



# Grange Park Junior School Newsletter

## May 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like we have just returned to school after Easter, and already next week is half-term. We will welcome the children back for their final half-term of this academic year on Monday, 3rd June. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as headteacher, especially getting to know the children and their families. You have truly made me feel very welcome, and I hope you feel comfortable coming to me or the other senior leaders with any questions or concerns.

Additionally, I appreciate your feedback through the parental surveys you have completed this year, such as the recent questionnaire on wrap-around care.

As my first year here comes to a close, the primary school journey is also ending for our Year 6 pupils. Last week was SATs week, and I know the children felt the pressure to succeed. I want to thank you for your support in ensuring the children were prepared, punctual, and present every day. They should be very proud of their efforts and diligence during the assessments. Results will be published in July.

We have many exciting events and activities planned for Year 6, and details will be sent out in a separate letter. We hope all children can participate in these events, but they must continue to follow our behaviour policy and show respect to their peers and all staff to enjoy the privileges we have planned for them. We will also be supporting them and all children in preparing for their transition, whether it is to a new school or a new year group.

Have a wonderful half-term.

Mrs Madar—Headteacher



As summer approaches (hopefully with more than just one sunny day!), please ensure that you apply suntan lotion to your child BEFORE they come to school, as school staff are unable to do so. Additionally, please make sure your child comes to school with a sun hat and a light waterproof coat. We like to allow the children to play outside as much as possible for their physical and mental well-being.

## Sporting Events

### Squash

Squash Taster session: Year 3, Year 6 and a group of Year 5 children participated in Squash Taster sessions held by England Squash and Hillingdon Squash Club on the 21st May. There were three stations to rotate between and we were working with a partner to use the equipment. A big net was set up and we had to try and hit the ball on to the net with our rackets. The lesson was fun, educating and exciting, we thoroughly enjoyed this fun experience to play squash. (Mohammad and Fariha, Ash class)



### Quad Kids

On Wednesday 22nd May, 20 children from GPJS competed in the QuadKids Athletics event at Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Centre. They competed against 15 other schools. The children participated in 4 events - 400/600m, 50/75m sprint, standing long jump and Vortex throw. Well done to the children who participated in the event. Thank you to Mr Mahay for training the children in the lead up to the event.



### Cross Country:

Well done to our Cross Country team who competed in the HHPSSA Cross Country at Charville Academy on Wednesday 8th May, after school. They all ran an incredible race and did themselves and our school proud. The boys team placed 2nd overall – a massive achievement! The girls team placed 5th overall – an incredible effort.



### Sporting Events continued:



### **Brentford - Joy of Moving program:**

Over the past 6 weeks, Year 5 have been taking part in the Joy of Moving program run by Brentford football club. Every Thursday, 4 Brentford coaches teach the children about healthy living and physical activity. Part of the session has been based in a classroom, discussing healthy eating and lifestyles. The second part of the session has been outside, learning how to be physically active. It has been amazing to have Brentford in to encourage our children to be physically active and lead healthy lifestyles.

**"The sessions helped inspire me to train and follow my dreams." - Sophie, Beech class.**

**"I learnt how to be physically active and why it is important." - Yasmin, Beech class**

**"I really enjoyed the teamwork because helping each other was really fun." - Hania, Beech class.**

### In other news...

Our Science Club has been a huge success and the children are thoroughly enjoying it:

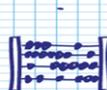


**Lunchtimes:** Miss Alexis has improved the lunchtime provision so the children can enjoy a range of activities independently.



## Notice from our School Nurses

School Nursing  
**Shout Out**



Summer Term April – July 2024

### ★ Your School Nursing Service ★

School Nurses form part of the 0-19 service in Hillingdon. Health Visitors cover from 0-5 years and School Nurses cover from 5-years old until your child's 19<sup>th</sup> Birthday. The School Nursing Team works in partnership with children, young people and families as well as schools and the Local Authority to ensure that pupils are supported within their school community to remain healthy and receive the right support where it is needed.

#### Reception:

- Routine **Hearing and Vision Screening** is completed for all children in reception. If anything is flagged from these tests, the service will be in contact with you for further advice or referrals if needed.
- When your child is in reception, they will have their height and weight checked as part of the **National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)**. The results from this will be sent home to you in a letter.
- You will also be sent **Health Questionnaires**. The questionnaire provides an opportunity to identify any new or on-going health needs your son/daughter may have and require additional support with, and enable individual follow-up actions which may be required to support you in ensuring your child remains healthy as possible. You will be sent a letter from your school or a text message with a link for the questionnaires. The results are sent to the School nursing Service, they are confidential and not shared with the school. Even if you have no concerns with your child's health, we still find it valuable for you to complete a Health Questionnaire.

*Concerns with bedwetting? Once your child reaches 5-years old and you have concerns with bedwetting you can seek a referral to the school nurse-led enuresis (bedwetting) clinic from your GP.*

#### CONTACT DETAILS:

TELEPHONE: 01895 891 302  
EMAIL: [cnw-tr.hillingdonchildrency@nhs.net](mailto:cnw-tr.hillingdonchildrency@nhs.net)  
WEBSITE: [www.hillingdoncyp.cnl.nhs.uk/](http://www.hillingdoncyp.cnl.nhs.uk/)

Please scan the QR code to access our website.



#### Year 6:

- When your child is in reception, they will have their height and weight checked as part of the **National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)**. The results from this will be sent home to you in a letter.

#### Transition to Year 7:

- If your child is due to attend a Hillingdon school in year 7, you will have an opportunity to complete a **Health Questionnaire** giving you the opportunity to let us know about any health issues your child may be experiencing. You will be sent a letter from your school with a link for the questionnaires. The results are sent to the School Nursing Service, they are confidential and not shared with the school.

**School nurses are available Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. You can call or email with any queries and we can get back to you.**

You can also request screening (hearing & vision and height & weight) for your school aged child at any point should they have concerns via the school nursing service.

## School Uniform

In preparation for the next academic year, I would like to remind you that we maintain high standards for our school uniform. Recently, we have noticed a decline in these standards. On non-PE days, children must wear a tie and school shoes (no trainers). Headscarves, as well as any underlayers, must be white, black, or blue. Long hair must be tied back, and only small stud earrings are allowed.

**On June 3rd, the children will have their class photographs taken. It is important for them to be in full school uniform on this day. If they have PE, they must bring their PE kit to change into.**

In the Autumn term, we will also have a photographer visiting to update our school website photographs. New photographs will only be used if your child is in the correct uniform.

If you need any support with obtaining uniform items, please do not hesitate to ask. Further information about our uniform policy is provided below:

### Autumn & Spring Term

- Long or short sleeved plain white school shirt (no polo shirts)
- Grey school skirt, pinafore or grey school trousers -any brand (no leggings)
- Royal blue school V-neck cardigan or school V-neck jumper (with school logo)
- School tie
- Plain white, black or grey socks -any brand
- Plain grey or black tights -any brand
- Flat black school shoes - any brand (no trainers, sandals or boots)

### Summer Term

Any of the above or:

- Pale blue and white checked summer dress (optional)
- Grey school shorts (optional)

## *Behaviour Policy*



*We are looking to update our behaviour policy and make it clearer for all stakeholders, including Parents/Carers. We would love to gather your views about behavior at Grange Park Juniors, so we can consider them when we write the new policy. Please help us to ensure the policy meets the needs for all children and it is clear to follow for all involved.*

*Furthermore, we are also having a **Coffee Morning on Tuesday 11th June**, so that we can show you our first draft and gather some feedback, before we launch the policy in September 2024. Please do join us, as we would love your input in developing an effective policy.*

*Scan the QR code or follow the link below to complete the survey and please ensure that an adult is completing it. It will also be available on Class Dojo.*

*We would like you to complete the survey by :*

*Wednesday 5th June 2024.*



<https://forms.office.com/e/NF5rrn0055>

## Calendar dates 2024



- Monday 3rd June—School Class Photos
- w/c 3rd June—Yr.4 Multiplication tables check
- Tuesday 4th June—French Trip Meeting Yr.5
- Wednesday 5th June—Sex education meeting Yr.6 only
- Tuesday 11th June—Coffee Morning—Behaviour policy
- Tuesday 18th June—Coffee Morning—Transition
- Tuesday 18th June - LYG Inspire Festival @ Gunnersby Park
- Thursday 20th June 2024 -Yeading Cluster Beck Theatre Event (selected pupils)
- Tuesday 25th June—Coffee Morning –Writing
- Wednesday 26th June—Trip to France—Yr.5
- Thursday 27th June—Trip to Battle –Lavender & Tulip Class
- 28th June –Training Day –School closed to children
- Tuesday 2nd July –Secondary Transfer Day

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**Since the beginning of the September 2023 there has been 2136 days of missed learning, please support us by ensuring your child is in school everyday.**

### 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                    |
| <b>Attendance so far:</b> | 96.4   | 95.8   | 96.7   | 96.1   | 96.3                    | Below 90% | Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee) |