

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

Well it's been another busy term at Grange Federation. We have celebrated our children's work at our WOW events and shared our learning journeys in EYFS where we are very proud of our children's writing.

Year 6 took a step back in time to WW1 during their visit to STEAM. The Year 1 children enjoyed a trip to Bird Land and were really well behaved.

We enjoyed the opportunity to make Mother's Day gifts with our lovely FOGs team and we celebrated Easter and Spring with disco's and a magic show. Year 2 had a very special visitor in the form of a life sized dinosaur! We enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year at the Infants and got a chance to spend time in each other's classes.

Our world book day, although cut short due to the bad weather, saw the children visit other classes to share stories. A big thank you to all the parents and children for the fantastic effort made with costumes.

Mascots Needed!

Miss Austin and her team The West Ham Ladies are playing football against Swindon Town Ladies on Sunday 25th March. She would love to have your support.

Safety

We are continuing to receive a large number of complaints from residents about the parking at both ends of the Infant site and around the Junior school entrance. Please park respectfully. If you have any concerns please report them to Wiltshire Police on 101. Our PCSO is contacting the council to try to come up with some solutions.

At the Infant School **please** close our school gates to help keep our children safe and be aware that the Ermin St gate is closed at 3.20pm to avoid members of the public cutting through the school.

Can parents and children also set a good example and walk on the paths, avoiding the road and car parks and push any bikes or scooters to ensure there are no injuries.

Thank you for your help.

Board Games and Annuals

Our Butterfly, Rainbow , Young Carers and after school groups are in need of board games, puzzles and annuals or books suitable for all ages.

All donations would be greatly received.

Stay and Play



On Wednesday mornings at the Infants we have been holding Stay and Play sessions. Parents, babies and toddlers have enjoyed socialising in informal surroundings. It's a great way to meet other parents and see our Children's Champions and different staff members.

Not only do we get to meet the next generation of Grange children but we get to hear feedback from parents. Do come and join us.



Please join us for a coffee and a catch up at 8.45am on Friday 11th May at both schools, where the Children's Champions will both be available.



Some music news.

Children from EYFS have taken part in the 'Make a Noise concert. Children from the juniors took part in the Swindon Junior Voice festival. Mrs Leat, Mr Lacey and Mrs Martin were extremely proud of the commitment and behaviour demonstrated by the children.

National
Literacy
Trust

The Junior School had a visit from the **Swindon Stories Literacy bus**. A few lucky pupils climbed on board to enjoy a spoken word performance which highlighted the importance of literacy skills and inspired the pupils to read and write. Pupils were also gifted a brand new book and a Swindon Stories bookmark to take home.

A Fond Farewell

We sadly have to say good bye to Mr Fannin at the end of this term as he has accepted a promotion to Assistant Head at Robert Le Kyng. We will also be saying good bye to Miss Walshe at the end of Term 5 as she has accepted a promotion to Deputy Head Teacher at Marden Vale CE Academy.

I am sure you will join us in wishing them good luck at their new schools.

Our Values

This terms value is friendship

Think about what makes a good friend. See if you can make some more friends or could you be an even better friend to someone?



Sports Relief

Swindon Schools took part in a school to school relay to raise funds for sports relief.

At the infants Mr Hicks organised a set of circuits for all the children to take part in and we learnt the sports relief song! The relay team from the Junior school enjoyed their circuits with the reception class, during the Swindon school to school relay.

At the Junior School Mrs Arthur welcomed children from Colebrook Juniors and arranged some small sided hockey games for the children to join in with.

A big thank you also to Mr Williams for organising Sarah Williams Fitness to come in and lead Zumba style sessions for all of the junior school classes and to the Grange Leisure for giving Years 3,4,5 and 6 time on the artificial pitch.

From the Office

Please help our lovely office staff by checking the website for letters and information. Please give in slips to the class teacher. Our mornings are very busy and we really need to get our late arrivals in safely and sometimes it gets really congested by the office.