Interviews have been held at the Infant school for EYFS/KS1 teaching posts and I am pleased to say we have been able to appoint new staff who will join our team in September. More details will follow later.

SWIMMING - Year 3 have started a weekly swimming course at Milton Road Baths in Swindon. The course lasts for 10 weeks and is due to finish Thursday 30th June. Unfortunately Milton Road baths have already had problems with the water temperature which meant we had to cancel and reschedule a lesson. Heavy traffic has also delayed the return of the last coach. Your support and patience is much appreciated on swimming days! Thank you.

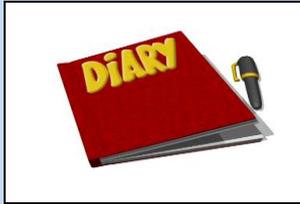


Residential Trip to PGL Liddington Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed a three day residential course at the Liddington Adventure site. Although the weather was a bit of a mixture with some sunshine and few showers the children had a wonderful time. Activities were many and varied including Aeroball, Climbing, Tree Top Trail Study and Zip-Wire. The children were encouraged to work together as a team as well as developing their individual skills some of which required the courage to try things well outside of their comfort zone.

Our grateful thanks to the admin team for all the organisational work, staff, parents and governors who gave their time to help and support the children while away. Without this help these trips would not be possible.





Monday 13th June 6.00 p.m.

EYFS Induction Meeting for Parents

Tuesday 14th June/Wednesday 15th June

TACS visit for Junior School

Safety around HGV vehicles

Wednesday 15th June 3.30 p.m.

KS2 Peripatetic Music Concert for parents

Grange Junior School Hall

Wednesday 15th June

KS2 open morning 8.45 – 9.20 am

Thursday 16th June

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Thursday 16th June

Year 3 Induction Meeting for parents 6 pm in the Junior School hall

Friday 17th June

KS1 – Den Building Day

Tues 21 June

Class and Group Photographs KS2

Wednesday 22 June

Y5 Trip to Harry Potter World

Wednesday 22 June

Infant Open Morning

Thursday 23rd June

Infant Open Morning

Friday 24th June

KS2 Den Day

Mon 27th June

Bikeability Courses start for Year 6

27, 28, 30 June , 1 and 6 July

Jonathan's Jungle Roadshow visiting both schools

Friday 1 July

Sports Day Years 1 and 2 – 10.30am start

Mon 4th July

World Music Road show KS1 and KS2

Wed 6th July and Thursday 7th July

Transition Days – Y2 visit Junior School

Y6 visit Kingsdown, new EYFS children in school

Thursday 7th July

Opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher- details to follow shortly

Friday 8th July

Sports Day EYFS – 10.30am start

Tuesday 12th July 7 – 8 pm

KS1 Wyvern Festival

Tuesday 12th July KS2

Quad Kids Year 3 and 4

Wednesday 13th July

Supermarine Rugby Challenge Year 3 and 4

Wednesday 13th July

Year 6 Performance of 'Aladdin' 1.30 p.m.

Thursday 14th July

Year 6 Performance of 'Aladdin' 7.00 p.m.

Friday 15th July

Sports Day KS2 – 9.00am start

Monday 18th July

Year 2 Leavers Concert 1.30pm

Monday 18th July

KS2 Woodwind Roadshow

Thursday 21st July

KS2 World Music Roadshow

Thursday 21st July

Year 6 Pizza Party

Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd July

Infant Fun and Fitness – details to follow soon

Friday 22nd July

KS1 Percussion Road Show

Friday 22nd July

End of Term – normal Friday finishing times



Gardening

We are continuing to expand and develop the outside space at both sites. Two raised beds have recently been added to the Junior School site for the children to grow salad and vegetables. If anyone has a surplus of bedding plants or vegetable plants they would like to donate, please contact the school offices. We would love to hear from you!

Kitchen Update

Work to upgrade the school Kitchen is finally finished with roofing works complete and the scaffolding down. We can at last look forward to making use of our new school kitchen.

Thank you for your consideration and support whilst works were being undertaken.

TD Days 2016-2017

Thursday 1st September 2016

Friday 2nd September 2016

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Monday 5th June 2017

Tuesday 6th June 2017

Competition Winners

Congratulations to all the winners of the 'Queen's Birthday Card' promoted by Grange Leisure. The judges especially liked Emma's Poem to the Queen:-

Roses are red

Violets are blue

You are sweet

England loves you!

Competition winners each received a colouring book and colouring pencils.

Netball Winners

Congratulations to the Raychem B Under 11 Netball team who won their League back in March. What a fabulous achievement.

Apologies to the girls for not including this in my last letter.

Fancy Feet

Kai from Owls Class performed at the Wyvern theatre on Sunday 22nd May in front of 635 people with his 'freestyle' dance class, for Bobbi's Academy of Dance and Performing Arts. He performed with hundreds of other children, including his younger sister. He embraced the stage and made his family very proud! Bobbi's academy is a forever expanding dance school and welcomes new children from ages 2+ in a variety of dance styles for boys and girls! For more info please contact Bobbi Newman 07825615585.

Tia in year 6 has successfully auditioned for the Associate Programme of The School of Ballet Theatre UK. From September she will attend their studios once a month for a ballet class with their faculty.

Tia has been very busy with her extra-curricular Dancing Classes in both Ballet and Tap. She has worked hard to achieve a very high standard, winning medals and participating in auditions and competitions. Well done Tia we are very proud of you.

Congratulations to Lily in Year 6 who will be competing in the Scottish Open Championships for Gymnastics over the weekend of 10 June. She has trained extremely hard and we wish her every success. Well done Lily.



Beauty and The Beast

Year 5 performed like mini-professionals to sell-out audiences on the 4th and 5th May with their production of Disney's Beauty and The Beast. The audience were wowed at the cheerleading spectacular that accompanied 'Be Our Guest' and enjoyed singing along with the timeless classes from the show.

Many thanks to parents who once again pulled out all the stops supplying amazing costumes which complimented the children's outstanding performance.

Well done to the Year 5 Team who worked so tirelessly to make this show such a success and thank you to all those parents who took the time to e-mail kind words of support.

Car-parking in the community

Could we again ask parents to park safely and with consideration for other road users, pedestrians and residents of our community who live near to our schools.

We have received a number of complaints from residents regarding parking at the end of the school day. The local PCSO, SBC traffic enforcement officer and parish council have been informed.

Please help us to be a good neighbour.

QUAD KIDS CHALLENGE

On Friday 20th May 2016, 10 Year 6 pupils: Sam, Ben, Ethan, Sam, Ollie, Sophie, Amy, Lily, Grace and Daniella took part in a Quad Kids challenge. They had to compete in 4 events: a standing long jump, a 600m run, a vortex howler throw and a 75m sprint. Out of 21 schools and 27 teams that entered, Grange Junior School achieved an amazing 2nd place overall – losing out by a single point for top spot! We had a great positive attitude, super team work and a fun experience was had by all. We are all now excited by qualifying for the County Final Championships held in July. Well done Grange!!



Lewy in 5B represented the UK in an international golf tournament during half term. He came 11th out of 65 in the final stage - 5 days of playing, a total of 600 children from 52 nations had tried to qualify, 65 made it through to the final week's tournament in Scotland. Amazing!

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3	▲1	Sihan SANDHU Arlington, VA - UNITED STATES
4	▲11	Frank KENNEDY Northam, Glos - UNITED KINGDOM
T5	▲7	Fergus BROWN Basing, Hants - UNITED KINGDOM
T5	▼2	Caden CHUANG Cape Town, WC - SOUTH AFRICA
7	▲7	Ali Berk BERKER Sevilla - SPAIN
T8	▲10	Jaka BABNIK Lombok, RI - INDONESIA
T8	-	Kai B. LEIDER Houston, TX - NETHERLANDS
T8	▲7	Nikolas TYMINSKI Warsaw - POLAND
T11	▲9	Adam BUCHANAN Ayr, Ayr - UNITED KINGDOM
T11	▲1	Jamie BURCHELL Chichester, W Sussex - UNITED KINGDOM
T11	-	Lewy HAYWARD Wokingham, W Sussex - UNITED KINGDOM
T11	▼6	Colin KEITH Alamo, CA - UNITED STATES
T15	▼7	Oliver MUKHERJEE Sittingbourne, Kent - UNITED KINGDOM
T15	-	William SANDOZ Wokingham, W Sussex - UNITED KINGDOM
T17	▼9	Samuel BARESSO Stockholm - SWEDEN

Open Mornings

We look forward to welcoming you to our planned open morning's at both schools to give you an opportunity to look at what your child has been learning recently.

Please send your child into their classroom for their normal start time, after the registers have been taken you will be invited to join your child in their classroom to look through their books and discuss their work with them.

A letter giving details of this event is on the school website. Please remember to return the tear-off slip.



FOGS SUMMER FETE

A huge thank you to all those who attended or supported our recent FOG's Summer Fete Event.

It was a beautiful sunny day which was very well attended by parents and the local community. The event raised a staggering £5000+, which was amazing! Money raised will be used to enhance the outdoor areas of both schools.

Farewell

At the end of this term, we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Hamilton, who is retiring after working at Grange Juniors for 14 years. If anyone would like to contribute to her collection please contact the Junior School office.

We are also saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Lindsey Miller, who has also been with us for 14 years, Miss Kerry Charnock and Mrs Vicky Staines. We wish them well in their new positions.



PARENT SCHOOL GOVERNOR VACANCY

School Governors are volunteers who help to run the school. Most schools work with a group of governors – together they are called the 'Governing Body'. They are involved in decisions about all aspects of managing the school – such as running buildings and budgets, supporting staff and setting standards of school discipline.

Governors also help to make big decisions about the school's long term goals. They support the headteacher, but also ask questions and make sure the headteacher is taking the school in the right direction.

Grange federation believes very strongly that it is important to have parents at the heart of governance at the school, so please think about applying for the role of parent governor. Details of how to apply can be found on the school website or via the junior school office.

Heads of School

We are currently in the process of restructuring our Leadership Team. Mrs Seavill, continues as our Executive Head Teacher across the Federation but we are pleased to announce that Mrs Tracy Knight has been appointed as Head of School at the Juniors and Mrs Louise Dance, as Head of School at the Infants.

The new Heads of School will have responsibility for the day-to day running of individual schools and will work closely with Mrs Seavill, along with Mr Russell and Miss Wilson who remain as our Assistant Head Teachers.

We look forward to welcoming them to our staff.

Wow!

We are very proud of Miss Austen, our teaching assistant at the Infants, who recently celebrated winning the FA Cup Premier South West Division One with the Swindon Town Ladies team! Congratulations to all the team and especially to the brilliant Miss Austen!! She is a great example to all of us of determination, high aspirations and fantastic teamwork.



Den Building

Please could we ask for donations of the following for our den building projects, after half term, in both schools.

large, strong cardboard boxes
spare decking boards or lengths of smooth timber
old car tyres
old broom handles, bamboo sticks, poles
old tents and tent pegs (to be cut up)
unwanted canvases, tarpaulins, sheets and blankets
strong crates

...any other items that lend themselves to den building! (please avoid any sharp edges, splinters etc). Thank you!

Best Wishes

Louise Seavill and the Grange Team



If you have not received a copy of this Newsletter by e-mail – we do not hold your e-mail address on our database.

Please complete the slip below and return to your child's school office by Friday 17th June 2016.

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E-Mail Address confirmation

Name of child Class

E-mail address

Parent's name

Signed