



Dear Parents and Carers,

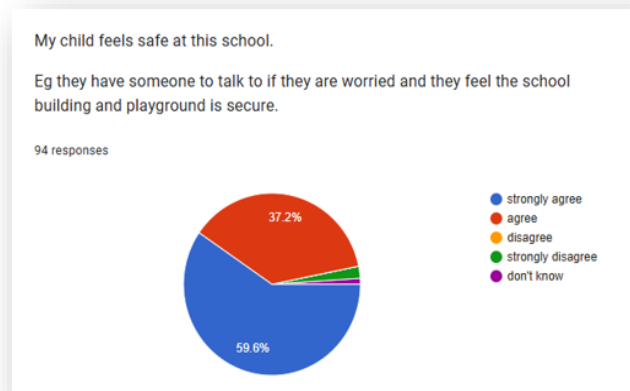
As you are aware, the school underwent an Ofsted inspection on the 12th and 13th of November. We anticipate receiving the report before Christmas.

During the inspection, we only received 19 responses to the Parental Survey. However, we would like to take into account the feedback gathered during Parents' Evening where we received 94 responses. We appreciate you taking the time to share your views as it helps us understand how the school is progressing and more importantly: identify areas for improvement.

Here are some headlines on what we are doing well:

### What are we doing well?

**We had lots of positive comments about the new Behaviour Policy, our clubs provision, trips and visits and of course, the swimming pool. Thank you.**



- **97% of parents/carers agree/or strongly agree that their child is safe at school.**
- **96% of parents /carers say that their child is happy at school.**

### **Some parental comments:**

- *My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly. Really responsive staff. I've felt really listened to. The behaviour policy is fair for everyone.*
- *My child has SEND and the school gives them the support that they need to succeed.*
- *The school feels energetic and is improvement focused.*
- *All staff are polite to me whenever I talk to them. There are lots of kind people.*
- *Sports is given a real importance, which wasn't there before. You encourage the children never to give up.*
- *My child is improving their vocabulary.*
- *So much learning, my daughter is also enjoying the swimming lessons.*
- *Informative coffee mornings and good communication from the school.*
- *The school trips have been a great welcome.*



## Parental Survey—What can we do better?



### You said—we did!

#### 1) You said—After school care on a daily basis until 5.30pm.

*We are continually exploring local schools and centers that offer this service as there is not sufficient interest within our community to make it financially viable.*

#### 2) You said—I am concerned that the cost of clubs will rise.

*We promise not to increase club prices this academic year. However, some clubs may require more bespoke pricing. For example, the cooking club will reflect the cost of two adults and ingredients.*

#### 3) You said—Provide information from Coffee Mornings for those unable to attend.

*We are creating a Useful Presentations Classroom on Class Dojo where we will store all Power-Points and information shared during these sessions.*

#### 4) You said—To offer more opportunities beyond School Council.

*We do! In addition to the School Council, we have Junior Travel Ambassadors, House Captains, Head Pupils, Sports Crew and Well-being Buddies*

#### 5) You said—For the behaviour policy to have a greater focus on resolution.

*We are committed to regularly evaluating and improving our behaviour policy for effectiveness. A key change we will implement is placing greater emphasis on reflection and restorative practices.*

#### 6) You said—More lessons on black history.

*We incorporate black history throughout our curriculum and assemblies and during Black History Month we focus on black icons, books and music. Recently, we've explored figures such as Stevie Wonder, Lizzie Emeh and Emmanuel Ofose Yeboah.*

*Our curriculum includes topics from David Olusoga's Black and British, integrating black representation across historical eras—from the Romans and Victorians to WWII. Our book corners and teaching materials represent all our children.*

*In Music, we explore the origins of rap and study artists like Bob Marley. In Art, we draw inspiration from diverse figures such as Richard Kimbo. We are committed to*

*ensuring that all children feel represented in the curriculum.*



**Mrs Madar—Headteacher**





# Have you seen our new website?

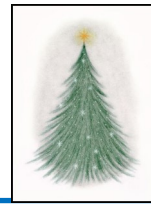
We are thrilled to share our new website with you! Please take a moment to explore it. We hope you find the *Learning and Curriculum* pages particularly helpful. On the home page, you'll also find information about upcoming events which we hope you'll find useful. Additionally, you can access our social media channels directly from the website (top right of the home page).

We hope you enjoy navigating the new site and we'd like to thank you for ensuring the children wear appropriate uniform to reflect their pride in being part of our school community. A special thank you to Mrs Ramtohul-Butler for her incredible work in developing the web-





## Christmas is coming... Choir events



A huge well done to our amazing Year 3 & 4 choir for their fantastic performance at this year's Switch On event at The Civic Centre in Uxbridge! Congratulations also to our Year 5 & 6 choir, who joined other schools in the Yeading Cluster to sing at the Christmas tree lighting ceremony at St. Anselm's Church in Hayes Town.



### PTA Update & Festive Fair!

We would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all Grange Park Junior School families who have supported the PTA this year so far. We've already had two successful events in our first term including a very popular Autumn Disco and are now looking forward to more exciting events. The Autumn Disco was a great success and we want to say a huge thank you to the staff and parent/ carer helpers who came along to volunteer on the night; the children have told us that they really enjoyed the event therefore

we are looking forward to running more in the future. We are excited to share our next event with you .

If you would like to volunteer for the Festive Fair, please email us: [GPJPTA2024@gmail.com](mailto:GPJPTA2024@gmail.com)

Thanks again,  
Grange Park Junior School's Parent Teacher Association

### **Our disco:**



## Year 5

On Tuesday 22nd October, the Year 5 students participated in an engaging cross-curricular workshop centered around Islamic Civilisation. During the workshop, the children created dynamic freeze frames and collaborated on a live timeline to present key events and significant information about the Islamic Civilization, including the history of Baghdad.



## The British Museum

On the 6th and 7th of November, Year 5 students had the opportunity to visit the British Museum and participate in the Silk Road exhibition. During the visit, they expanded their knowledge of the Silk Road and Islamic civilisation while revisiting topics from their previous studies, including the Romans, Greeks and Benin.

Here's what some of the students had to say about their experience:

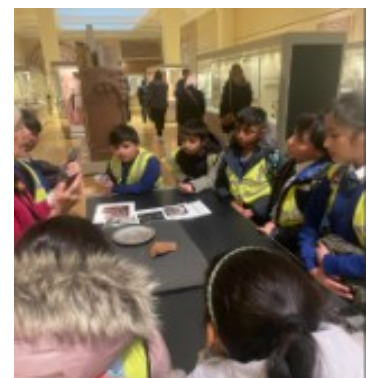
*'I really enjoyed the visit to the British Museum, especially being able to hold artefacts' – Isra, 5P*

*'It was very fascinating and interesting; it inspired me to continue researching the Silk Road'– Uriel, 5P*

*'The British Museum was amazing. We got to learn and explore all areas of history'– Siddharth, 5P*

*'I loved how interactive the museum was. We were able to hold artefacts and smell different scents from the Silk Road period'– Inthuyan, 5P*

This visit was a truly engaging and educational experience for all!





## Sporting Events



A huge well done to our girls' football team for their fantastic performance in the South Hillingdon Girls Football Tournament! The team went undefeated in the group stages with three hard-fought draws, showcasing great teamwork and determination. Unfortunately, this wasn't enough to progress to the knockouts but their effort was commendable. Special congratulations to our 'Player of the Tournament', Lama, for her outstanding saves in goal—what an incredible performance!

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils for participating in a variety of exciting events during the Sports Hall Athletics at Swakeleys School! The children showcased their skills in both track and field events, including the obstacle relay.

*'I liked the relay because we all worked together'* – Evelynne, Year 5

A fantastic display of teamwork and effort; great job, everyone!



On Friday 15th November, Year 4 and Year 6 had the privilege of participating in exciting gymnastics taster sessions with coach Amy Mackenzie. The children had the opportunity to learn new skills and explore various gymnastics apparatus, enhancing their understanding and enjoyment of the sport.

As all year groups are currently learning gymnastics in PE, this session provided a fantastic opportunity to deepen their knowledge and practise a range of movements and techniques under expert guidance. Well done to all the children for their enthusiasm and effort!

## Remembrance Day

Our school recently hosted a Remembrance Day Poetry Competition, inviting students from all classes to express their creativity whilst reflecting on the sacrifices made by soldiers who served in the war.

Each class selected three winners, recognising excellence in presentation, originality and design. These categories celebrated the diverse talents of our students.

Thank you to all participants for their thoughtful contributions and for helping make this a meaningful Remembrance Day for our school community.



A huge thanks if you supported the Poppy Appeal by purchasing an item to help us remember.



## Year 4—Roman Workshop

Year 4 enjoyed the West End in Schools Roman Workshop! They travelled in time back to Roman Britain. They made freeze frames of Roman soldiers, learnt about the hierarchy of Roman leaders, acted like a Roman army and explored Boudica's role. The children were fantastic at recapping our learning about the Romans.

*'I enjoyed when we were time travelling because it was fun and we got to be silly' – Miftaul Year 4*

*'I enjoyed making the poses. I posed as a gladius' – Rayyan Year 4*

*'My favourite part of the workshop was when we heard the story about Boudica' – Samaa Year 4*

*'I loved when we acted like different Roman people' – Anshdeep Year 4*



## Harvest Festival



**A heartfelt thank you to all parents/ carers for your generous donations!**

**Just look at our beautiful rainbow of contributions for this year's Harvest Festival! All the donations have been sent to The Hillingdon Food Bank to support those in need.**

**A special thank you to Mrs Carter for her fantastic efforts in organising this event.**

## BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN!

Our pupils came to school dressed in their brightest clothes to promote the JTAs' event: BE BRIGHT BE SEEN! The purpose of the event is to encourage visibility near roads as it gets darker outside.



### Lockdown Alarm—Keeping your children safe

We have recently installed a Lockdown Alarm in the school to ensure that the children can be kept safe in a variety of situations, including an intruder entering the premises. We will be sharing with the children, through an assembly, why we need a lockdown alarm and what they should do when this alarm rings. The children are used to practicing a fire alarm, but on the 5th December, we will practice the school going into lockdown. We do not want the children to feel anxious during this time, however it is imperative that we all practice this so we can see how our policy and procedures work.

Thank you for your support and hopefully you can understand the importance of preparing for any eventuality. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

## Interfaith week

What an incredible workshop we had for Inter-Faith Week, thanks to the Hillingdon Interfaith Community!

Leaders from different religions—including Muslim, Christian, and Sikh representatives—came together to deliver an inspiring workshop centered around one powerful message: The Golden Rule.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn about unity, respect, and the shared values across faiths. The speakers commented on how wonderfully behaved and mature the children were during the workshops. A huge thank you to everyone who made this event so meaningful!

- All religions teach a version of the Golden Rule
- That's why we can be friends, even though we are different.



Our grand finale to Inter Faith week, when all children in the school wore outfits associated with their culture and took part in a colourful parade in the hall.



# Anti Bullying Week

Our pupils had an amazing Odd Socks Day to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week! Both staff and pupils enjoyed coming to school wearing odd socks, a fun and meaningful way to remind ourselves and each other that 'it's okay to be different'. The day included a fantastic assembly and engaging workshops delivered by the NSPCC, teaching children about the importance of Speak Out, Stay Safe.



As a reminder, here is the universal definition of bullying that is also in our behaviour policy:

***The repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.***

We also supported Children in Need by wearing spots, adding to the fun and raising nearly £250! Thank you for your incredible generosity and support!



## Silver Healthy Schools Accreditation

As part of our commitment to being a Healthy School, we would like to remind you of a few important guidelines:

- For playtime snacks, children are only allowed to bring in healthy options, which should be limited to fruit or vegetables.
- For packed lunches, please ensure that children do not bring hot food, fast food, or takeaway items. Additionally, we are unable to warm up any lunches in a microwave.
- To promote healthy habits, sweets, cakes, or similar treats are not permitted to be distributed for your child's birthday.



## Calendar Dates 2024

- Tuesday 26th November – Coffee Morning –Junior Travel Ambassadors
- Wednesday 27th November –The North Poles Got Talent show (details to follow)
- Monday 2nd December—Yr.3 Police Workshop –Clever Never Goes
- Monday 2nd December—SEND Panathlon 10 Pin Bowling (selected children)
- Tuesday 3rd December—Coffee Morning—PSHE
- Tuesday 3rd December—Yr.4 Police Workshops -Personal Safety
- Tuesday 3rd December— Yr.5 –Police Workshop -Internet Safety
- Thursday 5th December—Yr.6 Police Workshop– Future Life: Knife Crime, Gangs and Drugs
- Friday 6th December — Daily Mile Santa Run @ GPJS
- Monday 9th December 2024 —Yr3 Trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum
- Thursday 12th December— Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 12th December—PTA Hot Chocolate and Treats event (details on page 4)
- Monday 16th December—Yr.3 and Yr.4 St. Nicholas Church (details on Class Dojo)
- Tuesday 17th December –Yr.5 and Yr.6 St Nicolas Church—(details on Class Dojo)
- Wednesday 18th December—Yr.3 and Yr.4 Panto at the Beck Theatre (pay via Parent Pay)
- Thursday 19th December - Yr.5 and Yr.6 Panto at the Beck Theatre (pay via Parent Pay)
- Friday 20th December—School closes early at 1pm
- Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January –School closed to children
- Monday 6th January 2025- Children back to school



**Punctuality:** Please support your child(ren) in getting to school on time by leaving home with time to spare so that children can enter the school building 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

**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

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School Attendance	97%-100	Very Good
<b>Attendance so far:</b>	96.4	96.5	97.4	97.3	96.9	96%-90%	Room for Improvement
						Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)