



Dear Parents and Carers,

The first half term has come to a close and it has been such a busy one already, however next term will be even more exciting! We have had a number of visitors who have come into school to support the school's development and they have all commented on what a lovely school Grange Park Junior School is and how wonderfully behaved the children are.

Thank you to all of the parents/ carers who attended Parents Evening and for filling out the Parental Survey which we will be using to improve what we do. In response to this and other feedback, we will be running a series of Parental Workshops, which you are all very welcome to attend.

Parental Workshops/Coffee Mornings:

- Tuesday 7th November— School Lunch Taster session –Parents are invited to try a selection of lunches provided by the Infant school.
- Tuesday 14th November - Dojo & Parent pay —Please join us to learn about our new communication tool, Dojo, that will be used to update you about your child's learning and behaviour.
- Tuesday 21st November—Reading workshop— How to support your child with their reading
- Tuesday 28th November—Pupil wellbeing and Anti –Bullying



Social Media Survey

In order to improve communication between school and parents/ carers, as well as celebrate our school's achievements, we invite you to click the following link to complete a short social media survey: <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/fiLrd5iCy4>

Alternatively, please scan the QR code :



Interfaith Week 2023

We are very excited to share that we will be celebrating Interfaith week in November! There will be lots of exciting events which will be shared with you after half term. To find out more, please visit their website: <https://www.interfaithweek.org>.

More information will follow with regards to this next half term.

Read a story in your home language!



Do you speak a language other than English? If yes, we would like to invite you to come and read a story to the children during Interfaith Week in November!

Please use this link to confirm your attendance <https://forms.gle/Crk6EFSTeUmJcUNV9> or alternatively, please scan the QR code to tell us more:



Thank you

Many thanks to one of our parents, Mr Bhabra who came into our values assembly to talk to the children about Determination and how he applies this to his running that he has recently taken up. I also shared the inspirational book about Wilma Rudolph, called Wilma Unlimited, as part of our assemblies celebrating Black History Month and the value of Determination.

Educational Visits Update

School Council visit the Houses of Parliament:

On Thursday 12th October our School Councilors visited the Houses of Parliament. We travelled to central London on the tube and all the children were incredibly sensible, even in the busy rush hour trains. During our tour of Parliament the children got to see where our MPs and the Prime Minister work. They were even lucky enough to see the throne where King Charles' sits in the House of Lords and also later meet a member of the House of Lords. The Houses of Parliament education team gifted every class in the school a new book for our book corners! The children and teachers had a brilliant day and really enjoyed the opportunity to learn more about how our country is governed.

Year 6—Battle of Bunker

Year 6 pupils embarked on an exciting historical journey as they took their learning outside of the classroom, visiting the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge. As part of the "History Explorers" workshop, the young historians had hands-on experience with the objects and technology used during World War Two. The relics of a bygone era, dial telephones seemed to particularly fascinate them!

The highlight of the trip was a private tour of the 1940s Bunker, where students had the privilege of stepping into the Operations Room used during the Battle of Britain. There was a lot to see in the Operations Room including the huge map which the plotters used to follow the movements of the aircraft, as well as the wall of light-indicators, and the Controller's Cabin. The pupils also enjoyed exploring the Visitor Centre, where they indulged in some dress-up fun, further connecting with the past. This educational trip proved to be an enlightening and entertaining experience, giving our Year 6 pupils a tangible local connection to the past and a deeper understanding of the history they've been studying.



On Wednesday 11th October 2023, a few of our Year 5 and Year 6 students attended Heathrow Primary School for an *A.I.M High Day Writing Workshop* lead by a famous author 'Stephen Davies'. The author had inspired students by sharing his story 'Survivor Titanic' whilst guiding them through the process of creating their very own survival story from idea to completion. The students worked incredibly hard: planning, discussing and writing their fantastic stories, which they thoroughly enjoyed!



Dates for your Diary 2023

- Monday 23rd October -Half Term
- Monday 30th October—Training Day—School closed to children
- Tuesday 21st November - Math's workshop—Selected children -1 child per class
- Tuesday 19th December - Panto—Aladdin
- Monday 4th December - A.I.M Math's trip—Year 5 &6 selected children
- Friday 8th December—Year 3 trip to Gunnersbury Park Museum



Attendance

Illness

If your child is sick please make sure you call us promptly by 8.30am to speak to the Admissions Manager, Mrs Phull 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.

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:	96.5	96.4	97.0	95.0	96.3	97%-100	Very Good
						96%-91%	Room for Improvement
						90% and Below	Cause for Concern

Sporting Events



Football

Our Football Team played two further matches. The first against Hayes Park was a well fought draw, having been 2-0 down at half term. We then played Belmore and were undone by a late goal as they won 2-1. However had goal-line technology been in place the final score should have been 2-2. The team have new football kits and so can represent the school with Pride. Thank you to Mr Mahay for supporting the team.

Netball Match

The netball team played again in a mini tournament at Hayes Park. They played three matches in which they comprehensively won 2 games and lost one game. They really are beginning to become more confident in scoring goals and defending. A huge thanks to Miss Foley for supporting the team.