



Grange Primary School Newsletter

24th September 2021

Autumn Term 1



REMINDER: Monday 27th September — Individual School Photographs. Please ensure your child is in full school uniform (as usual) **BE READY WITH A SMILE!!! Core Value Of The Week: **RESILIENCE****

A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week at Grange. This week we introduced our new behaviour system. Thanks to all the parents/ carers who have provided feedback and supported our decisions. I have spoken with many of you this week, and I get the impression you are happy with the system we have put in place. We have high expectations of your children and expect them to come to school each day ready to learn. We ask that you work with us and reinforce our value of respect with your children at home, we ask that you talk to your children about sharing their problems and trusting we will support them with any conflicts they might have. If you need to speak with me regarding the policy, or you have concerns please email or call the office to arrange an appointment.



Many children from our school took part in sporting events this week organised by LPESSN (Southwark school sports team). We are very proud to announce that Amira in Pluto class came 1st out of six schools that took part, this is a huge success, well done Amira!

Next week we will be sending details out about coffee mornings where you will be able to find out about the way in which we teach reading at school, and how you can help your children at home. Please look out for posters and further information during the week.

I am happy to announce we have had one parent express an interest in becoming a parent governor. We still have one vacancy so if you are keen on supporting the school please email your statement of interest to headteacher@grange.southwark.sch.uk

I hope you have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week.

Rebecca

Rebecca Benjamins
Headteacher





Headteacher Messages

Reception Baseline Assessments

Over the next few weeks, children in Reception will be taking part in the new statutory Reception Baseline Assessment (RBA).

The purpose of the assessment is to provide the starting point for a new measure, that will eventually record the progress of children from Reception to Year 6. The RBA is a short, interactive practical assessment of your child's early literacy, communication language and mathematical skill when they begin school, using materials that most children will be familiar with.

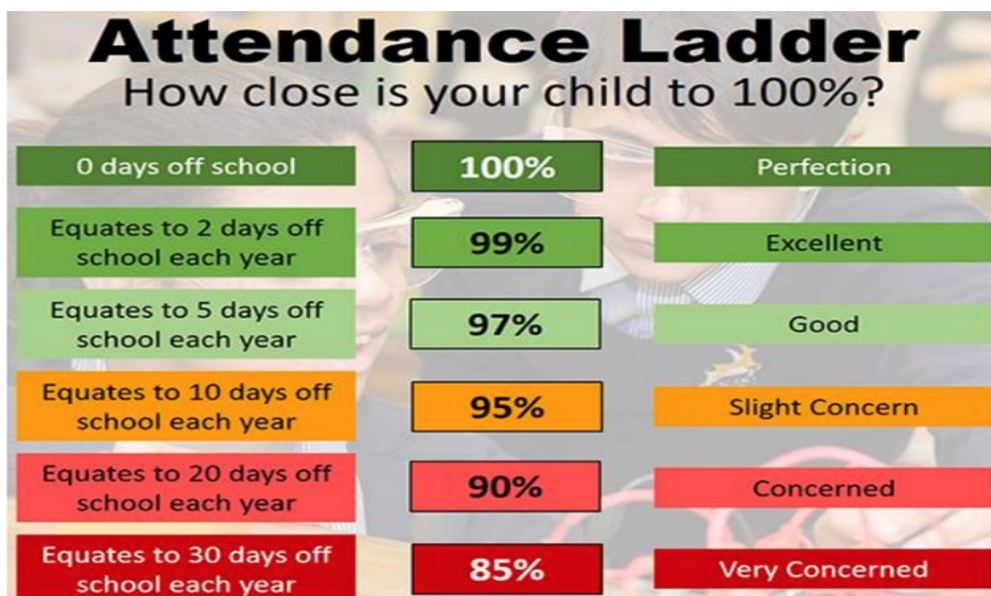
It is a statutory assessment for all schools from September 2021. This assessment is not about putting children under any pressure - your child cannot pass or fail the assessment. Its main purpose is to create a starting point to measure the progress schools make with their pupils. The RBA will provide an opportunity for your child to have valuable one-to-one time with their teacher at an early stage of their learning to help teachers to get to know your child better.

If you have any further questions, please talk to your child's class teacher.



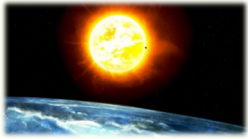
Attendance

Attendance is still a huge concern of mine, our school is below national average, and we need to make a huge effort to get our children to school each day. **Please look at the table below to check your children's attendance.**





Our News



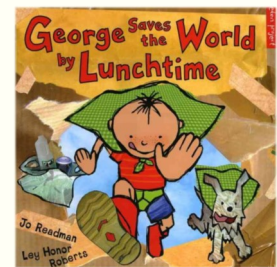
Nursery SUN



In the Nursery this week we carry on settling children in.

Our new children are doing very well and are quickly learning our routines, and getting used to the new environment. We continue with the topic of 'Ourselves', and children are enjoying decorating a life-sized likeness of themselves.

Also, this week we have been educating children about the importance of recycling/reusing/and repairing. Children are making bird-feeders for the winter, using old plastic bottles. They listened to the story which promotes recycling and being kind to our environment entitled: 'George saves the World by Lunchtime' by Readman.



Reception Moon & Star

The children are really enjoying exploring their new Reception classrooms. They really love our large sinks, which are usually used for water play. It's lovely to see the children playing and learning together, having settled in so well.

Wellies Appeal

The Early Years team is asking for any donations you can make of old Wellington Boots (wellies), which would be suitable for children aged 3-5 years.

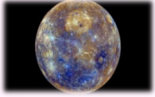
This is so we can have some spare wellies for children to play in the mud kitchen (and to save their new school shoes from getting too muddy).

Please hand your donations to any of the Reception or Nursery teachers at the school gate.





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Year 1 Mercury & Venus



Year 1s have been busy creating their very own aliens as part of our space project!

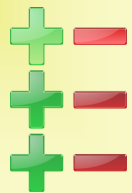
They used paper plates and lots of other exciting materials.



YEAR 3 Jupiter & Saturn



This week in Maths in Year 3, we were practicing doubling and halving. So we can use round and adjust strategies, to add and subtract near doubles.



Year 5 Neptune & Pluto



Year 5 showed true grit and determination to complete a gruelling Southwark Cross Country event on Monday.

100% of the pupils from Neptune and Pluto completed the course, and should feel very proud to have done so! We are very proud of everyone - especially those who battled through to complete the course, and who might never have done anything like it before. Special mention should go to: Amira who came first in the Y5 girls race, and Zayan who came seventh in the Year 5 boys race!





Our News



Writer of the Week

Mercury Azion using his phonics to help him spell unknown words.

Venus An for using her phonics knowledge to create a word bank in our English lesson.

Mars Daniella for using such fantastic adjectives to describe the characters and improve her sentences with alliteration.

Planet Earth Saihaan for trying hard to use cursive handwriting.

Galaxy Erik for thinking creatively in his work on Shackleton.

Saturn Ayaan for challenging himself to do his best in his writing.

Jupiter Huda for being adventurous in her writing and including time adverbials.

Supernova Nadia for demonstrating good development in joined up writing.

Neptune Raina for a huge effort at adding detail to her descriptions.

Pluto Amah for an amazing descriptive paragraph.

Aurora Kiarra for working extremely hard on his autobiography



Mathematician of the Week



Mercury Harli great work during our lesson on one more/less! Well done!

Venus for Eiliya beginning to contribute to class discussions.

Mars Ibrahim for showing a big improve him his knowledge of numbers.

Planet Earth Yassi for trying hard to learn addition and subtraction number bonds to 20.

Galaxy George for completing his work with confidence and independence.

Saturn Sobhi by completing his Math's task independently.

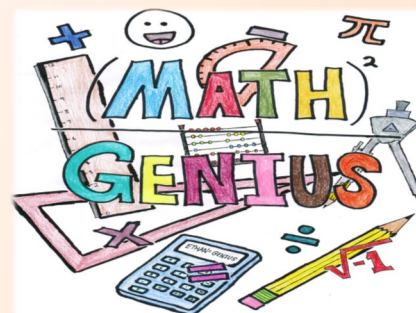
Jupiter Kayden for excellent independence when halving and doubling.

Supernova Ahmed for showing a good understanding of new learning in Maths.

Noah for grouping his numbers in Roman numeral challenge work – excellent thinking and reasoning.

Pluto Hemeda for her willingness to take on a challenge.

Brooke for focusing hard and learning new concepts in Maths.





School Info & Events



New School Start Times

As from next week, Monday 27th September we will be commencing the new **START and FINISH TIMES**

Reception/ Year 1 & Year 2:
8:45am to 3:05pm

Years 3 & 4:
8:50am to 3:10pm

Years 5 & 6:
8:55am to 3:15pm

Clubs will start at 3:15pm to 4:15pm
except the Drumming Club.



Attendance



Week Commencing
13th September 2021

School Year Autumn Term 1 2021	Class Winner	%
Attendance	Whole School	96.1%
KS1 Winner	Mercury	99.0%
KS2 Winner	Galaxy	100%
Planet Earth		93.9%
Mars		91.0%
Venus		96.9%
Jupiter		95.8%
Saturn		95.4%
Supernova		96.0%
Neptune		99.1%
Pluto		95.0%
Aurora		92.9%
Sky		99.7%

Free Food Parcel/Vouchers

Do I need to apply for a free school meal?
No, but you do need to let us know if you think you may be entitled to benefits-related free school meals (FSM).

It's important that you register for free school meals, if you think your child may be eligible, as it will enable us to receive additional funding via the Pupil Premium, totalling £1,320 per child.

This additional government funding is used by the school to help children to make the best possible progress they can and to provide additional resources and educational experiences that they may not otherwise have access to. **During lockdown, we were able to provide families with food vouchers due to their entitlement.**



First name	Class	New Age
Genesis	Sun	4
Jennifer	Jupiter	8
Tiffany	Aurora	11
Neon	Planet Earth	7
Ali Abdi	Supernova	9
Abdulrahman	Pluto	10



CHAMPION CERTIFICATES



Core Value - Resilience Years 1 to 2

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Osman	For showing perseverance in his writing.
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Jorge	For trying hard to complete all of his work and never giving up.
<i>Mars</i>	Mohamed	For always having that never give up attitude to his learning, even when he finds it hard.
<i>Mars</i>	Linda	For coming back to school with a positive attitude and preserving when she sometimes finds the task at hand difficult.
<i>Mercury</i>	Helen	Always trying so hard! Well done!
<i>Mercury</i>	Latifa	Trying really hard to use her voice in class and becoming more confident when engaging with the class
<i>Venus</i>	Liam	Always tries to complete tasks that are given to him
<i>Venus</i>	Muhammed	Always willing to have a go.



CHAMPION CERTIFICATES



Core Value - Resilience Years 3 to 6

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Jupiter</i>	Keira	For trying her best with all tasks
<i>Jupiter</i>	Elias	Trying hard to improve his handwriting when it feels hard.
<i>Saturn</i>	Aisha	For trying her best, even when she finds it difficult.
<i>Saturn</i>	William	For always challenging himself to do better.
<i>Supernova</i>	Asiah	By completing her English writing task independently.
<i>Supernova</i>	Luis	For staying positive and working hard in lessons.
<i>Galaxy</i>	Ayaan	For completing his work with effort and enthusiasm.
<i>Galaxy</i>	Ahsen	For trying her best, even when she finds it difficult.
<i>Neptune</i>	Bethany Skelton	For a fantastic effort at keeping on, keeping on during cross country – Well done!
<i>Neptune</i>	Yasmin Hasan	For not giving up, for finding a way, for taking support - for finishing an arduous race.
<i>Pluto</i>	Reyah	For showing the value of respect by helping and supporting her classmates.
<i>Pluto</i>	Kwame	For showing the value of respect by always listening to and following instructions.
<i>Aurora</i>	Amina	For always listening well and showing respect and manners to everyone.
<i>Aurora</i>	Brandon	For improving his attitude and being respectful to other people.
<i>Sky</i>	Kayla	Has shown the value of respect this week by continuing to be listen and follow instructions given by all adults.
<i>Sky</i>	Kaylen	Continues to always show the value of respect by being supportive and caring to all.



School Reminders!!

Attendance

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 **9.00am**, by leaving a message with:-

1. your child's name and class
2. That 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
3. **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, you 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.**

Punctuality

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.**

Medical Appointments



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 form via the school office.



Authorised Absence Request

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We have introduced several new clubs, so please look closely at the timetable of Clubs/Days of Clubs.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 3 and 4 Chess Peter Mant & Year 3 Room Ms Hall	Year 5 and 6 Health and Well-being Club AM Hall Janelia - Evolve	Year 6 Health and Wellbeing Club AM Hall Janelia - Evolve	Years 3 to 6 African Drumming AM Hall Sandra	Year 2 and 3 Health and Well-being Club AM Hall Janelia - Evolve
Year 5 and 6 Football Team Muga/Top Hall Coach Charles & Aslam	Year 2 and 3 Sports Club Muga/Top Hall Coach Charles	Year 4 and 5 Sports Club Muga/Top Hall Coach Charles	Year 3 and 4 Netball Muga Heather & Aslam	Year 5 and 6 Netball Muga Heather & Aslam

REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

To keep ourselves, families, and the community safe:

- Get vaccinated if you are eligible**
- Keep social distancing and avoid crowded areas if possible**
- Wear a face covering (unless exempt) in crowded places and on public transport**
- Wash your hands regularly or use sanitiser**
- If you have symptoms, stay at home and book a test at: nhs.uk/coronavirus**
- Meet outside, or ventilate rooms for indoor visitors**
- Check in at venues for test and trace**

Check the latest COVID-19 information: gov.uk/coronavirus
Visit southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus or sign up to our digital newsletter at southwark.gov.uk/followus

@sb_southwark facebook.com/southwarkcouncil @southwarkcouncil

Your Child's Flu Vaccination is now Due!!

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu.

Please follow the link to complete an online consent form (one for each child) to ensure your child receives their vaccination. <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/flu/2021/southwark>

The vaccination is free and is quick, simple and a painless spray up the nose. The healthcare team and school, will follow guidelines to ensure children are safe when being offered the vaccine.



Parent/Carer Info & Support



WE NEED YOU!!



Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

Our school (Grange Primary) is working with a Charity called Coram Beanstalk, to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can spare an afternoon or two a week to come in to school. As a reading helper you would hold reading sessions with some of our children on a one-to-one basis, giving those that need it extra support to practise reading skills outside of the classroom.

For more information or if you want to apply online, visit the website at www.corambeanstalk.org.uk and complete an application form.

Please make sure you indicate Grange Primary School SE1 in the section "School I have a connection with" to make sure you are placed at Grange.

School Governor Vacancy:

We currently have two vacancies on our Governing body for two parent governors. If you are interested in this position, please email using the address at:-

headteacher@grange.southwark.sch.uk expressing your interest. We will then be in touch regarding the process and the next steps. School governance allows you to develop your skills, both personally and professionally, as a parent governor you would be able to add the following skills and experience to your CV:

- Strategic planning
- Experience on a board
- Holding senior leaders to account
- Finance, and maintaining oversight of potentially multi-million pound budgets
- Human resources and performance management
- Project management
- Marketing
- Communication and Decision making

In addition, you will get to see things from the school's perspective and see how the school is managed. You will gain an in-depth understanding of how decisions are made and the pressures on school leaders, while playing an integral part in deciding what happens.

We encourage applications from all members of society, regardless of background, gender, ethnicity, disability or age (as long as you're over 18).

Evelina London School Nursing Service

The Evelina London School Nursing Service supports families in Southwark and Lambeth with all things related to children's health. You can find further information on the flyer below and/or by clicking on the website link:

<https://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/our-services/community/school-nursing-service/parentline.aspx>



Dear Parent/Carer,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Evelina London School Nursing Service.

During these unsettling times, as a parent/carer of a child(ren) at school you may be worried about your child's health and wellbeing and be unsure about how to get the help you need.

School nurses are here to help, we work in teams across Southwark and Lambeth and you can contact us for confidential advice and support on a wide range of issues.

Please let us know if your child has medical or physical and/or emotional health needs that they need support with.

We are able to discuss your child's needs and see children:

- Face to face in school
- Face to face in a health centre
- Text
- Telephone
- Virtually
- Home visit

For Parents/Carers of children 5-19 years old at school in Southwark or Lambeth

For advice and support please contact the School Nursing Service:

Text: If you need advice or support regarding your child, you can confidentially text a school nurse on **07520 631 130**. Texts will only be seen Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

You can find out more on [w: www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline](http://www.evelinalondon.nhs.uk/parentline)

If you are a parent or carer

You can text a school nurse on

07520 631 130

Telephone: You can call the School Nursing Central Hub: **tel: 020 3049 4777**, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm (excluding bank holidays).

In an emergency, call 999 or go to your local Emergency Department (A&E)

Your information

We might inform someone if we are concerned about your child's safety, or the safety of someone else, but we would usually try to speak to you first. Your information is stored on secure electronic records and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules.



The School Nursing Service can assist with:

Support with managing medical needs in schools

Bedwetting

Sleep

Emotional health and wellbeing

Weight management

Immunisation advice
www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/

Healthy lifestyle

Keeping safe

Puberty and relationships



Parent/Carer Info & Support



WE ARE ON TWITTER AND INSTAGRAM

We are on Twitter and Instagram! Please follow us and take a look at some of the great work and activities the children have completed each week!

Instagram: [grangeprimaryse1](https://www.instagram.com/grangeprimaryse1)

Twitter: [@growwithgrange](https://twitter.com/growwithgrange)

Both sites can be accessed via our school website

<https://grange.southwark.sch.uk/>

BIKE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Monday 27th September to
Friday 1st October 2021

Bike to School Week is a week-long event across the UK to encourage families to cycle and scoot to school. It's a great way to celebrate the huge benefits an active school run brings. This year it takes place from 27 September to 1 October 2021. Find out how your school can get involved.

During the week, we are encouraging families to cycle or scoot to school. It's a great opportunity to celebrate cycling and scooting and the positive impact it has on children's health and wellbeing as well as the environment.

So Have a Go , we have safe places for our pupils to put their bikes/scooters.



Bike to School Week 2021

27 September – 1 October

- Be active** and feel more energised
- Help the environment** by replacing a car journey
- Improve local air quality** and reduce congestion



Let Sustrans know your family is cycling or scooting to school to be in with the chance of winning a Frog bike.

Visit www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek/pledge



#BikeToSchoolWeek

www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek



Have Fun!

LOL

The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football

TIME AND DATE

Every Tuesday from 14th September 2021

LOCATION

Marlborough Sports Gardens, 27 Union St, London SE1 1SD

NEXT STEPS

Head to theffa.com/WeetabixWildcats to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: joe@lpesn.org.uk

