



Grange Park Junior School Newsletter

June 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to be enjoying the warm weather. As the children spend a significant amount of time outside, please ensure that your child has sunscreen applied and wears a hat.

As we approach the end of this academic year, it is time to bid farewell to some of our staff members.

Miss Henderson will be returning to Canada on the 14th of July, concluding her teaching tenure in England. We extend our best wishes to her and thank her for 5 years of dedication to our pupils.

Mrs Chaubal will also be leaving us after 9 years of teaching at our school. We are grateful for her contributions and wish her health and happiness in the future.

We also say goodbye to Miss Shanawar, who is embarking on a new journey. We appreciate her time and energy spent at our school and wish her well in her future endeavors.

Miss McDermott, after successfully completing her Early Career training, will be leaving for a new adventure. We thank her for the various roles she has taken on and the support she has provided to our pupils.

We are excited to welcome Mr Luft as a Year Group Leader. Additionally, we welcome Miss Nawah, Miss Fahmi, Miss Evans, and Ms Carter as new class teachers.

An accompanying letter today outlines the staffing arrangements for the next academic year.

Best regards,

Mrs Madar—Headteacher



Goodbye Year 6

We also bid farewell to our Year 6 students as they transition to Secondary School. We have some memorable events planned to celebrate their final weeks with us. Here are the key dates:

- Friday, 5th July—Hop on Hop Off Bus Tour of London
- Wednesday, 10th July—Lion King Theatre Trip
- Wednesday, 17th July—Lion King Production Performance for Parents/Carers
- Monday, 22nd July—Graduation Ball
- Tuesday, 23rd July at 9:30 am—Leavers Assembly for Parents/Carers

On the last day of term, 24th July, Year 6 students can wear their own clothes. This is also an opportunity for you to donate any clean, good condition used school uniforms, which are vital in supporting other parents/carers with uniform purchases for the coming year.

Battle Abbey—Year 4

Year 4 travelled to Battle Abbey - the site of the Battle of Hastings in 1066. The children took part in a Discovery Visit where they met an Anglo-Saxon storyteller and learnt about the events leading up to the battle in 1066. Children got to re-enact the battle, including using shields to create an Anglo-Saxon shield wall! Some children dressed in replica clothing and acted as Kings and Dukes. Year 4 explored the battlefield, the abbey and the gatehouse. There were some spectacular views from the top of the gatehouse! The children also played on the unique play equipment during their lunch break. Overall, Year 4 had a fantastic and informative day at Battle Abbey.

Evelynne - Lavender - I liked going to the top of the gatehouse because the views were amazing!



A.I.M High

Several of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils were selected to attend a Maths Workshop with Andrew Jaffrey, the Mathemagician, at Heathrow Primary School. Our pupils enthusiastically engaged in the day's fun activities, showcasing their impressive mathematical skills and knowledge. We are proud of their performance. Special thanks to Mrs. Kumar and Mrs. Viridi for their support.



Euros—It's coming home

We have been celebrating the Euros together. Each class participated in a sweepstake and decorated their classrooms to represent their chosen country. Last week, the classrooms were judged, and Lavender Class was declared the winner. They decorated their classroom, sang a song, and quizzed the judges about the England Football Team. Well done, Lavender Class! They will enjoy a non-uniform day on Tuesday, 16th July, as will the class representing the actual winning team of the tournament.



Monster Kick About

We have had a great time participating in National Sports Week and Monster Kickabout last week! We played small sided football matches, football cricket and football baseball! Thank you Youth Sport Trust and Monster Kickabout for the plans and equipment!

"I liked all of the activities because it was fun and we got to kick the ball around." - Chitvat

"I like the different football stations. My favourite activity football cricket." - Asad





France

On Wednesday, 26th June 2024, some of our Year 5 pupils went on an educational trip to France. They visited a traditional French bakery (boulangerie) where they learned how to make croissants and bread. Additionally, they toured a chocolate factory, which explained and demonstrated the entire process from picking cocoa beans to producing the final confectionery. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed this experience and displayed exemplary behaviour throughout the trip.

"I liked the trip, it was fun and I learned a lot of new things. I really hope that there are more trips like this. My favourite was the chocolate factory but I also really liked making bread". Pihu

"I remember we went to eat lunch in a French restaurant. We learned how to make croissants, and bread, we also went to a mall. I really love the trip and wish we can do it again. I had lots of fun." Aveena

"France was really nice and sunny. I loved it. The chocolate tasted great and the people there were nice. I want to say thank you to all the staff that organised the trip". Sneha

"The food was cheap and the people were very nice. I liked how the shop had multiple choices. I enjoyed it and would like to visit again." Yasmin



REMINDER: Grange Park Junior School Uniform

We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform and PE kit at all times. We want our children to be proud of themselves and their school, and maintaining a smart appearance will help to achieve this, both within our school, and our local community. We have simplified the Uniform Policy below for September 2024.

School uniform: School V-neck jumper, V-neck cardigan (with logo), school tie and PE kit (including PE bag) is available to purchase directly from Brigade.uk.com website: http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents where you can, if you wish, also purchase other items e.g. coats, rucksacks and hats. Please be aware that if your child does not wear the correct uniform/PE kit a letter will be sent home requesting that the child returns to school wearing the correct uniform.

School Uniform

Plain white school shirt

Grey school skirt/pinafore

Grey school trousers / shorts

Royal blue school V-neck cardigan or school v-neck jumper (with school logo)

School tie

Plain white or grey socks

Plain grey tights

Flat black school shoes

During the Summer – a blue and white summer dress.

No Trainers/ Sandals / Boots

No Leggings



Other Requirements

Coats must be plain in colour

Headscarves/patkas must be plain white, black or Royal Blue and must not have any decoration (including brooches).

Please note that we do not mind children wearing boots to and from school, but we do expect children to wear black school shoes when in school.

PE Kits (Boys and Girls)

School royal blue P.E. t-shirt (with school logo)

Black plimsolls or trainers

Plain black jogging bottoms / shorts

Swimming:

For swimming lessons children require swimming trunks - not shorts (boys) or a 1 piece costume (girls), a towel and a swimming hat. Children will not be allowed to swim if they do not have the correct swimming kit or a hat. Children will be asked to remove any jewellery (including religious jewellery) before they can swim (this is a requirement of the pool).

Calendar dates 2024

- Monday 1st July—Year 4 Trip: Battle Abbey – Buttercup and Rose (Rescheduled due to Polling Day)
- Tuesday 2nd July –Secondary Transfer Day
- Wednesday 3rd July –District Sports
- Wednesday 3rd July –Yr.3 School Trip: British Museum
- **Thursday 4th July—Polling Day—School closed to children**
- Friday 5th July –Yr.5 &Yr.6 School Trip –London Bus
- Friday 5th July -Yr.3 & Yr.5 Road 2 Paris workshop.
- Monday 8th July—Dance club performance to parents –4pm
- Tuesday 9th July—irock concert 1pm to 3pm
- Wednesday 10th July –School Trip: Yr.6 The Lion King
- **Wednesday 11th July—Yr.5 & Yr.6 Sports Day**
- **Thursday 12th July—Yr.3 & Yr.4 - Sports Day**
- Monday 15th July—Y.4 & Yr.6 Road to Paris Workshop
- Tuesday 16th July—Yr.6 Lion King Performance to the school
- Tuesday 16th July—Non-uniform day for Lavender Class (best decorated class). Non uniform and PE sessions for winning Euros class.
- Wednesday 17th July—Yr.6 Lion King Performance to Parents 9am and 5.30pm
- Thursday 18th July— Yr.5 & Yr.6 Sports Day (back up day)
- Friday 19th July—Yr.3 & Yr.4 -- Sports Day (back up day)
- Friday 19th July—Tea Party for 100% Attendees
- Monday 22nd July—Yr.6 Graduation Ball
- Tuesday 23rd July—Yr.6 Assembly for parents 9.30am
- Tuesday 23rd July—Yr.6 vs. Teachers football match
- **Wednesday 24th July— Last Day of Term—Early finish 1pm**
- **Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd September—Staff Training day– School Closed to children**
- **Wednesday 4th September—Children back to school 8.40am**





What's on in our community

- There are lots of events happening for children in Hillingdon during the summer holidays including Lego Club, Battle of Britain, The Mayor's Picnic in the Park ,Young Archaeologists' Club at Cranford Park to name but a few.

Click [here](#) to view all of the events and to book.

- There are also plenty of activities for parents and cares - Click [here](#) to view and book

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Please Report your child's absence daily

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.

Since the beginning of the September 2023 there has been 2448 days of missed learning opportunity, please support us by ensuring your child is in school everyday.

Punctuality matters

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)

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

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School Attendance
Attendance so far:	96.4	95.7	96.8	96.0	96.2

97%-100	Very Good
96%-90%	Room for Improvement
Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)