



Grange Park Junior School Newsletter

September 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted with how well all the children have settled into their new year groups and classes. We're especially impressed with our Year 3 children, who have transitioned into the Junior School almost effortlessly. We greatly appreciate your support during this time, and we're pleased to see notable improvements in uniform, particularly with the wearing of black shoes and school ties.

The children seem to have a solid understanding of the Behaviour Policy, which is proving effective in helping teachers identify behavior categories and apply clear consequences.

We recently held Welcome Parent Meetings, and we'd like to thank those who attended. We hope you now have a good understanding of what your child will be learning this year and what is expected of them.

Our weekly Coffee Mornings have begun, starting with sessions on Reading and Phonics. Please join us, and whenever possible, we will have children demonstrate what they are learning and how.

Please ensure you are signed up for ParentPay and Class Dojo, and don't forget to follow us on X (formerly Twitter) and Instagram for updates on school activities.

Clubs have also started, and we're thrilled with both the variety of offerings and the high level of participation.

Thank you again for your continued support!

Mrs Madar—Headteacher



Run a Daily Mile Award

We are excited to announce that we have received the Daily Mile—Children Fit for Life Award! This recognition comes as a result of our children's commitment to running the Daily Mile at least three times a week. We also hope that this love for running continues well beyond their time in primary school.

A big thank you to the PE team and class teachers for encouraging and promoting the Daily Mile. We are incredibly proud of the children's dedication and efforts!



The Behaviour Policy

Thank you for your feedback regarding the behaviour policy. It is already in practice, and the children have a solid understanding of it. Our assemblies have also focused on respect—how we demonstrate it through our interactions and how to respond when someone behaves inappropriately. In particular, we’ve addressed issues such as racism and hate-related language, discussing how these are addressed within our behaviour policy.

Categories	Types of behaviour	Consequences
Category 1 Low	Not showing the values, calling out, not completing tasks, running in school, talking when an adult is talking.	Verbal Warning
Category 2 Medium	Persistent Cat. 1 behaviours, distracting others, refusal, name calling, being disrespectful to an adult, littering, deliberate use of hands and feet to hurt others, leaving the classroom without permission, not telling the truth.	Loss of Playtime / Lunchtime
Category 3 Serious	Swearing, bullying, hate related name calling, damaging property, leaving the classroom without permission, damaging property and hurting someone.	Internal Suspension
Category 4 Extreme Behaviour	Serious damage to property, threatening others, bringing in a prohibited item, running around school, seriously hurting another pupil, stealing, intentional hate related crime.	External Suspension

ASDA—Cashpot for Schools

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs – has partnered with ASDA to offer millions of pounds in donations to primary schools across the UK through the ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative. To support our school, simply opt in via the ASDA Rewards app, select our school, and shop either in-store or online at Asda.com between 2nd September and 30th November 2024. ASDA will donate 0.5% of your total shop to our school. Additionally, every time someone opts in, ASDA will contribute an extra £1 to the school’s Cashpot. To kickstart the program, ASDA is also giving every school £50!



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<p>Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app</p> <p>Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.</p>	<p>Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com</p> <p>Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.</p>	<p>Asda does the rest</p> <p>The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.</p>

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.

Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.

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Swimming Pool

You've likely noticed the addition of a swimming pool on our playground. We've invested in this pool to ensure that all children have regular access to swimming, helping them meet the National Curriculum requirements. This ensures that every child, by the age of 11, leaves primary school with the skills to stay safe and enjoy swimming with friends and family.

Swimming is the only sport included in the National Curriculum's physical education programme, and all primary schools are required to provide swimming and water safety lessons at either Key Stage 1 or 2.



Each pupil is expected to:

- Perform safe self-rescue in various water-based situations
- Swim competently, confidently, and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively, such as front crawl, backstroke, and breaststroke.

We were thrilled to have John McDonnell officially open the swimming pool. He was impressed with the opportunity we've provided for the children and also took the time to speak with the school council. A huge thank you to all the staff involved in making this exciting initiative a reality and for their dedication to ensuring every child learns to swim.



DHL

Trucks and Child Safety (TACS) is a road safety training programme run by DHL and funded by the DHL UK Foundation. Recently, DHL visited our school to deliver workshops focused on road safety. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and took away valuable lessons.

Every day in the UK, a child is seriously injured in a road traffic accident. DHL is committed to reducing this number, and the TACS programme plays a vital role in helping us contribute to this goal.

A special thank you to the father of Ekampreet and Kiratpreet, who works at DHL and was part of the team that delivered the workshop to our children.



Photography Day

On Wednesday 3rd October, a professional photographer will be on-site to capture images for our website and school publications. Only children with parental consent and in full school uniform will be photographed.



PTA

The PTA's school disco tickets are now available for purchase on ParentPay!

Please note: The £4.50 price is for siblings who both attend GPJS, so only select this option if you are buying tickets for siblings.

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 30th September—Year 6C & 6S—Trip to Battle of Britain Bunker, Uxbridge
- Tuesday 1st October 2024—Coffee Morning: 11+ Tuition
- Wednesday 2nd October 2024—School Photographer
- Wednesday 2nd October 2024—Football Match –Hillingdon Abbots
- Friday 4th October 2024—Squash Taster Sessions
- Tuesday 8th October 2024—Flu Vaccination Programme
- Tuesday 8th October 2024—Coffee Morning : Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Thursday 10th October 2024— Year 6P & 6K - Trip to Battle of Britain Bunker, Uxbridge
- Thursday 10th October 2024—Netball at Hayes Park 3pm to 4.30pm
- Friday 11th October 2024—Trip to House of Parliament -School Council
- Friday 11th October 2024—Yr. 6 Young voices Trip Meeting
- Tuesday 15th October 2024 –Coffee Morning : SEND, Pastoral and Mental Health
- Thursday 17th October 2024—Netball at Hayes Park 3pm to 4.30pm
- Thursday 24th October 2024—Halloween Party
- **Friday 25th October 2024— Training day—School Closed to Children**
- **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November—Half Term –School Closed to Children**



Attendance

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Welcome to
Granite 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:	97.4	96.5	96.0	97.6	96.8	Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)