

Dear Parents

It seems hard to believe that we are at the end of yet another busy Autumn term. The last couple of weeks have seen children, parents and staff taking part in festive celebrations across the school, which have culminated in the Christmas parties this week. The nursery and reception nativity was absolutely lovely and the Y2 Carols around the World was just stunning! We would like to thank you for the support you give to your children and to the school; as a community we are stronger because we work together.

On behalf of the Grange Park staff and those across Enfield Learning Trust, we would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year!

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time and Venue
Tues 7 January	Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop	All day
Thur 9 January	Y5 visit to Royal Gunpowder Mills	All day
Fri 10 January	Y6 Christy Lefteri author's workshop	9am
Fri 24 January	Y6 Christy Lefteri author's workshop	9am
Mon 20 January	Transition to secondary school parent workshop	9am
Wed 22 January	TESOL parent class	11.20am, round hall
Tues 28 January	On-line safety parent workshop	9am & 5.30pm, round hall
Wed 29 January	TESOL parent class	11.20am, round hall
Mon 3 February	GPPSA Sportathon	All week
Wed 5 February	TESOL parent class	11.20am, round hall
Sat 8 February	GPPSA Quiz night	Evening
Tues 11 February	GPPSA Valentine's Cake Sale	Round hall
Wed 12 February	Y5 & Y6 Internet safety workshops PC Ashitey	Main hall
Wed 12 February	GPPSA Valentine's Disco	Main hall
Thur 13 February	Learning conversations	1.30pm – 7.00pm
Fri 14 February	School closed – INSET DAY	All day

TERM DATES, HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

AUTUMN TERM

Second half

Monday 28 October to
Thursday 19 December
(school closes at 2pm)

SPRING TERM

First half

Monday 6 January 2020 to
Thursday 13 February 2020

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET

Friday 14 February

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 17 February to
Friday 21 February

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

24 Jan	Leopard
31 Jan	Robin
7 Feb	Puffin
6 Mar	Monet
13 Mar	Woodpecker
20 Mar	Willow
27 Mar	Kingfisher

Class assemblies take place on Fridays in the round hall, at 9:05am. We look forward to seeing you there.

ATTENDANCE

Unfortunately Broomfield, Grovelands, Oakwood and Trent families did not reach the target of 97% attendance. Let's work together in the Spring Term to make sure this improves. Well done to Oak who had the best overall attendance of 98.54%.

W/C	09.12.19	16.12.19
Broomfield	96.56%	94.68%
Grovelands	95.4%	93.0%
Oakwood	95.35%	92.58%
Trent	95.55%	93.46%

Please support your child's education by ensuring they have the best possible attendance.

Staffing Update

We are delighted to share some wonderful news that Havva Parmar (Assistant Headteacher) has given birth to a baby boy. Congratulations!

We are sad to say that Catherine Edmonds (Kingfisher teacher) is leaving as she is relocating to Birmingham. Thank you for all your hard work Catherine; you will be missed.

Welcome to Laura Ashby and Sheena Hughes who will be the class teachers in Kingfisher from January and to Filiz Dervish, who has been the class teacher of Ash class since Suzanna started her maternity leave. Welcome also to Christina Gregoriou who will be working in the school office.

YEAR 6 RESULTS PUBLISHED

Our results for 2018/2019 have now been published on:

www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk

We are extremely pleased with our results that shows we have achieved significantly above the local authority and England averages across all subjects.

HEAD LICE

There have been cases of head lice identified at school and we wanted to make sure you were kept informed.

While lice are nothing more than a nuisance it is important that children are checked on a weekly basis so that it can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread too far.

As there has been an outbreak, we suggest that you check your child's head as soon as possible. Follow the simple CHECK, TREAT, COMPLETE routine to ensure you are doing your bit to keep head lice outbreaks to a minimum.

NEW WEBSITE

Some of you may have noticed that we have updated our website. The website address has stayed the same: www.grangeparkprimaryelt.org.

Please do have a browse!

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

We have a number of children who walk home from school on their own and with the school holidays coming up we thought we would share the following information about how to stay safe. Street crime is often opportunistic, so making a child less of a target will go a long way to keeping them safe. For more information, visit the Metropolitan Police webpage on protecting yourself from street robbery and advice on responding to violent situations

<https://www.met.police.uk/cp/crimeprevention/personal-robbery/street-robbery/>

Look Confident – avoid slouching and looking downwards, instead look up and move with purpose.

Awareness – headphones and mobiles are a distraction and can make young people unaware of their surroundings.

Be Prepared – plan your route in advance and know where the help points are in the community. The help points provide a safe place to go. If you are in trouble – look for the CHiPS logo and go in and ask for help from trained members of staff.

Hide It – Keep your valuables, including devices and wallets/purses, hidden out of sight. Don't take lots of money or expensive things with you to school – Label your belongings.

Safety in Numbers – try to avoid walking alone in isolated places such as parks and side streets or any unfamiliar environments. Stick to busy places where there are lots of people, CCTV and good lighting.

MOBILE PHONES

Just to remind you, children should only bring in a mobile phone if they either walk to or from school unaccompanied by an adult. Once they enter the school grounds the phones should be switched off and handed to the member of staff waiting at the door of the Year 5 and 6 hub.

Your child's name must be visible on the phone so please either provide a phone case with the child's name on it or use a sticker.

Could you please support us in ensuring your child does not unnecessarily bring their phone to school and reminding them to switch them off once they enter the school grounds.

TRASH MOB

Over the past couple of weeks, we have organised and carried out a trash mob. All the children spread out across their playground, then picked up any rubbish they found on the floor. This was then weighed, totalling a shocking...25.9k.g!!!!

We want our children to understand the impact they are having on the environment, and this is our rubbish in our environment. From next term, the children will be taking part in regular litter picking to ensure our local environment is a clean and happy place.



NURSERY AND RECEPTION

Reception and Nursery have been learning the 'Christmas story' and worked really hard to perform their nativity 'A Miracle in Town' in front of their families. We are all very proud of the progress they have made during their first term at Grange Park and how Nursery and Reception have bonded and worked collaboratively. The children also enjoyed celebrating all of their hard work this term at an end of term party!



YEAR 1

Year 1 got to take part in an evening Pyjamarama event. We came back to school in our pyjamas when it was dark and listened to our favourite stories!

'I liked having hot chocolate and listening to some stories'
- Adem – Butterfly

'I liked coming into school when it was dark, we even listened to some spooky stories' - Tess – Dragonfly

'I love reading so I hope we can do it again' - Thomas – Grasshopper



YEAR 2

This week Year 2 performed their Carols from Around the World Christmas Concert to family and friends. The year two children had been working extremely hard to perfect their dancing and singing and put on a brilliant show! Each class performed a song from a different country; Spain, Hawaii, America and Africa.

'My favourite song was all around the world because I had a solo part' – Bella (Puffin class)

'I enjoyed doing all the actions' – Antony (Kingfisher class)

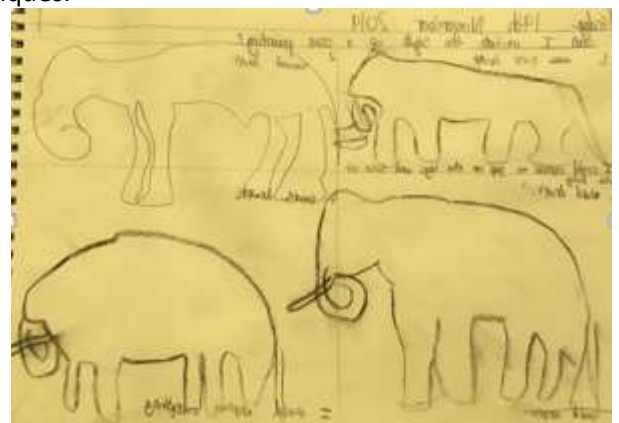
'I loved doing the show for everyone to see' – Angelo (Robin class)

'The last two songs were my favourite' – Mila (Woodpecker class)



YEAR 3

Children across Year 3 have learned about the Stone Age. Recently, they have produced their cave art designs after exploring and investigating a range of art media. They have tried hard to express the various textures and colours of cave walls. Finally, they have practised and improved their drawing techniques.



YEAR 4

In the final weeks of the term Year 4 have been working hard to finish our final outcome for our Art topic.

In art we have been looking at the artist Paul Cezanne, the famous French still life painter from the 19th Century. For this we have been looking at composition and contrasting colours to create 3D effects.



We first decided on a composition and made choices about the angle and content of our artwork. We used iPads to help find our final frame choice thinking about the lighting and background.



We then sketched out the outlines of the objects in the image we had chosen. We used sketching techniques that we have explored over the last 6 weeks.



Then we used a material of our choice to add tone and colour to our pictures. We used a combination of watercolours, pastels and crayons to create a 3D effect. We thought about how light plays an important part of this in order to create textures.

YEAR 5

Two weeks ago, we welcomed back an old face who returned back to Grange Park to give Year 5 a talk on Christian beliefs. Tim Lock, who is now a local pastor spoke to us about Christian values and how his church supports the local community. Prior to his visit, we developed questions to ask that linked back to our Enquiry Question which was 'How are Christian beliefs linked to interaction and involvement with the community?'

Here are some examples of the questions we asked:

"What do you do to help others?" asked Maisie.

"Do you offer support to other religions?" questioned George.

"What story in the bible best summarises the importance of helping the community?" added Harry.

"Can you tell us the impact helping has had on the community?" asked Perissa.

Tim spoke to us about how his church welcomes all religions as most Christians believe that God created everyone as equal. Later, we discussed how we could give back to the community and express acts of kindness.

Here's what we came up with:

- Give money to charity
- Recycle clothes to charity shops
- Harvest Festival donations to homeless shelter
- Visit the elderly
- Smile at others!



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 visited Bletchley Park. It involved an interactive workshop session, in which the children used practical problem solving and team working skills as they began to understand the scale of the task faced by Bletchley Park's code breakers during World War Two. They also had a guided tour around the site, providing opportunities to delve deeper into the story of Bletchley Park and the process of sending, intercepting and decrypting coded messages.



The children learning about the German Enigma machine, which was used for sending encrypted messages. Code breakers at Bletchley Park were able to unlock the secrets behind these machines, deciphering the German messages and as a result, winning the war for the Allies.

FESTIVE CHEER!

43 children from Years 4/5/6, led by Debbie Hagen, sang for 30 minutes outside Sainsburys and raised an impressive £89.62.



MORE FESTIVE CHEER!

To put everyone in a festive mood on the last day of term the staff gathered to sing a medley of Christmas carols. This morning they raised £150.00.



GPPSA NEWS & UPDATES

We are the official fundraising arm of Grange Park Primary and look to bring parents, families, friends, staff and local communities together socially to support our school.

2019/20 TARGETS



This year the school have identified that they need funding for two IT projects (90 electronic portable devices and 8 LCD screens) and playground markings.

Monies raised

Christmas Fayre £7,200

So far this school year we have raised £9,270

LATEST NEWS

Our Christmas activities this year raised a whopping **£7,600+**, so thanks again to everyone that was involved. These funds will be put towards another set of 30 portable electronic devices, so why not ask your children how they are benefitting from all our fundraising in the classrooms!

GPPSA CALENDAR - 2020 SAVE THE DATES

Some new fundraisers have been added to our calendar of events for 2019/20. A new version will be sent out in January with more details but in the meantime please make a note of these dates.... 8th February **Parents Quiz Night**, hosted by Mitch Winehouse. We are launching a new **school lottery** - everyone is welcome to buy a ticket and our first draw will be Sat 29th February. The **KS1 Valentines Disco** has been booked for Wed 12th Feb, **Cakes Sales** will be happening 11th February (Valentines) and 2nd April (Easter). **Without your support and attendance these events can't happen so if you would like to get involved in anyway please let us know.**



NEW FUNDRAISER



We have also registered the school for **my name tags**. As it's the end of term we thought now would be the time you may be looking to get some new name stickers to personalise all your child's uniform, shoes, books etc. Simply log onto the website as normal, shop and at the end add in our **unique code 65741** before you check out. **24% from each order will be donated to our school.** See the flyer on our website page for more information.

The GPPSA would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing more of you at our events in 2020!

GPPSA VACANCIES

We are still looking for a new Secretary and a Communications/Fundraising Officer to help us this year! Also general committee members.

If you are interested or just want to have a chat about the roles, please contact us.



Remember.... You can log onto our page or search Grange Park Primary School, Winchmore Hill www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/grangeparksch and whilst browsing over 4,000 retailers, shop as normal and when you check out, the retailer gives our school a donation to say thank you. It really is that easy!

LOOKING TO HELP?

Remember if you don't want to join the committee but would love to get involved and help at our fundraisers please get in touch at gppsa@hotmail.co.uk or speak to any of the committee directly.

We have a new WhatsApp helpers group where information is shared and everyone is welcome to join! Please contact us to find out more.

Thanks again for your continued support and here's to another successful fundraising year!
Remember to like & follow us on Facebook OR get in touch at gppsa@hotmail.co.uk