



# Grange Primary School Newsletter

1st October 2021

Autumn Term 1

## Reminders:

KS1 Coffee Morning Wednesday 6th October at 9:00am.

Parent/Teacher Association (PTA) Meeting with Headteacher—Thursday 7th October at 9:00am.

*Core Value Of The Week: RESPONSIBILITY*

Dear Parents, Carers,

Thank you for the support you have shown with our new behaviour policy. Once the policy has been ratified by our Governors, we will upload it to our school website.

The children are coping well with the new changes, and you will be pleased to hear our Dojo prizes have finally arrived! Look out for the fancy pencil prizes on Friday at the end of the day.

This week we have adapted the timetable, and children have started to eat together in the school dinner hall. Year groups are still separated, but all children are now receiving a hot meal at lunchtime each day.

Towards the end of this term, I will be reviewing the meals offered by our provider to ensure the meals provided are delicious and healthy. We have also deployed more adults into the playgrounds to ensure playtime is a fun, engaging space for your children to play in.

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

*Rebecca*

Rebecca Benjamins  
Headteacher





# Headteacher Messages

Over the next few weeks our Phase Leaders will be hosting coffee mornings. Please come along so you can find out how to help your child at home and see how we teach reading at school. If you are unable to make it all, presentations will be uploaded to our website. <https://grange.southwark.sch.uk/parent-coffee-morning-workshops/>

## Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



This week I have met with a few parents who are keen to help the school grow, together we have decided to launch Grange PTA (Parent Teacher Association). We will be holding a meeting on **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021** for you to attend, to see how you can join the PTA and what this will look like. Anyone can become a member and support given can be as much as you can give, for example donating a cake to sell at a cake stall, supporting the running of a Winter fair, or simply helping with a raffle. All support and ideas will be welcomed. If you are interested please come to the main school gate where I will meet you at 9am on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Today marks the beginning of Black History Month. Over the academic year I will be working closely with the schools curriculum leaders, to develop the wider curriculum offered at Grange. We will be looking at ways to ensure our curriculum offered is varied, creative and inclusive. Our aim is to develop a curriculum, which reflects all children at our school. Over the next few weeks children will be learning about significant Black British people who have made their mark on society. The work completed will be shared on our Twitter and Instagram page, as well as in the next few weeks newsletters. Displays will be created in our middle hall, showcasing the excellent work the children produce.

### 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.**

## Congratulations

This week the children in Year 2–6 voted for their school council representatives. Please see the names of the children.

Well done everyone! The first School Council meeting will take place next week. In this meeting the School Councillors will find out more about their role, and how they will help make positive changes at our school. We can't wait for our first meeting and we look forward to hearing all of their ideas.



Class	Members
Moon & Star	Oscar and Kiarra
Venus & Mercury	Ahmed and Samina
Earth	Madeline and Jimmy
Mars	Yusra and Elliot
Jupiter	Makayla and Kayden
Saturn	Ramla and Ayaan
Supernova	Ghilass and Zainab
Galaxy	Erik and Holly
Pluto	Daawood and Hemeda
Neptune	Jayden and Yasmin
Aurora	David and Racha
Sky	Harlem and Lydia

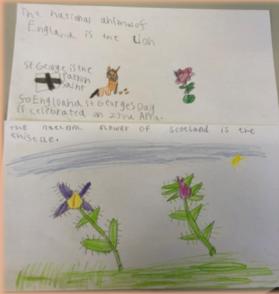


# Our News



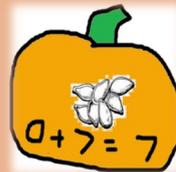
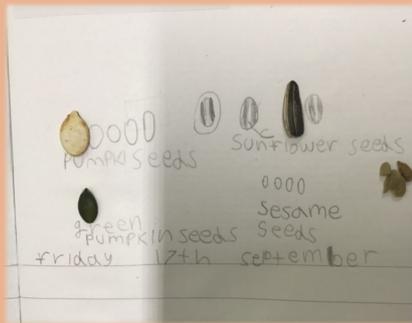
## Year 2

### Planet Earth & Mars



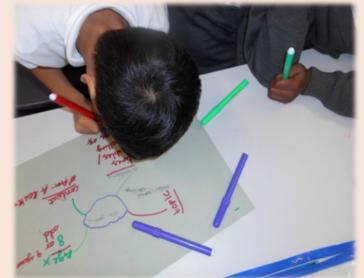
This week Year 2 have been writing their own version of the Enormous Turnip (called the Massive Onion).

Learning how to add and subtract using a number line, researching in groups about different countries in the UK, and sorting seeds and planting bulbs in Science.



## Year 4

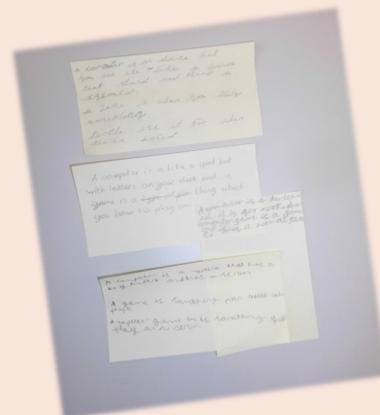
### Galaxy & Supernova



This week in Year 4 we have really enjoyed starting our Computing lessons.

Our first unit, 'We are Software Developers', will involve us creating our own educational game. To get started, we discussed what computer games are and analysed what we liked and disliked about different games.

We then worked in partners to develop an idea for a new and exciting educational game.





# Our News



## YEAR 1

### Mercury & Venus

Our topic this term in Year1 is Space. We have been learning about the different planets in the solar system. Children used playdough to make planets and also drew fantastic pictures.



## Year 3

### Jupiter & Saturn

Last week, Year 3 went on a trip to Bacons College to participate in a cross country.



## You are invited to our KS1 coffee morning!

**When: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Time: 9.00am – 10.00am**

**Where: Grange Primary school**



We are passionate about learning here at Grange and would like to invite you to come along to find out how we teach your children phonics and reading! It will also give you an opportunity to meet the staff and other parents!



# Our News



## Nursery

### SUN

This week in the Nursery, we have continued with the topic of 'Ourselves'. Children are putting finishing touches to the paintings of the life size likeness of themselves. This week they have been using pastels on top of paint to add detail. As the Autumn season has started, we have been enjoying a lot of Autumn related art activities. We have been learning about Autumn and Autumn colours, reading books about Autumn and singing Autumn songs. Children also had fun going on 'the Autumn walk' in the school garden, where they collected leaves for investigation and art activities. Children continue learning to count to 10, Days of the Week, and Months of the Year during our Maths Meeting, and this week they have also been learning about shapes. Children practice their fine motor skills while making play dough 'pizzas', and decorating them with a variety of 'toppings'. In Sun class children continue to settle in very well and are now learning to put on and take off their coats. Some have already learned how to zip them up!



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Friday, 1st October 2021 marks the start of Black History Month.

The children will be learning about individuals who have made a significant contribution to, and achievements in the world of sport, Art, music, Politics and Science. Children's work will be displayed in the Middle Hall.

Please check our Twitter and Instagram feeds over the coming weeks, to see examples of this work.



## 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.



# REWARDS



## Writer of the Week

**Mercury:** Laya for using phonetic and contextual methods to read unfamiliar words. Well done!

**Venus:** Ben for working hard in English, and remembering to use finger spaces and full stops.

**Mars:** Valentine for his fantastic extended writing and use of alliteration and adjectives.

**Planet Earth:** Aisha for trying hard to write independently, and improve her presentation.

**Galaxy:** Augustina for improving her pace and stamina

**Saturn:** Isla for retelling the story of Princess Smartypants, and doing so well.

**Jupiter:** Jennifer for adding detail to her story.

**Supernova :** Bobby for showing excellent improvement in writing independently.

**Neptune:** Ahmed for an outstanding written description of Grendel - stunning..

**Pluto:** Mona for her amazing effort into learning new English words.

**Aurora:** Foday for trying hard to improve the quality of his written work, especially his handwriting.

**Sky:** Maryam



## Mathematician of the Week



Mercury: **Ebrahim** Great work on doubling and halving! Well done!

Venus: **Liam** working independently on doubling, using his fingers to help him work out the answers.

Mars: **Cheryl** for really trying hard with her adding on a number line.

Planet Earth: **Daniel** for being able to explain how to use a number line for addition and subtraction calculations.

Galaxy **Jayden** for working with greater independence and confidence.

Saturn: **Erick** for trying very hard during Maths lessons.

Jupiter: **Tiago** for great partitioning of 2 and 3 digit numbers.

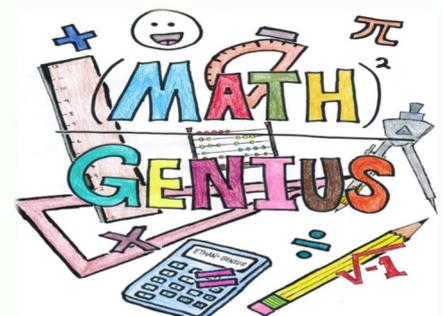
Supernova: **Ali** for showing great progress when completing new tasks.

Neptune: **Liam** for your effort completing practise questions, and beginning to check your answers for yourself.

Pluto: **Jordan** for his amazing work subtracting 6 digit numbers!

Aurora: **David** for taking responsibility for showing his understanding of addition and subtraction methods.

Sky: **Brandon**





# REWARDS



## Core Value Responsibility Years 1 to 2

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Maria	for listening to feedback in lessons and taking responsibility for improving her work.
<i>Planet Earth</i>	Aycha	For taking responsibility and looking after the classroom environment.
<i>Mars</i>	Jamaldeen	For always taking responsibility for the instructions given to his table. He ensures school rules are followed and that his learning environment is clean.
<i>Mars</i>	Alice	For taking responsibility for her learning, and concentrating on her work at all times
<i>Mercury</i>	Ava-Simone	Taking responsibility for the classroom environment by always tidying up! Thank you!
<i>Mercury</i>	Charlotte	Always taking responsibility for her own learning and having a positive attitude towards it! Well done!
<i>Venus</i>	George	For always showing compassion towards his peers and making sure that his friends are ok.
<i>Venus</i>	Muhammed	Always making the right choices even when others are not especially in our carpet sessions. Well done!



# REWARDS



## Core Value - Responsibility Years 3 to 6

Class	Name	Reason for Award
<i>Jupiter</i>	Asiyah	For consistently making good behaviour choices.
<i>Jupiter</i>	Ralphie	For taking responsibility for his learning
<i>Saturn</i>	Ayaan	For taking responsibility for his own learning.
<i>Saturn</i>	Liya	For always working hard in English.
<i>Supernova</i>	Derek	For consistently working hard in English.
<i>Supernova</i>	Gbemi	For displaying good behaviour at all times.
<i>Galaxy</i>	Erion	For being a responsible role model for his peers in class.
<i>Galaxy</i>	Holly	For modelling good behaviour at all times.
<i>Neptune</i>	Aasma	For looking after the hand hygiene of her whole class - carefully and considerately. Performing her role to the highest standard.
<i>Neptune</i>	Zayan	For taking his role in class seriously and helping others with resources.
<i>Pluto</i>	Katherine	For showing the value of responsibility by always working as hard as she can at everything she does!
<i>Pluto</i>	Konika	For showing the value of responsibility by asking for help in her learning when she needs it.
<i>Aurora</i>	Sina	For reading regularly and completing his Reading Record.
<i>Aurora</i>	Samina	For showing exemplary behaviour in all lessons especially in PE.
<i>Sky</i>	Sammie	Has shown the value of responsibility by being fabulous at all she does.
<i>Sky</i>	Oscar	Has shown the value of responsibility this by working hard in reading through asking questions.



# School Info & Events



## Important Dates for your Diary

- 1.10.21 – 30.10.21 – Black History Month
- 05.10.21 – World Teachers' Day
- 06.10.21 – YR1 and YR2 Parent Coffee Morning at 9:00am in Albert McKenzie Hall
- 07.10.21 – National Poetry Day
- 07.10.21 – PTA meeting
- 08.10.21 – YR3 and YR4 Parent Coffee Morning at 9:00am in Albert McKenzie Hall
- 15.10.21 – YR5 and YR6 Parent Coffee Morning at 9:00am in Albert McKenzie Hall
- 19.10.21 – Parents' Evening (ZOOM and telephone meetings)
- 21.10.21 - Parents Evening (ZOOM and telephone meetings)
- 22.10.21 – Big Draw Art Event
- 22.10.21 – Last Day of Half Term**
- 31.10.21 – Closing date for secondary application



## Attendance



Week Commencing  
20th September 2021

School Year Autumn Term 1 2021	Class Winner	%
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>Whole School</b>	<b>96.4%</b>
<b>KS1 Winner</b>	<b>Planet Earth</b>	<b>98.6%</b>
<b>KS2 Winner</b>	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>100%</b>
Mercury		91.5%
Mars		97.7%
Venus	96.3%	96.3%
Jupiter		95.2%
Saturn		96.5%
Supernova		98.0%
Pluto		95.7%
Aurora		95.4%
Sky		96.7%

## *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
<b>Chanel</b>	Star	5
<b>Amya-Rose</b>	Planet Earth	7
<b>David</b>	Aurora	11
<b>Anthony Jorge</b>	Planet Earth	7
<b>Deonnah</b>	Planet Earth	7
<b>Kandji</b>	Planet Earth	7



# Important School Reminders!!



## Water Bottles



We are asking Parents and Carers **Not to send** their child in with flavoured or infused water.

**Only plain water allowed.**

Our water fountains are switched back on, but children may only use these to fill their water bottles.



## 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



## Punctuality

**We will be closing the gate at 9:00am** (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.**

## New School Start Times

As from **Monday 27th September 2021,** we commenced with 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.**

## **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.

## ***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



## Harvest Appeal

We have boxes located in our School Reception Area, for you to donate any dry goods. All goods will be given to our local food bank at the end of term. We thank you in advance for your generous donations.

## After School Clubs

We would like to apologise for any confusion caused this week, regarding After School Clubs.

We thank you for your continued support and patience with this. We are trying to ensure spaces are given, and you are will informed.

Please bare with us, we will get this sorted we are just having a few teething problems.

## 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



## 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: [grangeprimaryschoolse1](https://www.instagram.com/grangeprimaryschoolse1)

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

Both sites can be accessed via our school website <https://grange.southwark.sch.uk/>

## NatCen

Social Research that works for society

### Family Food Experience Study

NatCen Social Research is inviting you to express an interest in taking part in the Family Food Experience Study. They are looking for families with primary school aged children (aged 4–11 years old), to take part in this study, to help them understand family food environments and children's eating habits.

They will interview one adult in your household, and will also take the height and weight measurements of one primary school aged child in your household.

As a thank you for taking part, you will receive from them a £30 shopping voucher.

You can register your interest using this link: [https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/mriweb/mriweb.dll?i.project=P1492401\\_WV2\\_V1](https://survey.natcen.ac.uk/mriweb/mriweb.dll?i.project=P1492401_WV2_V1)



## Join our PTA (parent, teachers, association)

Meet with the headteacher to find out more on Thursday 7th October at 9am

How can you help and support the school?

Are you an excellent baker?  
handy with a computer?  
Good at fundraising?

Help us plan exciting events for our school and community.

Believe in yourself and try new things.



# 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.**