

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a wonderful Easter Break and we wish all the families who celebrated Easter, Eid, or Vaisakhi all the very best on these auspicious occasions.

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers last week, for Parents Evening. Your feedback on your children's progress was overwhelmingly positive, and we appreciate your patience during the brief interruption caused by a false fire alarm.

Efforts to enhance communication include the introduction of Class Dojo, the presence of senior leadership on the playground, distribution of parental surveys, and regular coffee mornings. We are committed to further improving communication and welcome any suggestions you may have.

This newsletter also includes next years term dates and we will share additional important dates, such as Sports Day and the Year 6 production, once they are finalised.

There will be no Year 6 residential planned for this academic year as this needs booking in advance and with a new leadership team in September we could not organise this within the given timeframe. I do apologise for this, but will ensure that our current Year 6 children get the send off that they deserve.

We are also looking to create a PTA to organise fundraising for fun activities for our children and their families. If you are interested in becoming part of the PTA then please attend the PTA coffee morning (see the coffee morning timetable), so we can further work together to be the very best for our children.

Mrs Madar—Headteacher

Clubs

It's wonderful to note that almost 150 spots have been taken up for our after-school clubs. We've taken into account your feedback from the recent parental survey, where you expressed interest in having a diverse range of clubs beyond just sports. As a result, we've introduced a Science Club, Aerobics and a Street Dance Club! Our aim is to further expand the variety of clubs next year to offer even more thrilling opportunities for the children



Hillingdon Local Authority



It's important you ensure that you and your children take up routine vaccinations when offered (and in a timely way), to protect you and your children against certain illnesses. Hillingdon have asked us to share the important video below about vaccinations:

<https://vimeo.com/northstardigital/review/911566007/845d398d36>

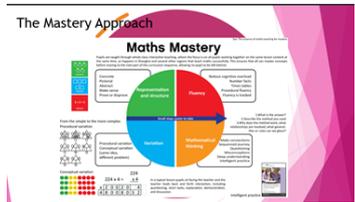


Summer Term Coffee Mornings

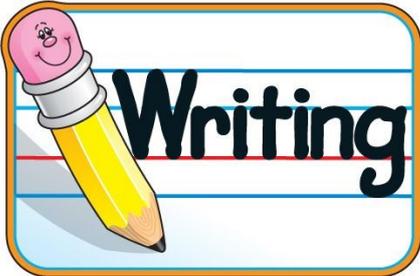
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At Grange Park Junior School, we enjoy working collaboratively with our families to provide the best opportunities for the children. Come along to our Coffee Mornings to find out more; everyone is welcome!

<p>Tuesday 30th April</p>	<p><u>Computing & E-Safety</u></p> <p>E-Safety is woven throughout our Computing curriculum. This Coffee Morning is an opportunity for you to work with our Computing Lead to find out what is covered in Computing lessons and how the skills taught are preparing children for their futures.</p> <p>Led by: Miss Henderson</p> 
<p>Tuesday 7th May</p>	<p><u>Junior Travel Ambassadors</u></p> <p>Our Junior Travel Ambassadors have worked hard throughout the year to lead and launch projects to promote road safety awareness in and around school. This Coffee Morning is a chance to listen to the children as they share their hard work with you! Come along to listen to our amazing JTAs and find out what they did to earn money for the school last term!</p> <p>Led by: Miss McDermott</p> 
<p>Tuesday 14th May</p>	<p><u>Healthy Eating</u></p> <p>Come along to share and discuss healthy packed lunches and find out how we teach children about health eating in PSHE and DT lessons! Did you know that we hold the Healthy London Schools Bronze accreditation? Find out what are doing to work towards Silver!</p> <p>Led by: Mrs Ramtohol-Butler, Miss McDermott & Miss Sidhu</p> 
<p>Tuesday 21st May</p>	<p><u>Maths</u></p> <p>Come and explore how we teach mathematics in KS2, an insight into the concrete resources we use to support understanding, the importance of oracy ('maths talk') and mathematical language, a look at the mastery approach to mathematics and how you can support your child with their maths learning at home. We will explore the following areas: ● Our calculation policy with a focus on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) ● How mathematics is taught through a CPA approach (Concrete- Pictorial- Abstract) ● Concrete resources that we use at school to support mathematical teaching and learning ● The importance of oracy in maths and mathematical language.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● An insight into the 'teaching for mastery' approach to mathematics ● How to support your children at home with their maths learning' <p>Led by: Mr Sharma & Mrs Kumar</p> 

Coffee Mornings continued:

Tuesday 4th June	<u>French Trip (Year 5)</u> The French trip is fast approaching (28 th June 2024). Parents are invited to receive further information and be able to ask questions. Led by: Miss Ramasamy & Mr Sharma
Tuesday 11th June	<u>Behaviour Policy</u> We want your input into what would make an effective Behaviour Policy. Are we addressing what we should be? We want your views so we can ensure the policy can be understood by all stakeholders.
Tuesday 18th June	<u>Transition</u> We are very excited to share our transition policy which will be used to support your children in their next stage of schooling. Whether this is joining a new year group or moving on to secondary school, we will outline what will be put in place to support your child in having a successful transition. Led by: Mrs Madar & Miss Allen
Tuesday 25th June	<u>Writing</u> Come along to explore our Writing overview and how you can best support your child at home ready for the next academic year!  Led by: Mr Sharma & Miss Shinh
Tuesday 2nd July	<u>Parent Teacher Association (PTA)</u> We would like to start our very own PTA and to do this, we need YOU! The PTA would work as a team to plan and lead half-termly events to raise money for the school under our very own charity! Responsibilities will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Attending regular meetingsPlanning half –termly eventsAdvertising and leading whole school events If this is something you would like to be a part of, please come along to the meeting; the more the merrier! Led by: Mrs Ramtohul-Butler & Miss Alexis



Wraparound Care

At Grange Park Junior School, our goal is to provide comprehensive support to all families, including assistance for working parents through activities before and after regular school hours. Currently, we host a Breakfast Club starting from 8am, where children can enjoy breakfast while engaging in activities with their peers. Additionally, we offer a variety of After School Clubs until 4:30pm. To better cater to the needs of more families, we kindly request that you complete the following survey to indicate your requirements for 'wraparound care' for your child. It's important that the survey is completed by an adult.

Please ensure your responses are submitted by Monday, May 6th. Thank you.

Here is the link for the wraparound care survey: <https://forms.gle/m6UH7Fis9z7YJcJy9> and here is the QR code:



Year 4—Olympic Festival

On Wednesday 24th April, Year 4 were extremely lucky to be invited to participate in the Olympic Festival organised by SHSSN. We walked to and from Yeading Junior school, which was a big task for little legs - over 2.5 miles return! Once at the festival, Grange Park participated in Dodgeball, Parachute games (led by Park Academy leaders), Squash (led by England Squash), Taekwondo (led by UK ITF) and Dance (led by the Royal Opera House). Every child demonstrated resilience and perseverance when trying new things. Seven of our children received awards for displaying the Olympic values. It was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils and they all seemed to enjoy themselves.

Ian (Rose class) - "I really liked everything today because it was interesting and we learnt different sports."

Farabi (Buttercup class) - "I liked the squash activity because it was fun juggling the ball and hitting it against the net."

Agshara (Rose class) - "I loved the parachute because we got to wave it and run under it. It was so much fun!"



Year 4—Science Muesum

On Thursday 25th April, Year 4 went to the Science Museum in London. We travelled by coach, exploring parts of Greater London along the way. During our visit to the museum, we explored all levels and displays, finding as many hands on exhibits to play with as possible! We also investigated the Wonderlab. This was our favourite part of the day. We were able to engage with interactive displays, games and activities including the friction slides, pulley chair, spinning machine, electrical systems game, mathematics station, as well as many other exhibits. The children thoroughly enjoyed their day!

Shreyash (Rose class) - "I really enjoyed the friction slides and the pulley experiment chairs in the WonderLab. The 3D planet demonstration in the exhibit was really cool too as it explained planets."

Dhanishta (Lavender class) - "I really enjoyed the canter levering bridge experiment as I got to make my own bridges. Also creating and standing on an arch bridge was cool. Seeing computers from the olden days until now was really amazing as we saw how much technology has changed. They were enormous!"

Shahab (Rose class) - "I liked that we got to interact with stuff. When we went on the pulley chair, we had to pull with full strength to bring our body up on the chair. I was helping someone pull the ropes and then when they got to the top they were really happy."



SEND Football Panathlon

On 27th March, 8 children competed in the SEND Football Panathlon. They completed 6 different football skill activities and had a great time doing it! There were plenty of high 5's after each activity and the children encouraged each other throughout the tournament. Grange Park placed 4th. The children were very excited about receiving their medal!

Thank you to Mr Mahay for training them over the past few weeks.



Calendar dates 2024

- **Thursday 2nd May 2024—Polling Day—School Closed to children**
- **Monday 6th May 2024—Bank Holiday –School Closed**
- 7th May to 10th May - Yr. 4 visit to Charville Library
- Wednesday 8th May –HHPSSA Cross Country – Yr.4,Yr.5,Yr.6, selected pupils
- Friday 10th May—Yr.3 Pedestrian Training
- Monday 13th to Thursday 16th May —Yr6. SATs
- Tuesday 14th May—Yr.3 Visit to Church of St Nicholas
- Thursday 16th May—Yr.6 Netball at Hayes Park –selected pupils
- Monday 20th May 2024—Yr.3 Ancient Greek workshop (in school)
- 22nd May—Quad Kids –selected pupils
- Thursday 23rd May - Ealing Trail finders Women's Rugby assembly (pupils only)
- **Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May—Half Term -School Closed to children**
- Monday 3rd June—School Class Photos



Attendance

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Welcome to

Grange Park Junior School
Leaders of tomorrow

Did You Know... ?
In a School Year, if Your Child is Late Every Day by... Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately... or They Would Have Missed Approximately...

5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters
Remember Absence = Lost Learning Opportunity

Punctuality

It is important to leave home in plenty of time for your child to arrive on time at 8.40am, to start their learning at 8.45am (school gates open at 8:30 am)

Reporting your child's absence

If your child is absent please ensure you call us promptly by 8.30am and leave a voicemail message on Tel: 020 8353 4265 (Option 2).

Evidence must be provided prior to all types of appointments eg; Doctor, Dentist, Hospital or any other appointment, however if the appointment is an emergency, including visiting A & E, please make sure you acquire an appointment card or letter of attendance for your child's school records.

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School Attendance		
						97%-100	Very Good
						96%-90%	Room for Improvement
Attendance so far:	96.5	95.6	96.7	96.0	96.2	Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)



Grange Park Junior School

Autumn Term 2024	
Monday 2 nd September 2024	Training Day 1 (School closed to children)
Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Training Day 2 (School closed to children)
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	Children Back to School
Friday 25 th October 2024	Training Day 3 (School Closed to Children)
Monday 28 th -Friday 1 st November 2024	HALF TERM (School Closed to Children)
Monday 4 th November 2024	Children Back to School
Friday 20 th December 2024	Term Ends-Early Finish 1pm
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6 th January 2025	Children Back to School
Monday 17 th -Friday 21 st February 2025	HALF TERM (School closed to children)
Monday 24 th February 2025	Training Day 4 (School closed to children)
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	Children Back to School
Friday 4 th April 2025	Term ends - Early Finish 1pm
Summer Term 2025	
Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Children Back to School
Monday 5 th May 2025	Bank Holiday (School Closed)
Monday 26 th -Friday 30 th May 2025	HALF TERM (School Closed to Children)
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Children Back to School
Friday 27 th June 2025	Training Day 5 (School Closed to Children)
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025	Term Ends – Early Finish 1pm
Autumn Term 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Training Day 1 (School closed to children)
Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Children Back to School