



# Weekly Newsletter

## Spring Term 2

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



### A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,

The children have worked really hard this week and have completed their end of term assessments. These assessments will help inform planning for the summer term. As this term has been so short we will continue with the current topics for a few weeks when we return after the break. Please remember to continue to read with your child each day even in the holidays! Next week is a short week due to the bank holiday on Friday. Please remember school will close for the holiday on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at the usual time and there will be no school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

### School council fundraiser

Our school council will be holding a two-day event next week to raise much needed funds for play equipment. Next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm children will be able to pay to take part in a basketball and football game. All money raised will be put towards new playground equipment.

### Local authority visit

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March the local authority visited the school. They were really impressed with the progress the school has made since our last Ofsted inspection. They looked at the progress the children have made in their learning, the displays around the school, spoke to middle leaders about the teaching of history, music and PE. Met with the senior leadership team to discuss provision for our SEND pupils, safeguarding, English and maths and had the chance to read the surveys you completed during our tutorial day. The visit was a real success and I want to thank you all for your continued support in making grange a good school.

### Shakespeare Week

This week the children have been learning about Shakespeare. They have had fun reading extracts from his plays and learning about the famous author. If your child has enjoyed the week take a look at some of the activities, you could do with them over the holidays.

<https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/kids-zone/>

### DT food fair

Well done to all of the children and Miss Rahman for organising a fantastic DT week. It has been great seeing the children learn about cooking, chopping, and preparing healthy snacks for you all to try. We hope many of you purchased some as a treat for the end of your fast or just as a snack after school today!

### Congratulations

Thank you and well done to everyone who sponsored your child for our school readathon. We raised an impressive £1600 which will be used to buy some much needed books for each class reading corner.

### House winners

Congratulations to Wilson house who earned the most house points this term and will be going bowling on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their achievement.

### Commended

Well done to the year 6 football team! Not only did they win their match and make it to the finals last week, but were highly commended for their behaviour, attitude and team work. We are all really proud of you!

### Thank you

To all of the parents that came into early years this week to help us with our sewing project we are truly grateful. It was fantastic to see so many brothers, dads, mums and grandparents join us. Thank you for helping and making this task a little easier!

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>96.4</b>
Attendance KS2 Winner	<b>Sky</b>	<b>97.4</b>
KS1 Punctuality Winner	<b>Venus</b>	<b>97.7</b>
KS2 Punctuality Winner	<b>Supernova Neptune</b>	<b>97.6 97.6</b>
Rest of School		
Class	Punctuality %	Attendance %
Venus	97.7	84.2
Earth	95.9	95.0
Mars	94.6	96.4
Jupiter	95.4	86.1
Galaxy	96.0	96.3
Supernova	97.6	93.5
Neptune	97.6	97.2
Pluto	95.6	87.6
Aurora	95.4	93.8
Sky	94.8	97.4
Whole school	<b>96.1</b>	<b>92.3</b>

## Dates for the Diary



26/03/24	House winners prize trip
<b>28/03/24</b>	<b>Last Day of term</b>
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>15/04/24</b>	<b>Inset Day – school closed</b>
<b>16/04/24</b>	<b>Start of Summer term – Children return</b>
23/04/24	St Georges Day
06/05/24	School closed – May Bank Holiday
10/05/24	Book Fair
13/05/24 – 17/05/24	Year 6 SATs tests
13/05/24	National walk to school week

## House Winners

Tim Peake 	<b>7559</b>
Stephanie Wilson 	<b>15525</b>
Neil Armstrong 	<b>6762</b>
Helen Sharman 	<b>7070</b>
Bernard Harris 	<b>5728</b>
<b>Overall Winner for this term</b>	<b>Wilson</b>



## Mathletics



Winning Class: **Sky Class**  
School's total points: **33,910**



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### Word of the Week

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

#### Shinobi Word of the Day

Word of the Day: **dilemma**  
Pronunciation / Syllables: (di-lem-ma)

Word Class  
(noun)

#### Definition:

A dilemma is a difficult situation in which you have to choose between two or more alternatives.



Julia had the **dilemma** of a cake or a biscuit.

Synonym: difficulty  
Antonym: problem  
Prefix / Suffix: -s  
Rhyme:  
Link Word: moral, faced

### Value of the Week

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

"Respect and compassion aren't about how you feel for someone; they are more about how you make others feel" (unknown)



### 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
Solihom	Aurora	11
Kgomotso	Supernova	9
Mohammed	Moon	5
Karim	Venus	6
Hozifa	Planet Earth	7





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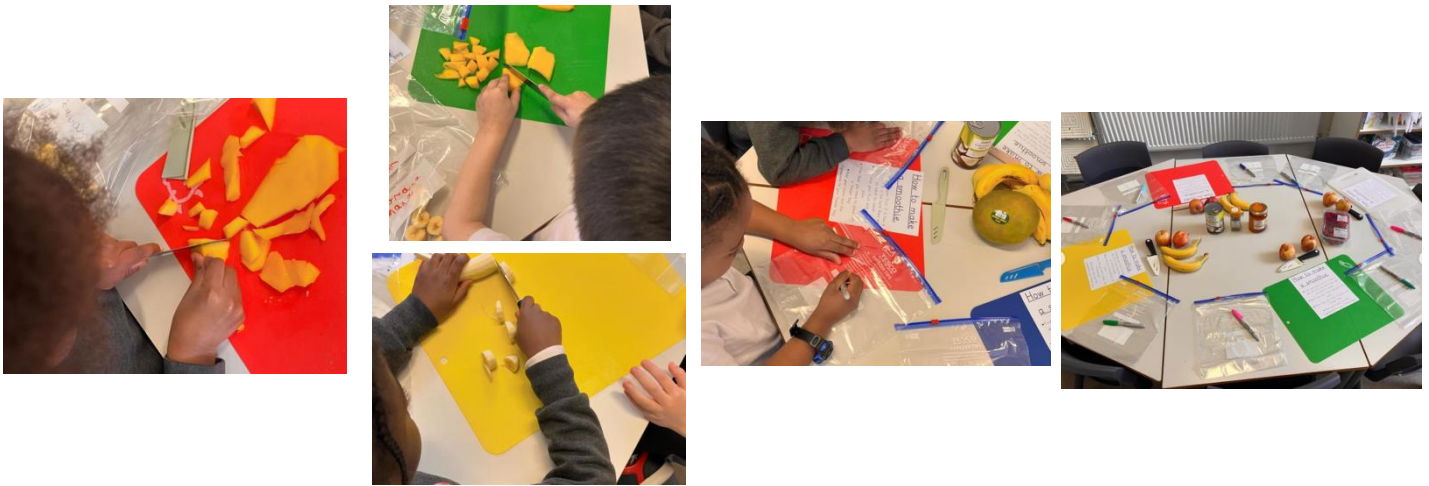
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# Class Gallery

## Year 1 –Venus Class

Year 1 have been working hard, chopping, peeling and slicing different fruit in preparation for their class smoothies.



## Year 4 –Supernova Class

Year 4 have been experimenting with the pastels and have created some fantastic volcano drawings.





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# Rewards

## Years 1 & 2

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
Venus	Karim	For respecting his classroom and keeping it tidy.
Planet Earth	Isabella	For showing respect by raising her hand when she wants to share with the class!
Mars	Sherlyn	For always being respectful and thoughtful of others around her!

Class	Writer of the week	Reason
Venus	Leonique	For writing a good letter in the role of a Greenpeace member.
Planet Earth	Aisling	For independent use of her sounds mat and creating an amazing story board.
Mars	Royce	For fantastic effort in English this week!

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason:
Venus	Joey	For understanding length and height using non-standard unit.
Planet Earth	Betsie	For amazing perseverance in her assessment this week
Mars	Abdul-Raheem	For trying really hard with measuring in grams!

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason for Award
Venus	Aila	For using her alternative sounds in her reading.
Planet Earth	Issac	For making a huge effort to read more at home.
Mars	Samyra	For great effort with her reading assessment this week!



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# Rewards

## Years 3 to 6

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

Class:	VIP of the week	Reason for Award:
JUPITER	Ava-Simone	For always being respectful to her peers and teachers.
GALAXY	Anes	For always being thoughtful towards others
SUPERNOVA	Isha B	For showing respect to others and giving thoughtful contributions in class.
NEPTUNE	Sahar	For showing more confidence this week in her learning and talking to adults!
SKY	Ahsen	For showing respect to others in the classroom.
Class	Writer of the week	
JUPITER	Muhammed	For producing a fabulous explanation text about plants.
GALAXY	Valentine	For a beautiful publication of his travel brochure
SUPERNOVA	Shyla	Producing a wonderful travel brochure.
NEPTUNE	William	For writing a good narrative based on Percy Jackson.
AURORA	Justina	For her excellent use of dashes, semi colons and colons.
SKY	Holly	For her excellent individual write.

Class	Mathematician of the week:	Reason
JUPITER		For a wonderful effort in her assessment. Keep working hard!
GALAXY	Ibrahim	For trying really hard in maths and being focused!
SUPERNOVA	Daniel	Fantastic effort in a Maths test.
NEPTUNE	Hafsah	For doing really well on her arithmetic assessment!
AURORA	Mia-Rae	for demonstrating excellent perseverance during difficult problem solving.
SKY	Erion	For his excellent work answering a tough reasoning question.

Class:	Reader of the week:	Reason
JUPITER		For mind blowing results and effort in his reading assessment. I'm so proud!
GALAXY	Taylan	For excellent effort and determination with his reading test this week!
SUPERNOVA	Elliott	Fantastic effort in a reading test.
PLUTO		
NEPTUNE	Breyner	For excellent reading at home!
AURORA	Curtis	For reading regularly at home and making great improvements!
SKY	Toye	For excellent reading at home.

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# Information and Support



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**TYPING'S COOL**  
TOUCH TYPING SCHOOL

### Easter holiday touch-typing courses for 7 – 16s



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 effective and fun. The course is suitable for all ages and abilities.

#### Dates

Tuesday 2 – Friday 5 April 2024 - Course sessions run 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily

Monday 8 – Thursday 11 April 2024 - Course sessions run 10:00 - 12:15 pm daily

#### Locations

St Joseph's Primary School, Kingston KT1 2UP

Dulwich College, London SE21 7LD



Duke of Edinburgh Award - Registered skills assessor

#### Course Costs

Courses are open to 7 – 16s.

£176.00 per place. Sibling/ bring a friend 10% discount available. Childcare vouchers accepted.

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