

Dear parents

As part of our curriculum we aim to give our children an awareness of global issues, empower them with a global perspective and enable them to have a positive impact on those issues. Our curriculum driver, 'environment' shapes every aspect of our school life. To raise awareness of the impact of the devastating Australian fires, we have asked staff to discuss this with the children, which you may also want to do at home.

The children have come home with information on the GPPSA Sportathon and a sponsorship form. It's a great opportunity to promote the importance of an active lifestyle as well as trying to raise £5,000 for our new playground markings. Details of how to donate is on the flyer. Thank you for your continued support.

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time and Venue
Mon 3 February	GPPSA Sportathon	All week
Mon 3 February	Enfield Baptist church (Robin & Puffin)	9.15am-12pm
Wed 5 February	Enfield Baptist Church (Kingfisher & Woodpecker)	9.15am-12pm
Thu 6 February	Year 1 Singing Concert	2:30pm, main hall
Thur 6 February	Kandinsky visit to Springview Care	1-3.00pm
Fri 7 February	Monet visit to Springview Care Home	9.-11am
Fri 7 February	Lowry visit to Springview Care Home	10-12.15pm
Fri 7 February	Picasso visit to Springview Care Home	1-3pm
Sat 8 February	GPPSA Quiz night	Evening
Tues 11 February	GPPSA Valentine's Cake Sale	After school
Wed 12 February	GPPSA Valentine's Disco	After school, main hall
Thur 13 February	Learning Conversations	1.30pm – 7.00pm
Fri 14 February	School closed – INSET DAY	All day
Mon 2 March	Y6 Transition to secondary school parent workshop	9am, main hall
Thur 5 March	WORLD BOOK DAY	9am-5.30pm
Fri 6 March	Anxiety in children parent workshop	9am, Reading Hub
Thur 12 March	Come Learn with Me	9am-10:15am, various classrooms
Tues 17 March	Curriculum workshop for Parents	9am & 5:30pm, round hall
Wed 18 March	Year 5 trip to VIAM at Wembley Arena	All day
Mon 30 March	Scholastic Book Fair Week	ALL WEEK
Thur 2 April	GPPSA Easter Cake Sale	After school
Thur 2 April	Y3 recorder concert	2.30pm, Main hall

TERM DATES, HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSURES

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

SECOND HALF TERM

Monday 24 February to Friday 3 April (2pm finish)

SUMMER TERM

Second half

Monday 20 April to Friday 22 May
MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 8 May

HALF TERM

Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May

SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET

Friday 19 June

SECOND HALF TERM

Monday 1 June to Tuesday 21 July (2pm finish)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

31 January- Robin
7 February- Puffin
6 March- Monet
13 March- Woodpecker
20 March- Willow
27 March- Kingfisher
1 May- Neptune
15 May- Tiger
22 May- Bluebell
5 June- Oak
12 June- Grasshopper
26 June- Dragonfly
3 July- Tulip
10 July - Snowdrop
17 July- Daffodil

Class assemblies take place on Fridays in the round hall at 9.05am. We look forward to seeing you there.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Oak who had the best overall attendance of 99.0%. Congratulations to Grovelands who won best class overall.

W/C	20.01.20	27.01.20
Broomfield	95.45	96.37
Grovelands	96.13	96.36
Oakwood	95.38	96.57
Trent	96.01	96.20

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

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Smart Phones and Tablets

Did your child receive a new smart phone or tablet for Christmas or are they using yours? Have you made sure that the correct parental controls have been set up to help protect your child whilst using the device? Example controls include setting the device so only age appropriate apps can be downloaded and the ability to disable in-app purchasing (or don't store your payment card details) to avoid any hefty bills.

iPhone advice: <https://support.apple.com/en-gb/HT201304>

Android advice: <https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/smartphones-and-other-devices/android-tablet/>

Smart Watches: This tells you of some of the risks identified with watches regarding tracking children.

<https://www.which.co.uk/news/2017/10/kids-smartwatches-vulnerable-to-hackers/>

Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and Procedures: There is no higher priority than ensuring the safety and well-being of our children. Please do take a look at our policy on the website.

Online Safety Parent Workshop: Thank you to those parents who came along to the online safety parent workshop this week. A copy of the presentation is on the website: Parent> Parent Presentations. There are also useful guidance on keeping your child safe on our website Parent> Keeping Your Child Safe > Online Safety.

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE IN SCHOOL

GROWTH MINDSET - How can you CHALLENGE yourself today?



How have your children challenged themselves today? How do they plan to challenge themselves tomorrow? Could you talk to them about how you have challenged yourself, now or in the past? Perhaps you worked hard to achieve a qualification or practised a skill until you got better at it?

Ask your child/children about challenge in school. How do they challenge themselves in their learning?

We will be exploring with children and parents later in the year, what research sometimes terms as the **Stretch and Challenge Zone**, reached just after you leave the comfort zone, which is where exciting things really start to happen...

RECEPTION

As part of our learning within 'People and Communities' we have been finding out about Chinese New Year. We loved hearing the story about the emperor and the animals in the race. We explored traditional clothes and decorations and had a go at making our own! In our classrooms we tried some Chinese food and discussed the importance of washing our hands before we eat.



KEEPING GRANGE PARK SUSTAINABLE

Keep Grange Park Sustainable

Our Eco-Warriors carried out an assessment of how sustainable we currently are; we then picked 3 targets that we are aiming to achieve by the end of this term. They are:

- To watch Newsround weekly.
- To turn off lights, screens, laptops etc. when not in use.
- To pick up our litter and recycle everything that we can.

Our Eco-Warriors will be checking on our progress throughout this term, let's hope we see a BIG IMPACT because a little change from everyone, can make a big difference.

YEAR 2

This half term our Learning Quest topic is, "Look after me!" We were lucky enough to receive a visit from Florence Nightingale herself, who taught us about how she help wounded soldiers in the Crimean War. She was horrified to see the terrible, unsanitary conditions wounded soldiers faced, and made it her mission to make the hospitals clean and hygienic. *"Florence Nightingale is a hero because she was brave and went to look after injured soldiers at Scutari, she was the first female nurse to help, but then she took lots of other nurses with her."* said Maddie in Robin class.



YEAR 4

It's been a hands on start in all subjects this term. From being careful archaeologists in History and finding hidden Roman artefacts and objects to help us further explore our new topic of 'Romans on the Rampage'.



To collaboratively building circuits in Science, exploring how electricity travels in order to activate bulbs, buzzers and motors and explaining our findings.



Finally, analysing popular board games in Design Technology, investigating how they have changed over time to now include the electronic circuits we looked at in Science. Using this knowledge to plan and make our own game, it's all happening in Year 4.

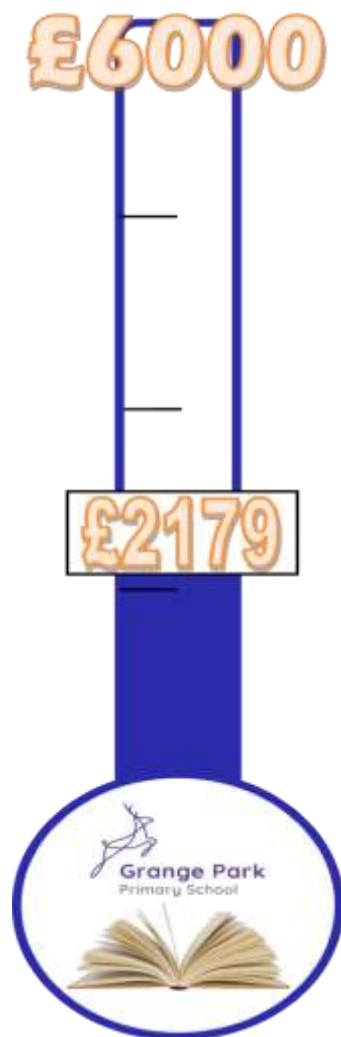


READING HUB

As you know, we have carried out a number of events and opportunities to help raise money for new reading books across the school.

We have now raised a huge £2,179 so far and have received some lovely book donations too. Keep your eyes open for up and coming reading events, book fairs and information regarding World Book Day (5 March).

Thank you for your continued support.



YEAR 5

Year 5 started this term off with a bang, heading over to the Gunpowder Mills, Waltham Abbey, to learn about the Vikings.

The children had the opportunity to experience what day to day life was like for a Viking Thane and compare it with the life of a slave; what sort of clothes and jewellery they wore, hear the tale of the Viking invasion of Enfield and discover how the Vikings went into battle.

'It was a fantastic trip and we learnt so much! My favourite bit was when Sena and Adem had to dress up as the Thane's slaves. I cannot believe that the girls and boys were treated differently and it cost more to buy a boy to be a slave than if you bought a girl.' – Catherine, Jupiter

'I think it was a very good trip because they helped us to learn key facts through having fun. Some of us got to dress up in the chain mail that people wore when they went into battle and Zara said it was incredibly heavy!' - Sena, Jupiter

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

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



NEW FUNDRAISER – GPPSA Sportathon

This week with the help of the PE team we launched our Sportathon in the hope of raising **£5000 to replace all the playground markings** throughout the school. It will run from 3-6 Feb and each child will be encouraged to participate in a 10 minute fun run during their PE lessons. Everyone has been given a sponsorship form so please ask friends and family to donate. Alternatively use our donate page <http://easydonate.org/HTDT002> OR text
To donate £1, text HTDT002 to 70201, To donate £3, text HTDT002 to 70331, To donate £5, text HTDT002 to 70970, To donate £10, text HTDT002 to 70191

GRANGE PARK LOTTERY – you need to be in it to win it!

Just a reminder about the school lottery – tickets cost just £1 a week and everyone is welcome to join. Our first draw will be Sat 29 February... so good luck everyone. For more information please go to:

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/grange-park-primary-school-association>

PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT

Tickets for our first parents quiz night on Saturday 8 February are still on sale. It promises to be a good evening of fun, games, raffles, auctions and prizes (and a night off from the kids!). Tickets cost just £10 per person or you can book a table for £90. Tickets are available from Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/88806136545>



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.



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<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1058634-0>

LOOKING TO HELP?

The GPPSA would like to remind all that without your support and attendance these events can't happen so if you would like to get involved in anyway please let us know 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