

Welcome to...Grange Federation Newsletter

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thinking for myself"

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*Dear Parents, Friends and the Community of Grange Federation*

What another great year it has been at Grange Federation!

There have been many successes this year. Children and staff have enjoyed a wide range of sporting events including football, Quad Kids, Tag Rugby, Dodge Ball, Marshal Arts, Gymnastics, Cheer Leading and sports days.

### **Quad Kids**

Ten year 6 children were once again picked for the annual quad kids competition which was held at the Athletics track near the county ground. Quad kids is a sporting event where the team have to compete in 4 events: 600m run, 75m sprint, vortex throw and a standing long jump. It was a tough event with 27 teams competing but we managed to come 4<sup>th</sup> overall so a huge well done to Team Grange – Philp, Nathan, Harry, Rory, Freddie, Petra, Rebecca, Freya, Katie, and Amelia.



### **Football**

This was another commendable season for our Year 6 football team. The boys finished runners up in the East Swindon league – which is extremely competitive and contains two schools

that won cup competitions across the town. Our own cup run ended when we were unfortunately beaten in the semi-finals by a very good Swindon Academy team. Throughout the season, the team has demonstrated excellent attitude, respect and sportsmanship towards each other, the opposition and all officials. I am proud of every individual that represented the team this year and I wish them all the best with their sporting activities in the future.



A huge thank you to everyone who came and supported our children on our Sports Days and helped to make them successful and enjoyable events. All the children were amazing!

We have also enjoyed the many trips, Wow mornings, visitors, and the two residential trips for Year 4 and Year 6, performances and sharing numerous successes in our Lead learner assemblies.



### **Congratulations and Farewells**

Congratulations to all of our children across the Federation for their achievements in progress and academic success this year.

This Friday we say goodbye to our Year 6 children and we wish them every success at their new secondary schools. We also wish all our Year 2 children good luck and continued success as they move to their Junior Schools.

They have been excellent role models who are leaving both the Infant and the Junior Schools as confident young people who strive to achieve their best. I am very proud of them all.

We also say goodbye to some staff across the Federation;

Mr Russell who is leaving us for a new teaching post.

Mrs Lee who is going to be working at the Junior School for one day a week.

Miss Little in Year 5 who is leaving to take up a post in specialist education.

Miss Little, who is a Teaching Assistant at the Junior School, leaves to take up teacher training.

Mr Baker will be leaving to take up a post at a local school for children with learning difficulties.

Mrs Murray leaves the Infant School to re-train and follow a new career path.

Miss Bonney leaves to take up another teaching post locally.

Miss Ballmann is leaving to take up another teaching post locally.

Mrs Hall is leaving to start new adventures in Norfolk.

Mrs Roberts will still be doing supply for us but she will no longer be teaching regularly on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs Dearsley and Mrs Nicol will be moving from the Infant School to the Junior School to aid transition.

We wish all staff leaving us the best of luck for their future. They will be greatly missed.

### **Welcome to new staff**

Mrs Clark joins us as Assistant Head of the Infant School and Early Years Lead.

Mrs Parsons joins us in Year 2 and will be sharing a class with Mrs Small.

Mr Lacey joins us in Year 3 from Bridlewood Primary School.

Mrs Reynolds is joining us in Year 5 from Liden Primary School.

Mrs Arthur has successfully been appointed as the Assistant Head of the Junior School from September.

We also welcome back Mrs Constable, Mrs Small and Mrs Stubberfield from their maternity leave.

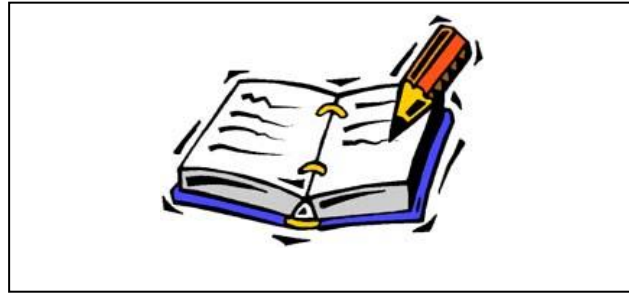
### **An award for our Early Years provision**

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Murray received an award from the Local Authority, on behalf of our Early Years Team, which was in recognition of us closing the gap between the attainment of boys and girls in EYFS. Well done to Mrs Murray and the EYFS Team!

### **Congratulations to Miss Austin**

Well done to Miss Austin who has been selected for West Ham football club. A fantastic achievement!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and safe holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, at the start of the next academic year.



## Diary Dates

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July

End of term 6 (closure will be at normal times for a Friday)

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September

TD Day and both schools will be closed

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

TD Day and both schools will be closed

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Both schools open for Term 1 at normal school times

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

6pm Y6 parents PGL meeting at the junior School

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September

8.30am or 2.30pm Y1 parents meeting at the infant school

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September

Y6 at PGL