



# Weekly Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

We have had a lovely week this week. We have been observing writing lessons and have discussed writing with several pupils. The children were confidently able to answer questions and talk about the writing they have been completing in class. Next week we will be looking at science books and what has been happening in science this term.

### Winter Fair Help – PLEASE HELP – FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER.

We would like to hold a teddy tombola again this year so are asking for your help. If you have any unwanted teddies at home that you no longer have space for please wash them and then donate them to school so they can find a new home. All donations will need to be at school no later than Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able to donate some baked goods (cakes or biscuits) please make sure these are handed to the office in the morning of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### Christmas Lunch

The children will be treated to a Christmas lunch on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If your child usually has packed lunch please let the office know if they would like a Christmas lunch by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December so we can order the correct quantities of food.

### Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday we will be taking part in Save the Children's Christmas jumper Day. Children may come to school wearing their festive jumpers, hats or scarves. Donation boxes will be rattled on the gates. For more information, please click the link.



### Labelling uniform

As the weather is getting colder many of you are sending your children to school with jumpers, coats, hats, gloves and scarves. Please ensure you label each of your child's items so that if they lose them we are able to help you easily locate them. Items which are not labelled are impossible to identify.

### WINTER FAIR

Please come and join the fun on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. Later on in the newsletter you will see details of our **Grand Winter Fair Raffle**, so keep reading to see what you could win!



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	<b>Planet Earth</b>	<b>96.5</b>
Attendance KS2 Winner	<b>Aurora</b>	<b>98.6</b>
KS1 Punctuality Winner	<b>Planet Earth</b>	<b>99.5</b>
KS2 Punctuality Winner	<b>Galaxy</b>	<b>98.3</b>
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	97.4	92.6
Earth	99.5	<b>96.5</b>
Mars	<b>96.1</b>	96.1
Jupiter	93.6	97.1
Galaxy	98.3	<b>93.8</b>
Supernova	96.9	97.2
Neptune	<b>97.4</b>	96.3
Pluto	93.1	95.1
Aurora	97.7	98.6
Sky	98.2	96.4
Whole school	<b>96.8</b>	<b>95.7</b>

## Dates for the Diary

Important  
DATE!

03/12/23	Advent Sunday
07/12/23	Christmas Jumper Day (money raised for save the children)
07/12/23	School Christmas Lunch
07/12/23	Year 6 Samba performance to parents
08/12/23	Winter Fair – funds raised for school
11/12/23	House winners trip to the cinema
13/12/23	Carol concert yr 4/5/6 2pm
14/12/23	Carol concert yr 1/2/3 2pm
14/12/23	Pantomime visiting
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
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School closed for winter holiday</b>
08/01/24	Inset Day – Staff only
09/01/24	Children return to school








**Mathletics**



Winning Class: **Earth Class**

School's total points: **39,510**

## House Winners

Tim Peake 	<b>8328</b>
Stephanie Wilson 	<b>7740</b>
Neil Armstrong 	<b>6863</b>
Helen Sharman 	<b>7677</b>
Bernard Harris 	<b>6920</b>



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***Happy Birthday to You!***

First Name	Class	Age
Airat	Star	4
Kairah	Star	4
Ghilass	Sky	11
Ayana	Star	5
Sabrina	Jupiter	8

### Word of the Week

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

**Shinobi Word of the Day**

**Word of the Day:** wheeze  
Pronunciation / Syllables

**Word Class:** (verb/noun)

**Definition:**  
If someone wheezes, they breathe with difficulty and make a whistling sound.

**Opal wheezed** after she had finished the race.

**Synonym:** gasp, whisp  
**Antonym:**  
**Prefix / Suffix:** -ed, -ing  
**Rhyme:** trees, please  
**Link Word:** chest, cough

### Value of the Week

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

*"Mistakes are proof that you are trying".*



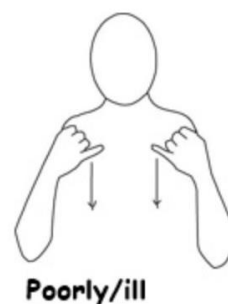
### Attendance Ladder

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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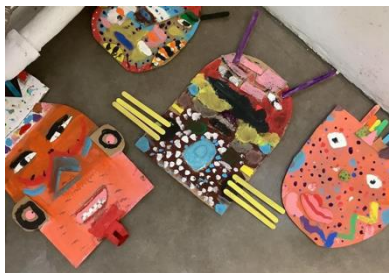
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## Class Gallery

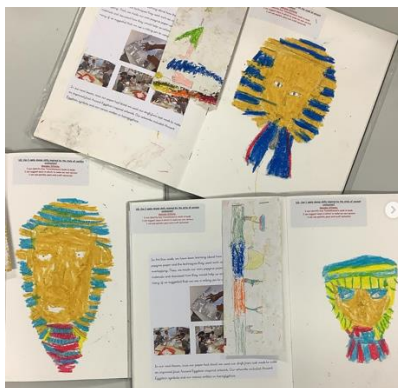
### Year 4 – Galaxy

Galaxy class have finished their Benin masks, and we think they look amazing!



### Year 3 – Jupiter

Year 3 have begun to plan their Tutankhamen masks, we can't wait to see the final product!





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# Rewards

## Years 1 & 2

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Harley	For always having the 'keep on going' attitude.
Mars	Suleman	For always showing a growth mindset in class!

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Joey	For really trying hard this week with handwriting.
Mars	Zane	For an amazing improvement in his handwriting!

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Omar	For doing well in the Maths activities during our Maths lesson.
Mars	Princess	For her hardwork with mixed number problems this week!

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Darcie	For consistently reading at home and having her reading record signed
MARS	Yana	For lovely, fluent reading in our sessions this week!



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## Rewards

### Years 3 to 6

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Jupiter	Sophia	For making great progress at being resilient when faced with challenges.
Galaxy	Toddreic	For trying so hard in swimming! Well done
Supernova	Jhulian	For having a very positive attitude towards all subjects.
Pluto	Rhys	For having a positive attitude at the athletics tournament.
Neptune	Breyner	For showing resilience towards his learning, even when he finds it tricky.
Aurora	Edith	For never giving up and always working hard!
Sky	Nelly	For being resilient in her learning.

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Jupiter	Harli	For an interesting and well-researched biography on Howard Carter!
Galaxy	Valentine	For an amazing diary entry in english this week!
Supernova	Mohamed	Excellent effort when writing a diary entry in role.
Pluto	Franki	for her great effort in writing a biography for the first time
Neptune	Aminat	For showing resilience towards her English learning
Aurora	Alfie O	For the excellent improvemnet he has made this year
Sky	Kayla	For her great effort in writing an obituary.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Scarlett	For your hardwork and resilience - you're a division master!
Galaxy	Mariam	For trying really hard in Maths this week
Supernova	Daniella	Excellent effort when learning about area.
Pluto	Denis	for showing perserverance towards multiplication and division
Neptune	Kayden	For taking pride in his learning!
Aurora	Justin	For the excellent improvemnet she has made this year
Sky	Erion	For his excellent explanation for the whole class exit ticket.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
Jupiter	Sabrina	For an insightful and well supported explanation on why you choose your book!
Galaxy	Aliyah	For always reading at home!
Supernova	Isha B	Excellent effort in signing her reading record regularly.
Pluto	Huda	For her engagement and enthusiasm towards our class text.
Neptune	Hasanat	For showing resilience in her reading.
Aurora	Erik	For his love of reading.
Sky	Bobby	For working hard during his lesson.



# 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](#)



## Support for families 1 – fuel poverty, cost of living and winter health support

Below you will find information from Southwark Council about help available in relation to fuel poverty, the cost of living and winter health:

[Energy support](#)

[Cost of living](#)

[Winter health](#)

## Support for families 2 – Local area support shared by Southwark

### Food

- **Spring Community Hub** – local food bank (various local locations) and a range of other support [what we do | CSCH \(cschub.co.uk\)](#).
- **Peckham Pantry** – Though slightly further away this is a great resource. Members of Peckham Pantry pay £4.50 per shop, which gives access to fresh fruit and veg and store cupboard essentials to the value of £15 or more. No subscription required – you pay per purchase and it's easy to sign up [Peckham Pantry - Pecan](#) 49-53 Peckham Place Road, SE15 6TU, 020 7277 7075.

### Legal advice

- **Cambridge House Law Centre** free legal advice on Housing, Benefits and Employment issues [Law Centre — Cambridge House \(ch1889.org\)](#) Unit F, 22 Amelia Street, SE17 3BZ, 020 7358 7000.
- **Migrant Legal Action** free immigration advice line 2pm to 4pm Mon to Fri 020 3150 1470 53 Addington Square, SE5 7LB.

### Children's Centre (age 0-5)

- **1st Place Children's Centre** (Burgess Park) Family support and lots of free courses and activities [Family Support — 1st Place UK](#) 12 Chumleigh Street, SE5 0RN, 020 7740 8070.

### Mentoring for Young People

- **Fight4Change** <http://fight4change.org.uk/> No referral info about their mentoring service on the website but you can contact on 0207 7171691 or 07791 638683 [info@fight4change.org.uk](mailto:info@fight4change.org.uk).
- **Active Communities Network London - ACN** ([activecommunities.org.uk](http://activecommunities.org.uk)) No referral info about their mentoring service on the website but you can contact on 07706 318205.

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### Mental wellbeing

- **Walworth Community Garden** Peaceful space to visit any time but also runs free gardening + mental wellbeing and employability courses for adult local residents (rolling recruitment) [Walworth Garden | A charity dedicated to knowledge and nurture](#) Walworth Garden, 206 Manor Pl, London SE17 3BN, 020 7582 2652.
- **Southwark Wellbeing Hub** Offers lots of different kinds of support and advice to local residents experiencing difficulties with their mental wellbeing. <https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/wellbeing/mental-andemotional-health-services/southwark-wellbeing-hub/> Southwark Resource Centre, Hitard Court, 10 Bradenham Cl, London SE17 2QB, 020 3751 9684.





## WINTER FAIR RAFFLE

There are some fantastic prizes to be won.

Prizes include **hampers, books, craft and activity sets, festive treats and more!**

Our big prize is a brand new  
**SAMSUNG GALAXY TABLET!**

**Tickets on sale from Monday after school**



# Christmas

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## VAUXHALL CITY FARM

This festive season we bring you a wonderland of festivities for all of the family to enjoy!

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### WINTER LIGHT TRAIL

From Friday 1st December our garden will be transformed into a twinkling Winter Light Trail.

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### SANTA'S GROTTO

Father Christmas will be welcoming families into his grotto where all children will receive a Christmas present and can take a photo with him.

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### MACRAMÉ WREATH MAKING

Goodbye to the traditional style wreath, hello macramé! These creative sessions bring you a modern twist on the famous wreath by using a macramé technique paired with seasonal foliage, and it's yours to keep!

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### CHRISTMAS MARKET

Looking for the perfect gift, or a treat for yourself? Head to our Christmas market on 16th & 17th Dec at 11:30am.

A full breakdown of dates and times for specific festivities can be found here: <https://www.vauxhallcityfarm.org/latest-events/>