



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

Friday, 15th December 2023



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we have had. A massive well done to all of the children and staff for their hard work with the winter performances. I was so sorry to have missed the year 4,5 and 6 performance on Wednesday. The children's singing was amazing and we really enjoyed each performance. Well done to all!

Winter Fair

Thanks to all of the staff and parents for their help and contributions for our winter fair. There was a real buzz and the children loved the snow machine and light show. Thanks to Santa and his elf for their visit, they will be popping in again on Wednesday to give the children a treat before we leave! All money raised at the fair will go towards creative resources for school so thanks so much for your generosity, we raised £511 in total. Congratulations to all of the raffle winners but a huge congratulations to Aila in Venus class who won the first prize of a Galaxy Tablet.

Pantomime

Thanks to West End in Schools Theatre Company who visited us on Thursday morning to perform to the children. It was a real treat to see the children enjoying the show.

Winter Performances

We can't wait to see our youngest children perform next week. Please make sure you are on time for the shows!

EYFS – Monday 18th December 2pm

EYFS – Tuesday 19th December 10am

Christmas Party

On 19th December all classes will be having a class party to celebrate the end of term and the winter holiday. Please help the parties to be great by donating snacks for the children. Please remember that we are a nut and pork free school.

Next Terms Topics

If you want to get ahead and do some extra reading perhaps you could help your child research their next topic. Please see a list of topics for the next term below.

EYFS – Space

Year 1- Polar regions / Frozen worlds

Year 2 – Pirates

Year 3 – Vikings

Year 4 – The Tudors

Year 5 – The Romans

Year 6- The Ancient Greeks

Congratulations

Well done to all the winners of Tim Peake house who won the class house trip. This week they were taken to Dulwich Picture house where they watched the film Trolls. A great time was had by all!

Well done

Last Friday we had a surprise visit. Southwark's Mayor Michael Situ. He visited to present Linda in Galaxy class with a prize. Congratulations to Linda who was this year's runner up in the Mayors Christmas card competition. Linda along with others in art club entered the competition earlier this year. On Friday the Mayor presented Linda with a framed picture of her entry, a large pack of the printed cards with her drawing on and some chocolates. We are incredibly proud of your achievement Linda and it was great to meet the Mayor!

Please remember we close on Wednesday 20th at 2pm for our winter holiday. 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	Mars	96.1
Attendance KS2 Winner	Jupiter	99.6
KS1 Punctuality Winner	Venus	96.4
KS2 Punctuality Winner	Neptune	97.4
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	96.4	93.9
Earth	97.0	94.4
Mars	96.1	94.4
Jupiter	99.6	91.4
Galaxy	94.0	97.0
Supernova	95.7	94.3
Neptune	98.9	97.4
Pluto	98.2	92.5
Aurora	92.7	92.3
Sky	94.6	95.0
Whole school	95.7	94.8

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

18/12/23	EYFS Winter performance 2pm
19/12/23	EYFS Winter performance 10am
19/12/23	Class Parties
20/12/23	Last Day before the end of term – close at 2pm
20 th Dec – 8 th January	2pm School closed for winter holiday
08/01/24	Inset Day – Staff only
09/01/24	Children return to school



Mathletics



Winning Class: Supernova Class
School's total points: 27,530

House Winners

Congratulations to Peake House for winning this term!

GRAND TOTAL	
Armstrong	6863
Harris	6920
Peake	8328
Sharman	7677
Wilson	7740



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Happy Birthday to You!

First Name	Class	Age
Jannat	Jupiter	8
Denis	Pluto	10
Sheriffdeen	Planet Earth	7
Omar	Venus	6
Martina	Venus	6
Ainhua	Mars	7

Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: compliment Word Class (verb/noun)

Pronunciation / Syllables (com-pli-ment)

Definition:
A compliment is a polite remark that you say to someone to show that you like their appearance, appreciate their qualities or approve of what they have done.

Melissa complimented Curtis on his reading in class.

Synonym: praise admiration	Antonym: insult criticism	Prefix / Suffix: -ed -ary	Rhyme:	Link Word: paid accept
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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.

*"With great power comes great responsibility".
Spiderman*

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.



Happy/Merry



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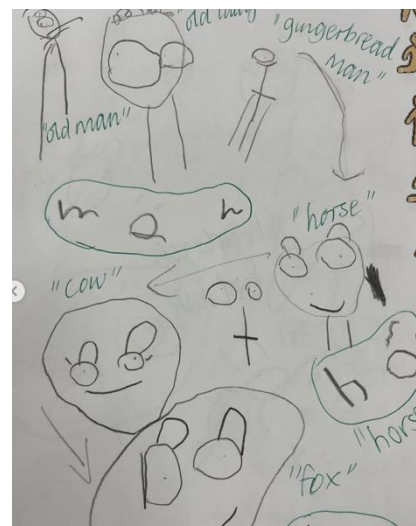
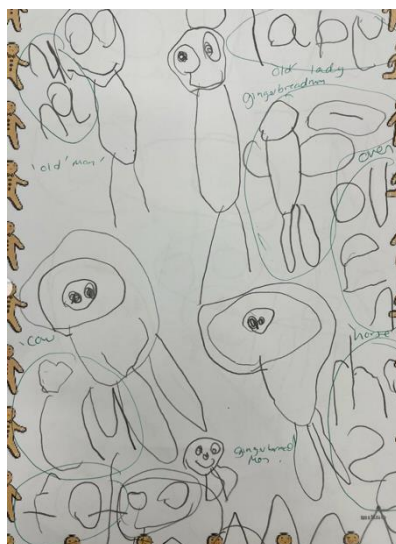
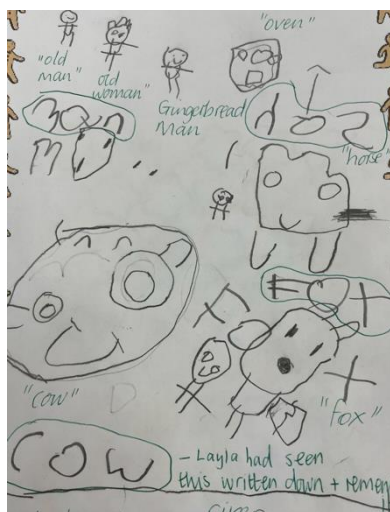
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Class Gallery

Year R – Star Class

Reception children have been drawing and writing their own story maps for The Gingerbread Man traditional tale. This is one of the children's favourite stories!



Year 3 – Jupiter

This week in art Jupiter Class finished their Egyptian death masks! It's been a mammoth project and they are so very proud of their efforts.





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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	Imad	For taking responsibility of his behaviour and staying on VIP.
PLANET EARTH	Kai	For learning new responsibilities each week!
MARS	Zane	For taking pride and responsibility of his role in our Carol Concert this week!
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
VENUS	Leonique	For writing a good letter to Santa.
PLANET EARTH	Betsie	For great effort in her independent write this week!
MARS	Ubaydah	For an outstanding effort on his independent write this week!

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
VENUS	Gift	For naming 3D shapes and talking about some of their properties.
PLANET EARTH	Yalldah	For excellent work identifying vertices on 2D shapes
MARS	Lake	For excellent work identifying vertices on 2D shapes.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
VENUS	Obatide	For reading really and having his reading record signed.
PLANET EARTH	Hozifa	For great effort in reading phase 2 sounds!
MARS	Royce	For lovely reading aloud this week!



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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	David	For making a great effort this week to be a responsible member of Jupiter Class!
GALAXY	Anes	For always being polite and courteous towards everyone!
SUPERNOVA	Ayaat	For being a helpful and responsible kind member of our class.
PLUTO	Samaha	For being a great role model in the classroom.
NEPTUNE	William	For being a helpful, responsible and kind member of our class.
AURORA	Luis	For being a helpful and kind member of the class
SKY	Quinten	For being a consistently responsible member of class

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Annie	For an excellent big write in topic this week!
GALAXY	Alice	For focusing on her handwriting!
SUPERNOVA	Jamal	For improving his presentation and writing a greater amount.
PLUTO	Oriana	For a brilliant effort on her topic write about The Victorians
NEPTUNE	Liya	For writing a wonderful biography about Maya Angelou
AURORA	Ahmed	For writing a brilliant non-chronological report on WW2
SKY	Rozzena	For trying hard during our topic write.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Annabelle	For excellent grouping and sharing
GALAXY	Taylen	For working super hard in maths!
SUPERNOVA	Ousman	Excellent effort during multiplication learning
PLUTO	Ramatullai	For working hard when using the bus stop method
NEPTUNE	Jennifer	For challenging herself in her division learning
AURORA	Joshua	For the fantastic improvements he has made this term
SKY	Nelly	For trying her best with all new concepts

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Ebrahim	For a great summary of the Necklace of Raindrops!
GALAXY	Ololade	For always reading at home!
SUPERNOVA	Kgnotso	Fantastic effort when reading.
PLUTO	Ralphie	For showing enthusiasm for our class text
NEPTUNE	Aisha	For showing great enjoyment in our class text
AURORA	Solihom	For reading with clarity and with great confidence
SKY	Fares	For his great depth during Guided Reading discussions.



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Parent/ Carer Information and Support

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun

Southwark's Winter of Food and Fun will run across the winter holidays (21st December – 5th January) and will offer free places for children between the ages of 4 – 16 years receiving benefits-related free school meals or from families with no recourse to public funds. Southwark are partnering with local holiday hubs across the borough to provide an exciting programme of food and activities for children and young people in the local community. Each programme will provide:

- Free, nutritious and tasty food;
- Fun physical activity sessions;
- A wide range of other enriching activities to suit different ages and personalities;
- Opportunities to learn more about food and nutrition.

Further information and booking details can be found by using the link below: [Food and Fun](#)



Christmas

Christmas can be difficult for some autistic children and their families. Here are some references, ideas and contacts to help make Christmas time more relaxed.

Christmas tips from the **National Autistic Society**:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/topics/leisure/christmas/tips>

Including resources and links to other organisations:

<https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/professional-practice/christmas-resources>

Some advice for the season by Dr Michelle Garnett and Professor Tony Attwood:

<https://attwoodandgarnettevents.com/how-to-survive-christmas-with-autism/>

From the views of autistic adults and family members of autistic people:

<https://www.autistica.org.uk/news/autism-friendly-holiday-season>

BBC Bitesize with Christine McGuinness:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zq8wwnb>





nativity



mince pies



friends



family



cousins



breakfast



dad



mum



grandad



grandma



uncle



auntie

SOME OF THE FUN OF THE FAIR!



