



Weekly Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Friday, 6th September 2024



A Message from our Headteacher

Dear Parents,
Welcome back! It has been a fantastic first week back and great to meet all the new starters and welcome everyone back. I do hope you all had a lovely holiday; the children have enjoyed sharing some of their exciting adventures with us all. I have heard about visits to theme parks and rollercoasters, beaches, holidays abroad, park trips and days out in London. There is a lot happening this term so please make sure you read the newsletter weekly. As always if you wish to meet with me or any other member of staff please call the office to arrange an appointment.

Welcome

There are a few new faces this year so please make them feel welcome when you see them. Miss Ellie Daft has joined us as the teacher in Year 1 Mercury class, Miss Daisy Liddle is the new teacher in Year 5 Neptune class. Miss Noosh will be covering for Miss Olivia Abrahams in Year 3 until October when she fully returns from maternity leave.

Meet the teacher

Next week you will have the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and find out what will be happening this term for your child's class. If you are unable to attend please do not worry as we will upload all presentations to the school website for you to read at home. Once presentations have been given you can find out the information by visiting our parent coffee morning/workshop [page](#)

Tuesday 9am – Yr 1

Wednesday 9am – Yr 2 and 4

Thursday 9am – Yr 3

Friday 9am Yr 5 and 6

Homework

By the end of the day on Friday your child will have received your child's topic homework scrap book, homework sheet, class newsletter and a reading book and diary for their book bag. Please support your child and read with them as often as you can. Prizes and awards are given for reading at home. We recommend reading every day for at least 10minutes, however we understand many of you work and this might not be possible. If this is the case perhaps read multiple times at the weekend and sign the diary each time you read together! Reading Eggs, Timetable Rockstars (Yr2 – 6) and Athletics passwords will be printed and given out by the end of next week. Weekly maths homework will be set by class teachers in Year 2-6 for children to complete.

Water bottles

All classes have a box for children to store their water bottles in class. These boxes are taken to the playground for children to refill at lunch and play. Please ensure you provide a labelled water bottle for children each day.

Measles

The UKHSA and Public Health are predicting a significant rise in the cases of measles as children return to school in September. Please see attached poster and further information can be obtained by contacting NHS on www.nhs.uk/measles

PE days

Please remember to send your child's PE kit to school each week on a Monday and remind your child to bring it home for a wash on Friday. Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 may come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE. PE kits are part of our uniform. Children are expected to wear black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, a plain white T-shirt. PE kits should be labelled with your child's name and class.

Uniform

We will hold a nearly new uniform sale next Friday 13th where you will be able to pick up some uniform if you need any. Please remember to dress your child in full school uniform daily. Children are expected to wear dark grey bottoms (skirt, shorts or trousers) a white polo shirt or shirt and tie, a school jumper or cardigan.

Walking home alone 2024-25

If you have a child in **Year 5 or 6** and you wish for them to walk home alone this will only be authorised once we have permission in writing from you. Please email the school office to request the walk home alone form.

office@grange.southwark.sch.uk

Online Safety

Talk about it:

- Start conversations when your children will not be embarrassed, for example on your journey home from school. Try to de-personalise it by asking their opinion on a current news story that relates to an online issue.
- Be proactive – do not wait until something has already gone wrong – discuss issues ahead of time – knowing what children of a similar age are doing will help you know more about the environment that your child is living in.
- Ask them for advice on how to do something online and use this as a conversation starter.
- Make sure they know they can come to you if they are upset by something they have seen online – listen to them when they do and try not to overact – the important thing is that they have come and told you!
- Be sensitive and praise them when they share their online experiences with you
- If your child comes to you with an issue, stay calm and listen without judging them
 - Talk about online grooming as you would stranger danger and explain that people they meet online might not be who they say they are
 - Ask them about things online which might make them (or others) uncomfortable.

I hope you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week. See you on Monday at **8.50am**.

Rebecca



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School Information

Dates for the Diary

Important
DATE!

6/9/24		Class newsletters and homework projects sent to parents
10/9/24		Year 1 Meet the teacher
11/9/24		Year 2 and 4 Meet the teacher
12/09/24		Year 3 Meet the teacher
13/09/24		Year 5 and 5 Meet the teacher
16/09/24		Reception baseline assessments
19/09/24		Nursery and reception – reading together coffee morning
26/09/24		SEND parent coffee morning
27/09/24		Yr 1 and 2 – reading together coffee morning
27/09/24		National Teaching Assistant day
27/09/24		Individual pupil photos
30/09/24		Parent <i>Reading Together</i> sessions begin (NR, YR, Y1 and Y2)
30/09/24	–	Black history month
31/10/24		
03/10/24		National Poetry day
05/10/24		World Teachers day
07/10/24		KS2 Parent Coffee Morning
08/10/24		Year 6 Residential meeting
14/10/24	–	Year 6 Residential
16/10/24		
22/10/24	&	Parents evening
23/10/24		
25/10/24		Big Draw art event
25 th October – 1 st November		Half term
04/11/24		First day back for staff and children Autum 2



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Word of the Week

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

Shinobi Word of the Day
 Word of the Day: **inspire** (verb)
 Pronunciation / Syllables: (in-spire)
 Definition: If someone or something inspires you to do something new or unusual, they make you want to do it.
 Mrs Sarkar **inspired** the class with the story.

Value of the Week

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

"A friend is one of the nicest things you can have and one of the best things you can be"
 (Winnie the Pooh)



Happy Birthday to You!



We have had so many children have birthdays over the summer we wanted to wish you all a happy Birthday!

First Name	Age
Leah	7
Ebrahim	8
Gift	6
Elham	4
Yosra	10
Khadijah	5
Stacy	7
Raquel	6
Celina	10

First Name	Age
Kimaya	10
Ralphie	10
Lake	7
Ololade	9
Mohamed	10
Nyima	9
Nasir	6
G'mari	11
Enzo	8

Abdul Raheem	7
Ava Simon	9
Madina	9
Azion	8
Andre	5
Abdul	6
Elias	10
Aurora	9
Ava	4

Roman	8
Royce	8



Parent Information

Measles is a serious illness that is highly infectious. To be protected from measles and other infections including mumps and rubella, you need to be immunised with 2 doses of MMR vaccine.

Remember, it is never too late to get protected against measles.

NHS

MEASLES
Protect yourself, protect others

NHS

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Textphone: 0300 123 1003 (Barn to 6pm, Mon-Fri)
For more information and advice visit:
www.nhs.uk/measles

MMR vaccination
It's not just for children

immunisation

the safest way to protect your health for life

- Low levels of immunisation uptake in the past have led to a significant increase in the number of individuals not protected against measles. And the more people that are not protected, the more rapidly measles will spread.
- Measles is caused by a very infectious virus causing a rash and high fever and can be very serious. The illness can be more severe in adults and can last for longer. Someone with measles usually has to spend about five days in bed and be off school or work for ten days. Adults are also more susceptible to complications.
- Complications of measles can include ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, encephalitis (infection of the brain), and brain damage. About one in 3000 individuals is likely to die. There have been four deaths in the UK since 2006.
- Measles is highly infectious – a cough or a sneeze can spread the measles virus over a wide area. If you come into contact with it and are not protected, the chances are that you will be infected.
- You are at greatest risk if you have not been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine.
- If you have missed one or both of your MMR vaccinations contact your GP surgery to arrange an appointment. For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/measles or www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine.
- By getting immunised you will not only be protecting yourself but also those people, especially children, who cannot have MMR because they have illnesses such as leukaemia. They are protected if enough of the population is vaccinated so measles is eliminated.
- If you can't remember if you've had both MMR vaccinations, it's better to book an appointment to have MMR vaccine because extra doses pose no health risk. If you need two doses, they should be given one month apart.
- The MMR vaccine may cause side effects for up to six weeks after the immunisation. The symptoms are similar to those caused by the diseases but are extremely mild and harmless and are not contagious. Speak to your nurse or doctor if you are at all concerned. If you are having treatment for a serious condition such as a transplant or cancer, or you have a condition that affects your immune system such as HIV get advice from your nurse or doctor.
- In the UK we have two MMR vaccines. Both of the vaccines work very well, one contains porcine gelatine and the other doesn't. If you want your child to have the porcine gelatine free vaccine, talk to your practice nurse or GP.
- If you care for other people or young children as part of your work, it's particularly important that you are fully immunised with MMR. Passing on measles to children who are too young to have MMR vaccine or to someone who is already ill, can have very serious consequences for their health.

30th September- 2nd October

 TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE
3 FOR 2
BOOK
FAIR

FILL YOUR
SCHOOL WITH
FREE BOOKS
WHEN YOU BUY
FROM THE
BOOK FAIR*

READING
GIVES YOU
SUPERPOWERS!

GET 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2[†]

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT
HELPED TO DONATE
OVER £5.3M IN BOOKS TO
SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE



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In an effort to encourage reading for pleasure each week one of our staff members will share their favourite children's book. This book will then be available for children to borrow to see if they enjoy reading it also.

Favourite Book Friday!

My favourite book is Little Rabbit Foo Foo by Michael Rosen. I love it because I can sing it, I can read it and I can retell the story in my own words. I love that it repeats, it's got counting in it and is has wiggly worms! I LOVE wiggly worms!

- Miss Massah

