



Grange Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter



Friday 12th October 2018

Can you believe we have finished the fourth week of this term? Last week, I enjoyed visiting all classes and observed Maths. I saw good teaching and pupils working hard and progressing. We have lots going on in school at the moment. I hope you enjoy reading this week's newsletter and learning a little bit more about events and school life'

Mrs Summers

Harvest

Our harvest festival celebrations will take place in the last week of the half-term at the Emmanuel Church.

Phase 1 & 2 Wednesday 24th October 1.30pm

Phase 3 & 4 Thursday 25th October 1.30pm

Everyone welcome.



Staff Car Park

Unfortunately it will no longer be possible for parents to use the staff car park when dropping off and picking up children from clubs. This is no longer possible due to the gates now being on a timer.

Many apologies for any inconvenience.



Parent Communication

Please note that we currently have no text messaging service. Please ensure you keep updated through the website, newsletter and Friends of Grange Primary Facebook page. We hope to get the text message system up and running as soon as possible.

Halloween disco and Pumpkin Competition



The Halloween disco will be on the 25th October. During the school day there will be a pumpkin competition. Children are invited to bring pumpkins carved at home to be entered into the competition. There will be a spooky prize in each phase and the pumpkins will be displayed. Please can parents provide flameless candles (with on/off) switch if children wish to enter. Real candles will not be permitted for health and safety reasons.

Coming up...

School photos—22nd October

Halloween disco and pumpkin competition - 25th October

Red, White and Blue day - 9th November

Parents Evening 12th and 15th November

Messages for children at the office

Our office staff are receiving an increased amount of messages to be passed on to children. Wherever possible please can arrangements be made in advance before school.

However, in an emergency situation or if something unexpected crops up messages can be passed on.

No Smoking

Polite reminder that the school has a strict no smoking policy on the site and grounds. This also includes vaping.

Phase Updates

Phase 1

Saplings class have been learning to retell the story of the Gruffalo. We made some Gruffalo masks and experimented with different ways of moving like the animals from the story in P.E. In circle time we have been introducing number rhymes which the children are showing great enthusiasm joining in. Saplings have also been getting creative with sensory hand printing for our beautiful class tree, making salt dough hedgehogs and fun in the forest noticing changes in the environment as autumn begins to arrive.

This week in Oak class we have been making squirrel muffins, acting out the Gruffalo story using the Gruffalo world we made last week and learning to recognise the numbers 1-4 in a variety of contexts.

This week the year 1 children in Holly class have been writing their own 'what happened next' story based on the Gruffalo. We have also been looking at the art work of Andy Goldsworthy and making our own sculptures from natural materials.

Phase 2

In Maths, the children have been learning to add and subtract zero. We have been learning more about the Woodland and the children wrote lovely detailed stories about what they might find in an enchanted woodland. The children have been learning to identify and understand the different features of a plant.

Phase 3

This week phase three have been planning and writing adverts for their own Willy Wonka chocolate bar. In Maths, we are continuing to cement our number and place value facts. In topic, we have researched facts about James Lind and how we discovered that citrus fruits could be used to treat scurvy. We have written our own report on what we have found out. In Science, we are continuing to find out about how we can live a healthy lifestyle.

Phase 4

Phase 4 have been redrafting and publishing their non-chronological reports on Alchemy island. This has been an opportunity to apply the skills that they have been practising throughout the unit. In Maths, we have been continuing to explore place value. As part of our Alchemy Island topic, we have been exploring irreversible changes by making a gold fountain and exploring what happens to jelly marbles when they are placed in water over time.

Top Reading Classes

Holly 66%

Yew 83.3%



Children should be reading at home a minimum of four times a week.

Project Work Exhibition

On Tuesday 23rd October we will be holding an exhibition after school for children to showcase projects that have been completed for homework. Parents are invited to come at 3pm to look at the exhibition. Children whose parents attend will be released from classes. There will be a certificate for everyone who brings in some work for the exhibition. Parents will go to their child's class, sign them out and then go to the hall. The children will be free to go home after this.

Movie Night

Thank you to everyone who came to the movies at school on Thursday night! The event was a great success and lots of money was raised for school council. Miss Holding will be having a meeting with her counselors to discuss how the money will be spent.



Pip's Corner

This week Pip has visited Maple class. Maple have been writing cinquains about gemstones this week. By the end of the week, they should have learned theirs off by heart. Why don't you ask them to recite them for you?



Red, White and Blue Day

This year we will once again be taking part in Red, White and Blue day on the 9th November. Children can bring in £1.00 to come to school dressed in red, white and blue to show support for the armed forces. All money raised will be split between three long established charities which all have close ties to our armed forces.



P.E and Forest Kits



On forest school days and P.E days, please ensure kit is sent in. Here is a reminder of what days kit is needed:

P.E Kits	
Class	
Oak	Monday
Holly	Thursday and Friday
Chestnut	Thursday and Friday
Hazel	Thursday and Friday
Sycamore	Monday and Tuesday
Elm	Monday and Tuesday
Willow	Monday and Tuesday
Beech	Wednesday and Friday
Maple	Wednesday and Friday
Yew	Wednesday and Friday

Autumn Term KS1 Forest School

Thursday 11th October	Chestnut
Thursday 18th October	Holly
Thursday 25th October	Hazel
Thursday 8th November	Chestnut
Thursday 15th November	Holly
Thursday 22nd November	Hazel
Thursday 29th November	Chestnut
Thursday 6th December	Holly

Oak class need their forest clothes every Friday