



Grange Park Junior School Newsletter

February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's incredible how quickly this term is flying by—we are already halfway through the academic year!

Over the half-term break we made some exciting improvements to our school facilities. A brand-new marquee has been installed over our swimming pool, complete with changing rooms inside. This will allow us to extend the swimming season and make the most of the pool for a longer period.



Additionally, we have recently invested in new laptops ensuring that every child has access to technology to enhance their learning experience.



A big thank you to those who have attended our coffee mornings. Your engagement and feedback are invaluable to us. Please take a look at the revised schedule, and if you're able to join us for future sessions we would love to hear your thoughts and answer any questions you may have.

Looking ahead, March is set to be a busy and exciting month, with plenty of activities and trips planned. Please check the calendar at the back of the newsletter for all the details.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best regards,

Mrs Madar



Staffing update



We say a fond farewell to Mrs. Gul who has been a dedicated HLTA in Year 5 and has also been teaching 5G this year. She is now leaving to begin her maternity leave and we wish her all the best.

At the same time, we warmly welcome Mrs. Hassan to the team who will be supporting in both Year 5 and Year 4.





Consultation for Amalgamation



Proposal of the amalgamation of Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and Grange Park Junior School.

Proposal to amalgamate Grange Park Infant and Nursery School and Grange Park Junior School to form a single three-form Primary School led by Rena Madar (current Junior School Headteacher).

Description:

Hillingdon Council are proposing to close Grange Park Infant and Nursery School, and the Governing Body of Grange Park Junior School, with the full support of Hillingdon Council, are proposing to extend the age range of Junior School from 7-11 year olds to 3-11 year olds.

The new school would therefore include pupils from Reception (ages 4-5) through to Year 6 (ages 10-11) and provide the same nursery class provision for children aged 3-4 as the Infant and Nursery School currently does if the amalgamation proceeds.

The new school would continue to admit up to 90 pupils a year, giving it the same Published Admissions Number (PAN) of the current infant and junior school PANS when combined if the amalgamation proceeds .

To participate in the consultation, please read through the statutory notice and full information which is available on the Hillingdon Council page

www.hillingdon.gov.uk/grange-park-consultation

and completing the questionnaire or by emailing schoolplaceplanning@hillingdon.gov.uk

Consultation start date: 29th January 2025

Consultation end date: 7th March 2025

Please see our website for more details or do ask any members of SLT for further information.

Number Day

On Friday 7th February we celebrated Number Day by dressing up in number-related costumes and designing and creating our very own Maths hats. It was a fantastic day filled with creativity and a love for numbers!



Ramadan Mubarak

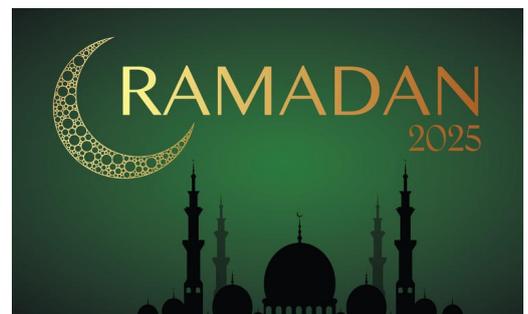
Many religions and cultures recognise the idea of fasting to learn humility and giving to the less fortunate. The month of Ramadan is due to begin this week. Children are enthusiastic and get a great sense of achievement joining their families in taking part in the spirit of Ramadan. Ramadan is one of the five pillars or duties of Islam. During this month, Muslims ask for forgiveness for past mistakes and try to improve themselves through self-control and discipline. Fasting helps to remind Muslims to focus their attention on God and empathise with those that are less fortunate. Many other religions also fast for similar reasons.

Recommendations:

Due to the longer days, we would advise pupils to not fast on school days as it can become difficult to take part in lessons and concentrate on learning. Please consider whether they will be able to cope throughout the day as they are still required to take part in all the National Curriculum subjects, including PE and swimming. It is important for pupils to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated to be able to focus on their learning.

If parents/carers do give permission for their child to fast, **the school needs to be informed through written permission**. In this case, it is vital pupils have their early morning breakfast (often known as Suhoor) as it an important part of fasting.

We wish everyone a happy and peaceful Ramadan.



PTA MOVIE NIGHTS

Over two evenings, the PTA organised two movie nights—one for Years 3 & 4 and another for Years 5 & 6 to raise funds for the school. A heartfelt thank you to the PTA and staff for making these events such a wonderful experience for everyone!



Young Voices at the O2

On Monday 3rd February, our Year 6 students took part in the incredible Young Voices 2025 concert at the O2 Arena, joining over 8,000 other young performers in a spectacular evening of music and dance.

After months of dedication, learning lyrics, choreography, and even sign language, our students sang their hearts out alongside professional dancers, singers and special musical guests. The atmosphere was electric, with the entire arena filled with energy, enthusiasm and a shared love for music. The event was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience, giving our students the chance to perform on one of the biggest stages in the country, as part of the largest children's choir. This year's Young Voices concert featured a diverse and dynamic musical setlist, showcasing a variety of genres and artists including David Bowie and Bob Marley. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported the children during the experience.



Year 4—Visit to the Gurdwara

Our Year 4 trip to Sri Guru Singh Sabha Gurdwara in Southall was a wonderful and enriching experience. We travelled by bus and were warmly welcomed upon arrival. During our visit, we had the opportunity to tour the entire site, including the kitchens, where we learned about the tradition of Langar, the prayer hall and other important areas of the Gurdwara. We listened to insightful explanations about Sikh beliefs and practices, deepening our understanding of the religion. A highlight of the trip was receiving and enjoying Karah Parshad, a sweet offering symbolizing equality and devotion. The visit was both educational and memorable, leaving us with a greater appreciation of Sikh culture and traditions.



Calendar Dates 2025



- Monday 3rd March –Yr.6 Bikeability
- Tuesday 4th March—Coffee Morning - History & Diversity
- Tuesday 4th March -Met Police - Cyber Choices Presentations
- Wednesday 5th March—3v3 Basketball –Uxbridge College –selected children
- Wednesday 5th March—Grange Park vs Charville Football –selected children
- Thursday 6th March—World Book Day
- Friday 7th March—Girls Biggest EVER Football Session
- Friday 7th March—Stixx Challenge Yr.5
- Tuesday 11th March— Coffee morning—Art
- Tuesday 11th March—5/6 Girls Football Match –selected children
- Wednesday 12th March—Drama Geezer Workshop –Whole school
- Thursday 13th March—Year 3/4 Netball Newham Junior –selected children
- Friday 14th March—Yr.3 Trip to Kew Gardens
- Monday 17th to Friday 21st March –Scholastic Book Fair
- Tuesday 18th March—Coffee morning on consent and healthy relationships for Year 6 parents
- Thursday 20th March -Aspire Netball Newham Junior –selected children
- Friday 21st March—Comic Relief –Red Nose Day
- Friday 21st March—Yr.6 Height and Weight check
- Friday 21st March -Swimming Gala @ Botwell Leisure Centre –selected children
- Tuesday 25th March –Coffee Morning –Junior Travel Ambassadors
- Wednesday 26th March –Parents Evening—Letter to follow
- Wednesday 26th March—Yr.5 Science Workshop
- Thursday 27th March—JTA -Battle Britain
- Monday 31st March -Cricket Taster Yr.3 & Yr.5

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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

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Punctuality: Please support your child/children 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).

Please also note if your child is sick with vomiting or diarrhoea, he/she will need to remain at home for 48 hours from the last episode. This is a health and safety requirement to ensure it does not spread around the school.

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	97%-100	Very Good
Attendance so far:	95.5	95.6	97	96.4	96.1	96%-90%	Room for Improvement
						Below 90%	Cause for Concern (Persistent Absentee)



Striving to be the best that we can be