



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 20th October 2023



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

It has been a lovely week here at Grange. Many of the classes have had a very creative week, completing their topic and art projects. It was so nice to see you all this afternoon, we hope you enjoyed looking at the children's art work and celebrating diverse artists with us. Thanks to Miss Rahman for organising this great art project.

Over the holiday, perhaps you could visit one of the many art galleries which are just on our doorstep and some of which are free to enter!

[Tate Modern](#)

[Tate Britain](#)

[Saatchi Gallery](#)

[National Portrait Gallery](#)

Author Visit

We are really lucky to have a special author visiting school on Wednesday 8th November. Banji Alexander will be speaking with the children about his books. In preparation for this please help your child learn [Banjis song!](#) If you have time you can also watch this video clip of Banji and his class performing on [Britains's Got Talent.](#)

Banjis books will be on sale and a letter explaining this has been sent home in book bags. Banji will also be around at the end of the school day to sign copies of purchased books.

Office opening hours

We will be closing the office each Wednesday from 10am – 2pm. This will give us the time to ensure system updates and important administrative tasks take place. The phone lines and email will be open for emergencies. We thank you in advance for your support.

Children in Need Talent show

We will be holding a talent show on November 17th to raise funds for children in need. Over the holiday please support your child with their talent so that they can enter the show. More information about this will be explained after the holiday.

After school / collection arrangements

Please support us by calling before 2pm if you require after school care or collection arrangements have changed for your child.

Warm coats

As the weather is getting colder please make sure your child has a warm coat and that all winter items (jumpers, scarves, hats and gloves) are labelled. Each term we clear out the lost property box and return labelled items to their owners. Items which are not named are washed and added to our spare uniform box. During the second week back after the holiday we will hold a nearly new uniform sale so please bring some cash with you to purchase some uniform if you need some!

Half term holiday

Next week we will be taking a break. School will be closed from Monday 23rd until Sunday 29th October. The second half of term will start on Monday 30th October.

I hope you have an enjoyable half term break, see you all on Monday 30th October at 8.50am.

Rebecca



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School Information

Attendance & Punctuality Class Winners of The Week



School Year Autumn Term	Class	%
Attendance KS1 Winner	Mars	98.3
Attendance KS2 Winner	Supernova	99.2
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Mars	98.3
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Galaxy	98.1
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	97.3	98.1
Earth	97.5	97.5
Mars	98.3	98.3
Jupiter	92.6	96.7
Galaxy	98.1	98.1
Supernova	96.6	95.2
Neptune	97.6	99.2
Pluto	96.0	93.6
Aurora	95.5	98.6
Sky	95.5	98.6
Whole school	96.3	96.8

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

HALF TERM 23 rd October – 27 th October	
30/10/23	Children back – 2 nd half of term begins
03/11/23	Fire safety activities taking place for all classes
05/11/23	Bonfire night
08/11/23	Local authority visit
08/11/23	Author visit – Banji Alexander
09/11/23	EYFS Maths coffee morning
10/11/23	Classes to learn about Diwali
10/11/23	Classes to learn about Remembrance Day
12/11/23	Remembrance Sunday
12/11/23	Diwali – Festival of light (Hindu celebration)
13/11/23	Anti-Bullying week
13/11/23	Wear odd socks day for anti-bullying week
14/11/23	KS1 Maths coffee morning
16/11/22	Yr 3/4 Maths coffee afternoon
17/11/22	Children in need – Talent Show
20/11/23	Yr 5/6 Maths coffee morning
25/11/23	White Ribbon Day (international day for the eradication of violence against women)
30/11/23	School Christmas tree to arrive
03/12/23	Advent Sunday
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (money raised for Save the Children)








Mathletics



Winning Class: **Galaxy Class**
School's total points: **45,520**

House Winners

Tim Peake 	695
Stephanie Wilson 	702
Neil Armstrong 	720
Helen Sharman 	768
Bernard Harris 	627



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Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Ella-Mae	Galaxy	9
Asiyah	Neptune	10
Kemi	Moon	5
Aria	Moon	5
Saihaan	Supernova	9
Manel	Moon	5
George	Jupiter	8
Mamadou	Aurora	11
Alpha	Mars	7
Samar	Supernova	9
Cairo	Neptune	10

Value of the Week

The value of the week this week was **responsibility**. Please take some time over the weekend to discuss this value with your children.

"The time is always right to do what is right" (Martin Luther King)

Word of the Week

The word of the week this week is "skittish". Please spend some time discussing this word with your child.

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **skittish**

Pronunciation / Syllables

Word Class (adjective)

Definition:

If you describe a person or animal as skittish, you mean they are easily made frightened or excited.

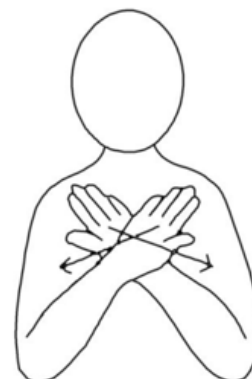
Darika was skittish at the thought of Halloween.

Synonym:	Antonym:	Prefix / Suffix:	Rhyme:	Link Word:
unsure	calm	-ness	British	investors
excitable	solemn	-ly		humour

Makaton Word of the Week

Along with our word of the week, our children will now be learning some sign language. We have many pupils at Grange that are non-verbal and one of the ways in which we communicate with them is to use sign language. We want all our children to be able to communicate with each other so felt that teaching our children to sign would help this. Please help us to learn together by practising this with your child at home.

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Class Gallery

Year 2

This week year 2 have been creating some fantastic mono prints. They worked together to draw in the ink and make a print!



Year 4

The children in year 4 have been working really hard this week. They have been studying portraits and have created some mixed medial portraits. They have used water colours and photo collage.





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Rewards

Years 1 & 2

Core Value: **Responsibility**

Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Gift	For taking responsibility for her behaviour this week.
Earth	Harry	For taking responsibility for his learning.
Mars	Yarran	For taking responsibility of her learning with a can-do attitude!

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Rahim	For writing his sentence independently about Big Ben.
Earth	Issam	For doing really great writing with Miss Kerry on his Tower Bridge leaflet.
Mars	Samyra	For her beautiful handwriting and presentation this week!

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Joey	For counting in 5's during COOL time activities.
Earth	Ejatu	For great effort with fact families!
Mars	Luciana	For great effort with fact families!

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Abdul	For doing really well reading to his new adults.
Earth	Isabella	For doing some great and confident reading.
Mars	Abdul-Raheem	For lovely reading aloud!



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

Core Value: **Responsibility**
Years 3 to 6

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Amal	For his positive attitude towards his learning and taking responsibility for his actions.
Galaxy	Aisha	For taking responsibility for his own learning.
Supernova	Soraya	For taking responsibility for her learning.
Pluto	Saima	For showing responsibility and acting safely in the classroom at all times.
Neptune	Cairo	For showing great responsibility and enthusiasm towards his learning
Aurora	Anas	For always looking for ways to improve his work.
Sky	Fares	For his positive attitude and responsibility shown in class.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Jupiter	Harli	For her brilliant report on our local area.
Galaxy	Valentine	For really thinking about his sentences before writing them down!
Supernova	Shyla	Fantastic note taking when learning about different artists.
Pluto	Ramatullai	For diligently editing her writing to make sure it makes sense
Neptune	Aminat	For challenging herself in her writing and writing a great ending to her story!
Aurora	Justina	For writing a compelling balanced report.
Sky	Augustina	For her brilliant start at a balanced report.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Akram	For his effort in maths this week.
Galaxy	Aurora	For her effort in maths every day!
Supernova	Daniel	Excellent effort when rounding numbers.
Pluto	Max	For trying her best to work independently in maths and show a positive attitude
Neptune	Asiyah	for showing a positive attitude towards her maths when rounding this week.
Aurora	Erik	For his impressive score on TTRS!
Sky	Toye	For his continued effort in challenging problem solving.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Liam	For his brilliant reading with Robert our reading volunteer.
Galaxy	Nabila	For trying really hard with her reading
Supernova	Ousman	Excellent effort when reading.
Pluto	Elias	For constantly sharing his ideas and thoughts about our class texts
Neptune	Hasanat	For showing a good understanding of our class text and summarising the ending in her own words.
Aurora	Taylor	For trying really hard with his reading at home
Sky	Rozzena	For challenging herself with her reading.

Parent/ Carer Information and Support

MEET



Banji Alexander

AUTHOR OF
LOCKDOWN LOOMS
REGGIE'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

AS SEEN ON:



WEDS
8TH NOV

VISIT: WWW.LOCKDOWNLOOMS.COM

CELEBRATED AUTHOR, BANJI
ALEXANDER WILL BE VISITING OUR
SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY 8TH
NOVEMBER, TO TALK ABOUT HIS
VERY SPECIAL BOOK AND TO SIGN
COPIES!

**WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR
HIM?**

PRE-ORDER BOOKS VIA THE
SCHOOL, FOR £10!





3 – 4pm 21st October Join Blue Anchor Library for an afternoon of traditional African music and story-telling

