



# Grange Primary School Newsletter 15th October 2021

Autumn Term 1

Core Value Of The Week: Respect

**Reminders:** Black History Month 1st - 30th October 2021

Parents Evening Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Half Term (School Closed) - Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021

Inset Day Monday 1st November 2021 - First Day after Half-Term - Tuesday 2nd November 2021



Dear Parents, Carers,

This week I have been observing your children during their English lessons, I have seen some great writing. A giant has visited Year 2, Year 1 have been describing 'Baby Bear's Voyage' to the moon, and Year 6 have written some beautiful descriptions to describe a journey based on the Shaun Tan book 'The Arrival'.

Behaviour for learning and attitude to learning is improving, and the children are getting much better at reporting incidents to us. Please continue to talk with your children at home and encourage them to talk to us if they are unhappy. If you feel an incident has not been dealt with, please do not take it into your own hands. Please book a meeting with myself or Mr Black, and allow us the time to manage situations. Any inappropriate or aggressive behaviour on school grounds, will result in a ban from the school premises. I will not tolerate parents shouting or intimidating school staff, or our children.

**Please treat others in a way you would want yourself or your children to be treated.**

Communication is getting better, but many of you are still telling me you are not receiving letters. We send weekly newsletters via Parentmail, included in the weekly newsletters are copies of most communication sent during the week. All letters including the newsletters can be found on our school website. The website is also a great place to look for information for any details from coffee mornings you may have missed. Please check the website regularly to make sure you have not missed anything.

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

*Rebecca*

Rebecca Benjamins  
Headteacher



Love

Hope,

Co-Operation



# News



## Parent's Evening

If you have not heard about it, received the Parent Mail email, or seen the paper letter - please contact the School Office to book an appointment!

Meetings will be held over MS Teams or on the telephone, **on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**



## Parent's Evening

## Year 6 House Captains



The children in Year 6 have nominated House Captains.

These children will begin their official role after half term. They will be responsible for rewarding other children with Dojos, supporting at playtimes and representing the school.

The children will be recognisable by a small badge, which they will wear daily. This is a huge privilege, and we congratulate all the children chosen.

**Well done!**

**Sammy, Jake, Amina, Adiel, Amina T, Daniella, Stas and Brandon M.**

## 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 child's attendance.

Attendance Ladder		
How close is your child to 100%?		
0 days off school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



## School Council

Our School Council met this week to discuss and create names to use for our School Houses. The School Houses are a way in which children can learn to work collaboratively.

Each week the individual Dojos will be counted and added together for each school house. At the end of the term the house with the most Dojos will be rewarded with a trip. Our first house prize will be a bowling trip!

Look out for our House names next week, once the classes have voted for their favourite ones.

Respect

Responsibility

Confidence



# News



## Reception Moon & Star



Autumn has definitely arrived in Reception.

Children collected autumn leaves at home and brought them to school. We have been looking at the changes in the leaves' colours, and talking about 'signs of autumn'.



## Year 2 Planet Earth and Mars



This week Year 2 have begun focusing on a book called Jim and the beanstalk. They were excited to discover a beanstalk and giant's footprint in their classes.

In Maths the children have learnt how to measure using m and cm. In Science the children have been observing a plant growing in different conditions and in RE they have learnt how Hindus celebrate Diwali.



Respect

Responsibility

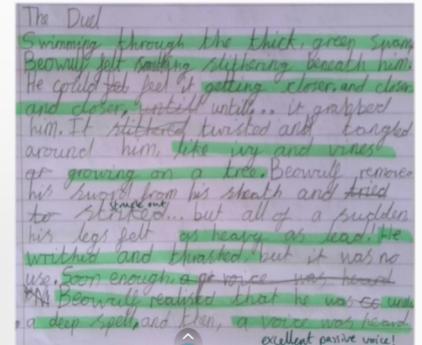
Confidence



# News



## Year 5 Neptune



Y5 have been hard at work this week.

We have finished off some epic stories of Beowulf vs Grendel's Mother ... where we have tried to include effective adjectives, well punctuated speech and short suspenseful sentences – among other skills.

In Maths, we have developed other thinking around finding the difference - including alternative ways we can achieve the answer (counting on, subtraction).

In Neptune class we created bar models with manipulatives to help understand the concept of mathematical difference – a useful challenge for all.



In Science this week – we are looking at parachute investigations.

We wonder – ‘How will the size of the parachute affect the time it takes the parachute to fall?’ We will let you know how we get on next week!



## Nursery SUN

This week children heard the story: 'Little Mouse's Big Book of Fears.' by Emily Gravett. Children have been drawing their biggest fears, and we will put those pictures together to make: 'Sun Class Book of Fears.'

We have been discussing our fears and, ways of dealing with them. Children also made their own stress balls using balloons and semolina. Children then drew a 'feeling' face on their stress ball.

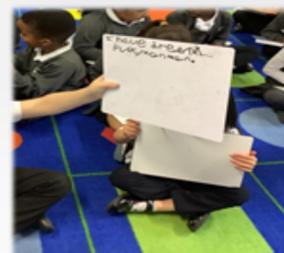
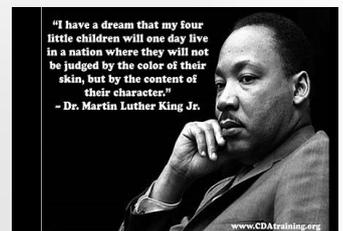


## Year 1 Mercury & Venus



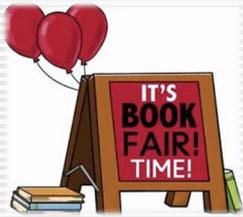
Year 1 have been celebrating, Black History Month this week.

We have been looking at the life of Martin Luther king. Children watched his iconic speech ‘I have a Dream’, which inspired them to write their own; I have a dream speech.





# News



## BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be taking place from:  
**Friday, 15th October - Wednesday, 20th October**  
at the end of the school day.

It will be cashless and parents will be asked to pay online with us, by filling out a form and bank details.



## Keeping in Touch

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: grangeprimaryschoolse1**

**Twitter: @growwithgrange**

Both sites can be accessed via our school website

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

## Year 6 Book of the Week

### Sky Class



#### Fiction

**Title: Aarti and the Blue Gods**

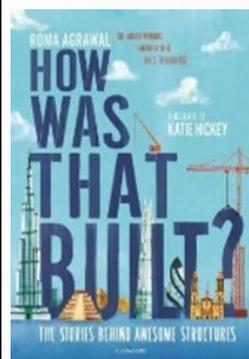
**Author: Jasbinder Bilan**

**Publisher: Chicken house**

**Interest age: 9-11**

**Reading age: 9+**

A delicious mix of mystery, adventure and fantasy, as a girl living on a remote Scottish island with a cruel aunt, begins to question what she has been told about her origins.



#### Non-fiction

**Title: How was that built?**

**Author: Roma Agrawal**

**Illustrator: Katie Hickey**

**Publisher:**

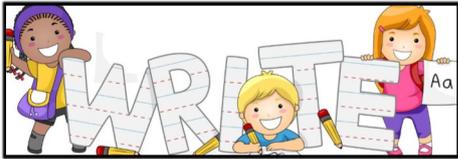
**Interest age: 11+**

**Reading age: 11+**

Scientifically detailed and packed full of information, this is a high-level introduction to the exceptionally complex demands of the building of bridges, tunnels and high rise city sky scrapers, and how they have been solved.



# REWARDS



## Writer of the Week

**Mercury:** Jannat - For an amazing diary entry in role as baby bear.

**Venus:** Isabelle - Working hard in English. Using her phonics knowledge to spell simple words.

**Mars:** Mohamed - For writing fantastic thoughts and feeling bubbles.

**Planet Earth:** Aram - Trying hard to improve his presentation.

**Galaxy:** Ayaan - For always challenging himself to improve his writing.

**Saturn:** Isata - For using precise nouns in her writing.

**Jupiter:** Sohil - For his fantastic description of his journey on the Windrush.

**Supernova :** Rozzena - For working hard to complete written tasks in class.

**Neptune:** Adnan - For a stunning Beowulf story - the whole piece - you put such care and attention into every single bit. Well done!

**Pluto:** Victor - For his amazingly vivid descriptions of Grendel.

**Aurora:** Isla - For her great setting description of arriving into a strange land.

**Sky:** Zayden



## Mathematician of the Week

**Mercury:** Hosna - For great work on number lines!

**Venus:** Imran - Working hard to understand subtraction.

**Mars:** Slwnaos - For working really hard on comparing lengths.

**Planet Earth:** Mohamed - Working hard when learning how to measure in cm and m.

**Galaxy:** Gianni For checking and editing his work carefully.

**Saturn:** Ricco - For making a great pictogram in Maths.

**Jupiter:** Asiyah - For your excellent work on pictograms. Well done!!

**Supernova:** Nabil - For developing the confidence to work on equations independently

**Neptune:** Umar - For finding different combinations of coins to make a total. Really great lateral thinking!

**Pluto:** Amah - For her confidence in trying new and challenging Maths topics.

**Aurora:** Omar (A ) - For working hard in class to understand dividing with factors

**Sky:** Eunbitt



# Champions

## Core Value Respect Years 1 to 2

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Jamal	For listening respectfully in class.
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Neon	For trying hard to improve his listening and concentration in class.
<i>Mars</i>	Stephen	For always being respectful to children, adults and our school learning environment.
<i>Mars</i>	Shyla	For always listening and showing respect during learning time.
<i>Mercury</i>	Annabelle	Trying so hard to listen to adult instructions! Well Done!
<i>Mercury</i>	Ebrahim	Showing respect for other people's ideas and opinions, especially in RE.
<i>Venus</i>	Zhi	For settling in Venus class and following the class routines.
<i>Venus</i>	Sabrina	Always greeting adults and children in the mornings.



# Champions

## Core Value - Respect Years 3 to 6

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Jupiter</i>	Jennifer	For caring about her class friends.
<i>Jupiter</i>	Ralphie	Always listening and following instructions.
<i>Saturn</i>	Saima	Respecting other opinions even when it's not the same as hers.
<i>Saturn</i>	Iuqman	For always being kind and considerate to those around him.
<i>Supernova</i>	Ghilass	For consistently showing respect to all adults and peers.
<i>Supernova</i>	Isabella	For being caring to others and showing good manners at all times.
<i>Galaxy</i>	Erik	For always listening carefully to others.
<i>Galaxy</i>	Justina	For speaking kindly to her peers and teachers.
<i>Neptune</i>	Mubaraq	For developing more self-respect - making choices that earn good attention and your highest dojo total yet!
<i>Neptune</i>	Francois Franco	For trying to put your point of view across respectfully to your peers about how you wish to be treated.
<i>Pluto</i>	Neriyah	For showing the value of respect by making sure that others know their feelings matter to her.
<i>Pluto</i>	Jordan	For showing the value of respect by listening carefully and considering other people's thoughts and opinions.
<i>Aurora</i>	Destiny	For trying hard to speak kindly and respectfully to others in class.
<i>Aurora</i>	Arthi	For always speaking respectfully to others in the class.
<i>Sky</i>	Jake	For always being kind and considerate to those around him.
<i>Sky</i>	Zayden	For showing support and actively listening to all.



# School Info & Events



First name	Class	New Age
Jayson	Mars	7
Noah	Supernova	9
Mariama	Aurora	11
Jordan	Pluto	10
Maimouna	Neptune	10
Adiel	Sky	11
Ayaan	Saturn	8
Ella-Mae	Mars	7
Asiyah	Jupiter	8



## Attendance

Week Commencing  
Monday 4th October 2021

School Year Autumn Term 1 2021	Class Winner	%
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>KS1 Winner</b>	<b>Venus</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>KS2 Winner</b>	<b>Galaxy</b>	<b>100%</b>
Mars		97.7%
Planet Earth		97.9%
Jupiter		94.4%
Saturn		94.6%
Supernova		96%
Neptune		98.2%
Pluto		97.1%
Aurora		90.7%
Sky		97.3%

### Important Dates for your Diary

1.10 .21 – 31.10.21 – Black History Month

19.10.21 – Parents' Evening  
(MS Teams and telephone meetings)

21.10.21 - Parents' Evening  
(zoom and telephone meetings)

22.10.21 – Big Draw Art Event

Half Term 25th—29th October 2021

INSET DAY—Monday 1st November 2021

First Day After Half Term—Tuesday 2nd November  
2021

31.10.21 – Closing date for secondary  
application



### School Charging Policy

Our children are regularly bringing home a reading book and we hope you are enjoying reading with them.

Please can you ensure the books are looked after and returned in good condition.

Should a reading book sent home get lost or damaged, we may request you pay a nominal charge of £5 for a replacement to be bought.

Thank you for taking care of our reading resources.





# Important School Reminders!!



## Punctuality

**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 and register a late mark - AND GIVE A REASON FOR THE LATENESS.**

## Coats

As the weather is changing, we urge you to provide a coat for your child for school.

We want to ensure children are out in the fresh air as much as possible, so they need to be wrapped up warm.

**Please remember to label your child's items so they do not get lost.**



## AT THE END OF THE DAY (Important Messages)

**1)  
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.**

**2)  
If you have a different collection arrangement 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.**



## New School Start Times

**As from 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** finishes at **4:30pm**.**

Parent Communication



# Parent/Carer Info & Support

## 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.**

## 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](https://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](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)  
 Visit [southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus](https://southwark.gov.uk/coronavirus) or sign up to our digital newsletter at [southwark.gov.uk/followus](https://southwark.gov.uk/followus)

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## 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](https://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/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/)
- Healthy lifestyle
- Keeping safe
- Puberty and relationships



# Parent/Carer Info & Support

## English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Please see below information and contact information, if you need support learning English, the courses are free, which you can join!

### Southwark Council Adult Learning

**SOUTHWARK  
WELLBEING  
HUB**

Southwark Council offer courses for families and adults 19+, some courses are free, the rest are subsidised by the Skills Funding Agency. They offer literacy, numeracy, ESOL, Childcare, IT and a range of community learning courses including art and pottery, creative writing, fitness and dance, woodwork, upholstery and fashion.

To find out about -enrollment & more details about these courses, please visit the Southwark Council website here – <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning/our-courses> and click on the ‘Adult Learning Course Guide, 2018-2019’ link.

Address & Contact details

Thomas Calton Centre Alpha Street, Peckham SE15 4NX

Website: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/adult-learning/>

Email: [adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:adult.learning@southwark.gov.uk)

Phone: [020 7358 2100](tel:02073582100)

Southwark Children and Family Centres  
Peckham, Peckham Rye and Nunhead

**FREE ESOL CLASSES**  
FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN UNDER 5 YEARS

it's time  
to LEARN  
ENGLISH

Classes will be twice a week, both online  
and face to face  
All students will be offered the possibility  
to gain a recognized qualification  
**LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE ON DIFFERENT LEVELS  
CLASSES, FROM BEGINNERS TO INTERMEDIATE**  
To book an assessment please  
call/email 020 3848 5780  
[aingrassia@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:aingrassia@ivydale.southwark.sch.uk)  
You will need a photo ID - passport or similar to enrol  
**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LEWISHAM AND SOUTHWARK COLLEGE**



# Parent/Carer Info & Support

FAO: Year 6 families

September 2021

## Secondary Application 2022/2023

The Secondary application process has begun. If you require any assistance with the application process, please email the school at: [office@grange.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:office@grange.southwark.sch.uk) or Telephone: 020 7771 6121 to book an appointment with Zohra Bounouar, our Administrative Officer.

You must apply online ([www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/schooladmissions)) and **submit your application before the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.**

Some Secondary schools specialise in arts, maths, languages, science or digital technology, and it is important to get a good understanding of what is on offer when making your preferences.

Before you decide which schools to apply for and your order of preference, we strongly advise that you read the guidance in the brochure, which was emailed to you.

- Start finding out about schools now.-
- Look at school brochures/ websites
- Visit as many schools as possible
- Look at the most recent Ofsted reports
- Talk to parents/ carers whose children attend those schools.

All applications for secondary school places must be made using the online application at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

Timetable for Secondary School Applications: 2022/2023	
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Online application system opens
September/October 2021	Schools open days and evenings
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2021	Closing date for secondary school applications
01 <sup>st</sup> March 2022	Offers sent by email to all parents who applied online Letters posted by first class post to parents who didn't apply online and those not offered their first preference school

Extra help and advice is always available from the Southwark Admissions team. They can answer any questions you may have about the admissions process. You can phone Southwark Admissions on: **020 7525 5337.**

Yours sincerely,  
**Miss. Rebecca Benjamins**  
Headteacher