



Grange Primary School Newsletter

10th September 2021

Autumn Term



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a fantastic first full week back at school. The children have settled well and we are all beginning to get back to 'normal'!

We have thoroughly enjoyed the sunshine this week, and it has been great to see the children enjoying the beautiful playground garden.

Again, I want to thank you for making me feel so welcome. I have met many more of you on the gate this week, and am beginning to learn many of your children's names.

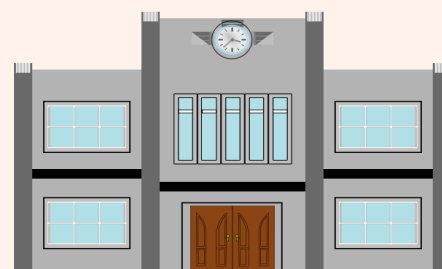
I am not the only newcomer to Grange this year, so I also want to formally welcome our other new staff to Grange. In Year 5 Neptune Class, we welcome Rob Layton, Mark Taylor will be teaching Jupiter Class in Year 3, and Daniella Barnett has joined our Year 4 team and is teaching Supernova Class.

We also welcome Rebecca King, who will be teaching across Year 1 and Reception, we welcome back Carole Reid, who will be teaching in Year 6 in the morning and Year 4 and 5 in the afternoons. Bianca Cox and Elaine Walters have joined us to support children in Year 1 and 2.

This week we welcomed our Sports Coach, Coach Charles from LPESEN (The PE and Sports Network) to Grange. It has been a pleasure watching your children enjoying their PE lessons this week.

Rebecca

Rebecca Benjamins
Headteacher





Headteacher Messages



Headteacher Coffee Morning

Thanks to those of you that made the time to come and meet with me today.

If you were unable to attend, a copy of my presentation has been added to the school website for you to read at your leisure.

To support the school improvement and development, please complete the parent survey to share your current views, and let me know ways in which we can improve the service we provide for you and your children. <https://forms.gle/p13fjUfRMwsAYoNd7>

Attendance and Punctuality

It is my duty to ensure all of our children are punctual and attend school.

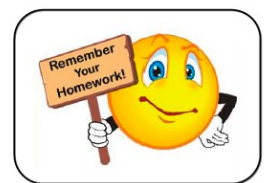
Attached to the Newsletter (last page) is our attendance and punctuality letter.

Please ensure you read this and have a clear understanding of our policy.

Any questions relating to attendance and punctuality can be emailed directly to the school office.



Home Learning



Next week you will receive your child's topic homework, with optional tasks and activities that you can do relating to their topic this half term.

You will also receive login details for Mathletics and Reading Eggs.

Mathletics will be used to set weekly maths homework and reading eggs can be used to support your child's reading, while learning at home. We will also be sending home expectations for spelling and reading.

If your child is new to Grange you will receive login details in the next week or two. The majority of home learning activities will be shared on Microsoft teams, so it is a good idea to check this weekly. We will be sending further information regarding homework in due course so please look out for this information.



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Support for Parents

From time to time we all need help. If you find yourself in a situation where you need help, please book a meeting to see how we can support you and your family.

Here are some useful links to support you.

The Albrighton Community Friday – Support with your weekly food shop - <https://www.albrightoncommunityfridge.org/>

Albrighton Community Fridge
37 Albrighton Road,
London
SE22 8AH
020 7737 6186

Next Door – An app which supports local communities – Free furniture, toys and job opportunities can be found using this site - <https://nextdoor.co.uk/>



Parent Courses

Please see information regarding courses for parents.



Fathers' Group After Care Service

1st Place Children and Family Centre, 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN
1.00pm - 2.30pm on 24 Sept, 22 Oct, 26 Nov and 10 Dec

A drop in session for fathers, male carers, grandfathers or stepdads to meet and discuss parenting and issues relating to being a father/male carer. Please note that there is no crèche available.

To book a place, please contact Ben Campbell (07738 860 768 or ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk), Alex Francis (07523 943 997 or alex.francis@southwark.gov.uk) or 1st Place reception on 0207 740 8070.



Virtual Cook and Eat Well course

Join a virtual 5-week (plus an introductory session) Cook and Eat Well course.



What will I learn?

- New cookery skills and how to make your family meals healthier
- Healthy eating tips for your family
- How to read food labels and make healthier choices
- Budget recipe ideas
- Impact of sugar, fat and salt on health

For parents with children aged 0-5 years old

Available in English and Spanish

You will receive:

- £5 Rose vouchers each week
- Certificate (subject to attending at least 3 sessions)



To book your place:

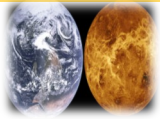
Email your name, telephone number, postcode to:

cookandeatwell@gstt.nhs.uk

The courses are running on a first come first served basis.



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YEAR 1 Classes *Mercury & Venus*

The children in Mercury class have settled in really well, and are super excited for the challenges and growth that Year 1 will bring to them. The staff are looking forward to working with the children, and appreciate all the support you have given us and continue to give us!

Venus class had a wonderful start to the week. They came in raring to start their learning. This week in English we wrote about our summer holidays and activities we enjoyed. In Maths, we played lots of games. We played Maths bingo, number dominoes and lots of counting. A great start to our week

Junk modelling items for Year 1

Year 1s are making rockets out of recycled items next week. We would be grateful if you have things, such as egg crates, milk bottles, etc which you could bring in for us to use. Please drop it off to Year 1 if you are able to donate anything.



Reception Class *Moon & Star*

The Reception Team would like to welcome our children in on **Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th September.**

We are looking forward to seeing you all.



Year 6 Classes



Sky & Aurora

Year 6 Aurora Class have had an excellent start to the term.

In English we are learning about autobiographies, and will be writing our own. In Maths we are learning about number and place value, and we are learning to write numbers up to ten million.

We have also had a chance to create some beautiful Art using paint and pastels. We are settling back into the school routines, getting to know our new teachers, and having lots of fun in our new class.



This week in Sky class, we have been settling in and getting to know one another.

We have had a great start to the year and produced some amazing art work, using photos of ourselves to create a portrait. Some of us went abstract, some of us kept it the same.





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Happy Birthday

First name	Class	New Age
Amine	Galaxy	9
Makayla	Jupiter	8
Cheryl	Mars	7
Adnan	Neptune	10
Aycha	Planet Earth	7



Dates for your Diary

First day of Autumn Term

Thursday, 2nd September 2021

Half term (School closed)

Monday, 25th October 2021 to Friday, 29th October 2021

INSET day for Staff (School closed)

Monday, 1st November 2021

First day after half term

Tuesday, 2nd November 2021

Last day of Autumn Term

Friday, 17th December 2021

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY (School closed)

Monday, 20th December to Monday, 3rd January 2022



Attendance



Week commencing
30th August 2021

School Year	Class Winner	%
Autumn Term 2021		
Attendance	Whole School	86%
KS1 Winner	Mercury	91.7%
KS2 Winner	Galaxy	95.8%



Important Reminders!!*



SCHOOL DAY TIMES

Please ensure your child is on time to School, and promptly collected after school, each day.

As you are aware, the Government has lifted many restrictions for schools with regards to COVID 19. Although many constraints have been removed, we have decided to continue to be cautious. Children will continue to have a staggered start and end to the day, to avoid mass gatherings. Parents of children in Nursery & Reception will continue to collect from the Early Years gate.

- Nursery 9:00am 3:20pm
- Reception 8:45am 3.10pm
- Year 1 8:45am 3:05pm
- Year 2 8:45am 3:05pm
- Year 3 8:55am 3:15pm
- Year 4 8:55am 3:15pm
- Year 5 and 6 9:05am 3:20pm



School Uniform

Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for school.

We are aware there are a few issues with our supplier regarding uniform orders. Please let us know if you are struggling with this, and we will endeavour to help.

You are able to purchase any items of school uniform i.e. school jumpers from our uniform provider MAPAC <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/grangeprimaryschoolse14rp>

PE Kit

Children have been arriving to school throughout the week in a bright array of colourful PE kits. Please remember children must wear **black or dark grey shorts or tracksuit bottoms** and a **plain white t-shirt** for PE.

This is the expectation from Monday 13th September, any child who is not wearing the correct PE kit will receive a phone call. If you need any support regarding uniform please come and let us know.



Water Bottles

Our water fountains will be switched back on, but children may only use these to fill their water bottles. Please make sure your child's water bottle is labelled.



Breakfast & Afterschool Club

Capacity in Breakfast and After School Clubs has returned to normal, and is once again available to anyone who wishes to book a place. There are many spaces available, **so please make bookings on Parentmail**, if you wish to reserve a place. Please contact the office if you have any difficulties with this.





CHAMPION CERTIFICATES



Co-Operation Years 1 to 3

Class	Name	Reason for Award
Planet Earth	Writer of the week Nathan	For trying hard to improve his presentation, and use cursive handwriting.
Planet Earth	Mathematician of the week Angel	For explaining how to partition 2 digit numbers to his classmates.
Planet Earth	Co-Operation Anya	For helping to explain the tasks to other children.
Planet Earth	Co-Operation Saihaan	For being engaged in his learning and helping others with their learning.
Mars	Writer of the week Samar	Samar for displaying the value of resilience with her Work, and producing a fantastic fact file on Mars.
Mars	Mathematician of the week Nabila	Nabila for working so hard in Math's, and showing her knowledge of place value.
Mars	Co-Operation Aurora	For being such a supportive member of Mars class ,and always being a helping hand for everyone.
Mars	Co-Operation Rayaan	For working so well as part of a group in Maths.
Mercury	Co-Operation Zion	Trying very hard to be kind and getting on with others
Mercury	Co-operation Jannat	Looking after and supporting a new pupil
Mercury	Mathematician of the week Bushra	Displaying brilliant counting skills
Mercury	Writer of the week Marvellous	Brilliant writing about her summer holidays
Venus	Co-Operation Sheku	Always listening to instructions in and outside of the classroom.
Venus	Co-Operation Angelina	Always following the classroom rules
Venus	Mathematician of the week Akram	Working hard to write numbers 1-10
Venus	Writer of the week Sabrina	Using her phonic knowledge to write some difficult words
Jupiter	Mathematician of the week Rhys	
Jupiter	Writer of the week Huda	
Saturn	Writer of the week Namari	For trying hard to improve his presentation and not giving up
Saturn	Co-operation Liya	For working hard in Math's and demonstrating her place value knowledge
Saturn	Mathematician of the week Samaha	For working hard in Math's and demonstrating her place value knowledge
Saturn	Co-Operation Rafael	For working well with his table.



CHAMPION CERTIFICATES



Co-Operation Years 4 to 6

Class	Name	Reason for Award
Galaxy	Co-Operation Rayane	For always offering to help others.
Galaxy	Co-Operation Solihom	For working well in partners
Supernova	Co-Operation Nuraz	For working well in small groups.
Supernova	Co-Operation Rozzena	For displaying a positive attitude in lessons
Neptune	Co-Operation Al Ameen Kareem	For offering fruit so politely and graciously.
Neptune	Co-Operation Liam Taylor	For his willingness to help share out lunches, and hand sanitiser at key moments.
Pluto	Co-Operation Amira	For showing the value of cooperation by working together with a new pupil and being a great learning partner.
Pluto	Co-Operation Victor	For showing the value of cooperation of sensibly working with his talk partner and his table group to make a great start in Year 5!
Aurora	Co-Operation Stas	For showing the value of co-operation by working well with different partners, and maintaining an excellent attitude to his learning in all subjects.
Aurora	Co-Operation Widad	For showing the value of co-operation, by working excellently together with another pupil on a shared task.
Sky	Co-Operation Eunbitt	For demonstrating co-operation, by supporting her peers through encouragement to do the right thing.
Sky	Co-Operation Aisha	For using cooperation by using team work to achieve her and her peers goals.

Parent/Carer Information



Headteacher: Miss Rebecca Benjamins (BA.Ed)
Deputy Headteacher: Mr. Lorrain Black (MCCT)
Assistant Headteacher: Mr. Alan Brennan (NPQSL)
School Business Manager: Mrs. Kim Edwards (MBA)

Dear Parent/Carer,

8th September 2021

All at Grange we recognise the importance of regular and punctual attendance. The partnership between home and school is a vital part of your child's success and we encourage you to take an active role in their learning by ensuring your child attends school regularly and has excellent punctuality.

On every day of your child's absence, please ensure you liaise with the school before 9.05am, by leaving a message with (1) your child's name and class (2) what your child is ill with (e.g. vomiting). You can leave a message for us:

via the ParentMail service
by calling the office on 020 7771 6121 (leaving a voice message) or;
emailing the school on: office@grange.southwark.sch.uk

If your child is absent for more than 3 school days, you will need to provide evidence of absence, such as a GP appointment card, text or email, or a letter showing your child was seen at the hospital.

If we do not have a reason for absence for your child, we will receive a call from the school office at the first instance followed by a text. **If necessary**, we will undertake a **home visit** to ascertain the reason of absence.

Medical appointments should be booked outside of school hours and ideally during half term breaks. If you need to request time off school for a medical appointment, please complete a request via the school office.

Any other request for an absence from school will need to be completed and authorised by/at the Headteacher's discretion. Requests outside of term time will usually be based on pupil attendance, punctuality and personal circumstance.

Punctuality: during our staggered entry times, we will be closing the gate at 9.05am (when our last year group enters the building). Any child arriving after this time; will need to enter through the school office, register a late mark and give a reason for the lateness.

At the end of the day; a child will be registered late after school from 3.30pm. You will be called to be informed that your child will be looked after at the After School Provision, and a charge of up to £11.00 will be incurred for the day.

If you have different collection arrangements at the end of the day, you must call the school office no later than 2.00pm, to inform us of this change. We cannot guarantee a message can be relayed in time, when we receive messages late in the day.

If absences or/and lateness persists, you will be invited to attend a punctuality meeting with the Headteacher.

Should you have any questions, or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and continued support.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Benjamins
Headteacher