



# Weekly Newsletter

## Spring Term 1

Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

I can't believe we are entering our last week of term before another holiday. Due to this term being so short we will be continuing with our Spring 1 topics for a few weeks when we return. This means that our new topic homework and class newsletters will be sent to you during week two rather than in the first week back. Please continue to support your child with their topic homework projects during the week of half term. It has been a busy week this week and we enjoyed number day and storytelling week!

### National Storytelling Week

A massive well done to all the children that have entered our story writing competition. We will be looking at the entries this week and announcing the winners in our assembly during the first week back to school after half term. Thanks to all our parents and volunteers who came and told the children a story this week especially Michelle our librarian who read to all of the children across the school.

### Year 1 Phonic Screening Check Parent Workshop

If your child is currently in Year 1, please join Miss Amanda Matheson on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9.15am to learn all about the Screening Check and how you can support your child at home.

### Children's Mental Health Week next week

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. There are several activities your children will be participating in during the week including yoga lessons, special assemblies and express yourself day. Express yourself day will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February. We are asking that all children come to school wearing an outfit which expresses their interests, talents and tells us something about them! Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for more information.

### Taster Day

Join us on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 2.30 – 3.30pm to meet some members of the Lunchtime Company and taste some of the dishes your children have been trying this term. The reports from the children have been positive but we also welcome your feedback!

### Top Table

The children have loved our weekly Top Table, well done to everyone who has joined us this term!



### Tutorial Day

We hope you have all managed to book your tutorial day appointment for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Please remember that the school will be closed for lessons on this day, however we do expect you to bring your child to your meeting in order for them to show you their work and join in the discussion with their class teacher. Please remember to treat our staff as you would like to be treated with compassion and respect.

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	Class	%
<b>Autumn Term</b>		
Attendance KS1 Winner	<b>Mars</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
Attendance KS2 Winner	<b>Neptune</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
Rest of School		
KS1 Punctuality Winner	<b>Earth</b>	<b>97.5%</b>
KS2 Punctuality Winner	<b>Pluto</b>	<b>97.8%</b>
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	<b>96.7%</b>	<b>89.6%</b>
Earth	<b>97.5%</b>	<b>90.5%</b>
Mars	<b>96.1%</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
Jupiter	<b>95%</b>	<b>95%</b>
Galaxy	<b>97%</b>	<b>92.7%</b>
Supernova	<b>96.9%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Neptune	<b>96.2%</b>	<b>98.9%</b>
Pluto	<b>97.8%</b>	<b>94.7%</b>
Aurora	<b>94.8%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Sky	<b>95.5%</b>	<b>91.8%</b>
Whole school	<b>96.3%</b>	<b>92.6%</b>

## Dates for the Diary

Important  
DATE!

WB 05/2/24	Mental Health Week
06/02/24	Phonics screening parent coffee morning 9.15am
06/2/24	Safer Internet Day
07/2/24	Chinese New Year
09/2/24	Tutorial Day – <b>school closed for children</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>
19/2/24	Children return to school
19/2/24	Year 4 recorder lessons to begin
8/3/24	Class newsletter and homework to be sent to parents

## House Winners

Tim Peake 	<b>992</b>
Stephanie Wilson 	<b>1064</b>
Neil Armstrong 	<b>988</b>
Helen Sharman 	<b>1021</b>
Bernard Harris 	<b>777</b>



**Mathletics**



Winning Class: **Sky Class**

School's total points: **31,580**



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### Word of the Week

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

### Shinobi Word of the Day

**Word of the Day:** **saunter**

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

**Pronunciation / Syllables:** (saun-ter)

**Definition:**

If you saunter somewhere, you walk there in a slow, casual way.

**Example:** Jamie **sauntered** to school.

**Synonym:** stroll, wander

**Antonym:**

**Prefix / Suffix:** -ed, -ing

**Rhyme:**

**Link Words:** students, along

### 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.

*"Joy collected over time, fuels resilience".*



### 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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## 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

## Happy Birthday to You!

First name	Class	Age
Huda	Pluto	10
Leonique	Venus	6
George	Supernova	9
Ilyas	Neptune	10
Imad	Venus	6





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## Class Gallery

### Book and Art Club

Children who attend book and art club have had great fun this week. In art club they have created some great lanterns for Chinese New Year and in book club the children have made some lovely book marks.



### Year EYFS –Star Class

Star Class are enjoying their P.E. sessions with coach Shea. We have already learned some new skills. Here are some of the children using their core muscles. Can you pick up a ball and transport it only using your feet?!







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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	-	-
Planet Earth	Kai	For always trying his best with his learning
Mars	Roman	For always trying his best with his learning

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	-	-
Planet Earth	Stacy	For showing excellent progress in writing especially his handwriting
Mars	Yarran	For showing a clear understanding of contractions

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	-	-
Planet Earth	Frederico	For amazing work recognising equal and unequal groups
Mars	Sherlyn	For excellent work adding equal groups this week

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	-	
Planet Earth	Rubie	For excellent effort and confidence in reading
Mars	Ainhua	For always displaying a positive attitude to reading



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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	Isabelle	Trying her hardest in everything she does even when finding it difficult
GALAXY	Toddreic	Trying hard to focus in class.
SUPERNOVA	Kabir	For showing resilience and never giving up.
PLUTO	Elias	For showing resilience in writing
NEPTUNE	Liya	For showing great resilience in his independent writing
AURORA	Curtis	For always trying his best and never giving up
SKY	Noah	For showing resilience during our science lesson
Class	Writer of the week	Reason
JUPITER	Jannat	For always applying the success criteria in your writing
GALAXY	Ella Mae	A huge improvement with your handwriting
SUPERNOVA	Mikael	A great story
PLUTO	G'mari	For focussing on your descriptive writing
NEPTUNE	Safiatou	For showing effort and independence when writing
AURORA	Alfie O	For writing a captivating version of the 'Odyssey'
SKY	Ayaan	For writing a captivating version of the 'Odyssey'

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Annabelle	For a great effort in maths this week
GALAXY	Stephen	For making a huge effort in maths this week
SUPERNOVA	Daniella	For making an excellent effort when using multiplication and division
PLUTO	Ali	For showing great resilience in maths lessons this week
NEPTUNE	Kimaya	For showing determination in lessons this week
AURORA	Joshua	For excellent work on percentages this week
SKY	Nelly	For trying hard with work on percentages this week

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER	Annie	For bringing in her reading journal regularly
GALAXY	Linda	For reading at home consistently
SUPERNOVA	Jorge	Excellent effort in signing your reading record
PLUTO	Saima	For reading fluently and consistently
NEPTUNE	Kayden	For reading at home consistently
AURORA	Solihom	For reading with great confidence in front of the class
SKY	Joshua	For reading at home consistently



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# Parent/ Carer Information and Support



## TYPING'S COOL

**Spring half term touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s**

**Monday 12 – Thursday 15 February 2024**

**Dulwich College, London SE21 7LD**

*Course sessions run 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily*

Typing's Cool teaches children and young people how to touch type 40+ words per minute using correct fingers and posture.

Beginners, improvers and advanced typists are warmly welcome.

We mix rigorous tuition with the latest app games to make learning fun and effective. The course is suitable for pupils of all ages and abilities.

Cost: £176.00 per place

Childcare vouchers accepted.

10% discount for siblings and bring a friend.

Duke of Edinburgh skills assessor.

Apply at [www.typingscool.co.uk](http://www.typingscool.co.uk) or contact





Grange will be celebrating Children's Mental Health week by taking part in...

## Express Yourself Day!- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February

This is the time for you to express yourself with your choice of clothes! E.g.

Want to be a dancer? Come in your dancing clothes!

Want to be an artist? Come in your most vibrant colours!

During the school day, you will:

- Explain your outfit to your class and why you are wearing it
- Have some time to show off a talent to the class! (e.g. football skills; music skills; artistic skills)

## Get ready to express yourself!

# SCHOOL LUNCH TASTER



**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**2.30pm - 3.30pm in the Dining Room**

**Please come along and enjoy our delicious food.**

**This will give you an opportunity to taste the food that we prepare everyday for your child. Check out our fresh ingredients, home-made bread and desserts to make your mouth water. Meet the team from Lunchtime Company and ask any questions you may have.**

**We really hope to see you there!**

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# PANCAKE DAY



**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February**

## **TODAY'S DESSERT**

**Fabulous Pancakes (G) (W) (E) (MK)**

**with Amazing Toppings, including ...**

**Chocolate Sauce, Strawberry Sauce, Squirty  
Cream, Sprinkles and Fresh Fruit Cocktail**

Allergen Key: Barley (B), Celery (C), Egg (E), Fish (F), Gluten (G), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Mustard (MU), Sesame  
Seeds (SE), Soya (SO), Sulphites (SU), Wheat (W)

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