



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday, 10th November 2023



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a busy week it has been. This week we were visited by the local authority. They were really impressed with the creative art and DT work they saw. They were pleased with the school environment and the behaviour for learning which was taking place across the school. The local authority looked at children's books across the curriculum and positively commented on the quality of writing and maths work they saw. Overall, they were really impressed with the curriculum we have been writing and can see how much progress the school has made. Well done to the whole team and children for their hard work!

Author Visit

It was great to meet Banji Alexander on Wednesday 8th November. The children loved hearing his stories and learning about being an author. Thanks to Miss Amanda Matheson for organising this event.



Children in Need

On Friday 17th November we are inviting children to raise funds for children in need. Children will be encouraged to bring £1 and come to school in their own clothes. During the day we will be holding a talent show. Children have auditioned this week and the final acts will be announced very soon! Well done to all of the children that volunteered to share their talents. What an amazing set of talented children we have at Grange!

Diwali

We would like to wish all of our families who celebrate Diwali a very happy Diwali. We hope you enjoy the celebrations and have a wonderful weekend.

Antibullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying week, during the week the children will be learning about bullying, what it is and how we treat each other. **To mark the start of Antibullying week we are asking that all children wear "odd socks" to celebrate difference on Monday 13th November.** For more information about this event please click the link [odd sock day](#)

Parent workshop

On Tuesday 14th November please come to the Albert McKenzie Hall for a KS1 maths morning (Venus, Earth and Mars). The workshop will take place at 9.15am. On 17th November please come along to the Year 3 and 4 workshop which will take place in the afternoon. We look forward to seeing you all there. If you are unable to attend, please look at the parent workshop section on the school website for information shared. On Thursday 16th November please join the EYFS (Moon and Star class) for a 'marvellous maths together' session in the classrooms.

I hope you have an enjoyable weekend and will see you all on Monday 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	Earth	98.4%
Attendance KS2 Winner	Galaxy	98.9%
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Mars	97.4%
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Neptune	98.2%
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	96.7%	95.9%
Earth	95.8%	98.4%
Mars	97.4%	97.4%
Jupiter	93.7%	94.1%
Galaxy	97.4%	98.9%
Supernova	95.9%	95.9%
Neptune	98.2%	98.5%
Pluto	96.8%	90%
Aurora	94.8%	94.3%
Sky	96.4%	97.3%
Whole school	96.4%	95.7%

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

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
17/11/23	Yr 3/4 Maths coffee morning
17/11/23	Children in need – Talent Show – own clothes day
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)
08/12/23	Winter Fair
11/12/23	House winners trip to the cinema
13/12/23	Carol concert Yr 4/5/6
14/12/23	Carol concert Yr 1/2/3
18/12/23	EYFS Winter performance
19/12/23	Class Parties
20/12/23	Last day of term – School closes at 2pm








Mathletics



Winning Class: **Aurora Class**
School's total points: **43,210**

House Winners

Tim Peake		581
Stephanie Wilson		475
Neil Armstrong		458
Helen Sharman		442
Bernard Harris		453



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Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Kingsley Ezeala	Neptune	10
Aaliyah	Star	5
Hannan	Venus	6
Issam	Planet Earth	7
Madeline	Galaxy	9
Ismail	Star	5
Safiatou	Neptune	10
Manzour	Pluto	10
Zainab	Sky	11
Hanna	Moon	5
Toddreic	Galaxy	9

Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **prowl** (prowl)

Word Class: (verb)

Definition:
If an animal or a person prowls around, they move around quietly, for example when they are hunting.

Fred was on the prowl for a glue stick.

Synonym: skulk, sneak
Antonym:
Prefix / Suffix: -ing, -ed
Rhyme: foul, towel
Link Word: around, lion

Value of the Week

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

"Our children are our only hope for the future, but we are their only hope for their present and their future."



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

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

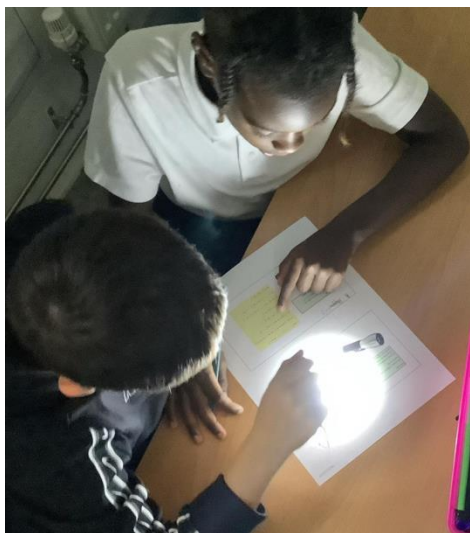
Year 1

Year 1 have been using their skills to roll, thumb, score and mould clay this week. They have made some lovely Diva lamps for Diwali.



Year 5

This term Year 5 are learning about different codes in our computing lessons. Last week we learnt about Semaphore Codes which use flags. This week Pluto Class investigated morse code using flashlights to crack a code!





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Rewards

Years 1 & 2

Core Value: **Hope**
Year 1 and Year 2

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Kashauna	For always hoping to do her best.
Earth	Isabella	For always striving to do her best!
Mars	Nyima	For always hoping and striving to do her best!

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Martina	For independently using adjectives in her writing.
Earth	Sherifdeen	For trying really hard with his handwriting.
Mars	Alpha	For lovely effort in his writing this week!

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Khalil	For being able to use part whole and bar models this week.
Earth	Isaac	For his effort in applying number bonds to reasoning and problem solving questions.
Mars	Royce	For working really hard with subtractions this week!

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Gift	For a massive improvement with her reading this week.
Earth	Calvin	For reading so well this week!
Mars	Raei	For lovely reading aloud!



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Rewards

Years 3 to 6

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Hosna	For always staying hopeful and finding ways to reach her goals?
Galaxy	Taylan	For settling in really well in his new class!
Supernova	Jhulian	Excellent effort and being a positive member of the class.
Pluto	Oriana	For showing kindness towards others and being resilient to change.
Neptune	Breyner	For having a great first week at Grange!
Aurora	Alfie S	For his excellent behaviour and effort in class.
Sky	Noah	For his outstanding efforts and positivity throughout the week.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Jupiter	Muhammed	For excellent use of adverbials when summarising our text this week!
Galaxy	Stephen	For excellent focus in our writing lessons.
Supernova	Samson	Excellent effort writing an explanation of how the Northern lights occur.
Pluto	Williams	For editing his writing and trying his best on all pieces of work.
Neptune	Luqman	For writing a great character description of Dorothy Vaughn.
Aurora	Solihom	For her accurate use of sophisticated vocabulary and punctuation.
Sky	Ahsen	For her excellent effort writing a letter.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	George	For his determination this week to master the column method!
Galaxy	Aliyah	For great addition and subtraction using the column method.
Supernova	Ousman	Excellent effort when solving addition and subtraction problems.
Pluto	Jenai	For using manipulatives and trying her best to solve equations independently.
Neptune	Ilyas	For showing great enjoyment and therefore good progress in his maths.
Aurora	Luis	For the great improvement he has been demonstrating during lessons.
Sky	Ayaan	For his excellent efforts throughout all mathematical concepts.


Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Charlotte-Rose	For her willingness to take on feedback and improve her reading!
Galaxy	Ibrahim	For consistently reading at home.
Supernova	Isha	Thoughtful responses to our Guided Reading text.
Pluto	Zendayah	For showing enthusiasm and writing thoughtful responses about our text.
Neptune	Cairo	For always making great connections in our reading.
Aurora	Joshua	For his clear and confident reading to the whole class.
Sky	Joshua	For his great insight into our class novel.



Parent/ Carer Information and Support





Anti-Bullying Week is taking place from 13th to 17th November and this year's theme, "make a noise about bullying", encourages students to stand against negative behaviour when they see it. Families can complete the 'Digital Family Toolkit' and get tailored advice specific to their family. Further information can be found below:

[Digital Family Toolkit](#)

**ABOUT MY CHILDREN**
3 Resources
Age-specific advice about online safety to support your child.

**Online safety guide 0-5 year olds**
Short read
[What You'll Learn](#) [See Resource](#) 

**Supporting children with care experience online**
Long read
[What You'll Learn](#) [See Resource](#) 

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FAMILY



STUDIO

With artists Anna Paterson, Dunya Kalantery,
Habiba Nabisubi, Olivia Twist and Rhys Coren.

5th November, 3rd December, 14th January,
4th February, 3rd March, 7th April, 5th May,
2nd June, 7th July, 4th August

Drawing Room, New Tannery Way, Bermondsey
London, SE1 5WS. Enter from Grange Road

Drop-in
10.30 – 3.00pm
All Free!
All Welcome!

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