

Dear Parents

Here we are, almost at the end of November and very quickly approaching Christmas. Our Christmas trees have been ordered and we are getting out the decorations, preparing the Christmas hoops for the hall and practising the Nursery and Reception Nativity and carols in Year two!

The GPPSA are getting ready for the Fayre which will be on Sunday 1 December 11am to 2pm. Looking forward to seeing you all then!

Tijen Hassan
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Time and Venue
Tues 26 Nov	Pyjamarama - Reception	4.30pm – 5.15pm
Sun 1 Dec	GPPSA Christmas Fayre	11am-2pm
Tues 3 Dec	Pyjamarama – Year 1	4.30pm – 5.15pm
Tues 3 Dec	Y4 Jaguar & Leopard visit to the Tate Gallery	10am – 3pm
Tues 10 Dec	Nursery/Reception Nativity	9:30am & 2:30pm, main hall
Tues 10 Dec	Pyjamarama – Year 1	4.30pm – 5.15pm
Wed 11 Dec	Y4 Puma & Tiger visit to the Tate Gallery	10am – 3pm
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Lunch	
Tues 17 Dec	Y2 Carols from around the world	9:30am & 2:30pm, main hall
Tues 17 Dec	Y6 Lowry & Picasso to Bletchley Park	9am – 3pm
Wed 18 Dec	Y6 Kandinsky & Monet to Bletchley Park	9am – 3pm
Thurs 19 Dec	Last day of term	School closes at 2pm

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

29 Nov	Saturn
6 Dec	Butterfly
13 Dec	Mercury
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

Well done to **Grovelands** family for the best attendance to date. Also well done to **Oak** class for having the best attendance of 98.67%

W/C	11.11.19	18.11.19
Broomfield	97.38%	94.38%
Grovelands	97.54%	95.74%
Oakwood	97.44%	95.74%
Trent	97.89%	93.94%

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

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times.

The Acceptable Use Agreement is intended to ensure that young people will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.

You will have received an acceptable use agreement via Parentmail and we would be grateful if you could read this with your child, at an age appropriate level and submit the response on Parentmail.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Thank you to Olive Dining who have been providing the children with tasty meals. Their contract is now at an end and we are excited to have new caterers starting in January across Enfield Learning Trust.

A Pantry Welcome

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as The Pantry, your new school meals provider and to welcome you and your children. We are very happy to be Grange Park Primary School's new lunchtime caterer from January 2020. We are looking forward to starting the new year with you, bringing new and exciting changes to make lunch time an enjoyable part of your children's day.

As a family business we are focused and passionate about providing the best lunch and service for your children. Our menu is built from classic family favourites and made from fresh, high quality produce every day. We pride ourselves on creating a menu that is nutritious and well-balanced while still being exciting.

As Grange Park Primary schools new caterer we would love to get to know our children and parents. Our friendly team will be at your Christmas Fair on the 1st of December to meet you all and answer any queries you might have. We look forward to seeing you then.



REQUEST FOR SPARE PE KIT

CAN YOU HELP?

As the weather gets colder we would be grateful for any donations of spare clothes, of any colour, suitable for PE. Tracksuit bottoms, shorts or T-shirts, especially in the larger sizes, would be gratefully received. Please drop them into the School Office.



KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

Please ensure you supervise your children in the playground during drop off and pick up.

Just to remind you, children should NOT be using the adventure play equipment at these times as they are not supervised by a member of staff.

JAZZING UP JUNK - CLEAPSS PRIMARY COMPETITION 2019 WINNER

The challenge was to create a new use for junk, using innovation and design skills. Last year, children in year 4 and 5 were asked to submit a poster and a video demonstrating their product in action and describing how it works. A huge congratulations to Elisa (Picasso), who was the overall winner of the whole competition. She cleverly made a flip flop from plastic bags. Elisa thought about sustainability issues like plastic in landfill, and used this as her inspiration. She has proposed her flip flop as the way forward to not only challenge sustainability but as a business plan idea for struggling economies. Well done Elisa, what a notable achievement. We are so proud of you!



SPORTING UPDATE

On Wednesday 13 November our Year 5/6 boys Football Team competed in a tournament along with 28 other schools at Edmonton County Power League. The boys won 6 games and made it all the way to the final losing 1-0 in extra time. The boys played fantastic football and did the school proud.

On Thursday 14 November our Year 4/5/6 boys Football Team attended the Raglan Tournament going unbeaten and winning the Tournament. The boys scored some great goals and deserved to win.

Well done to everyone who took part!

NURSERY

Acorn class enjoyed a very busy Children in Need day. Everyone worked together brilliantly to create a giant Pudsey Bear; tearing and cutting tissue paper into different shapes for an enormous collaborative collage! We shared ideas about how it feels when we need something and how our £1 coins will go a long way towards helping many children. Children made their own Pudsey hand-bands complete with spots and bear ears. It was a fantastic fun day!



YEAR 1

The topic for Year 1 this half term is 'Wheely Great Transport'. We were lucky enough to be visited by a steam engine. Most of us had never seen one before and were able to ask questions to find out more.



"I loved seeing the steam come out like a kettle"
Nehemiah – Butterfly

"We got to see it move"
Alba – Dragonfly

"I've never seen one before and I got to ask lots of questions"
Thomas - Grasshopper

YEAR 3

As part of our Hunter Gatherer Learning Quest, Year 3 travelled back in time this week.

We went to Celtic Harmony camp and experienced what it was like to live in the Stone Age. A small tribe of Stone Age people welcomed us into their roundhouses and we watched how they made fire from just dry grass and stones. We went foraging and hunting with them and killed a woolly mammoth to make sure they had enough food for the winter. They explained how they made their tools and cleaned animal skins with flint.

Henry, from Willow Class, said, "I enjoyed practising hunting animals with spears."



CHANGE STARTS WITH US

Wow, what a great week we have had for 'Change Starts with Us'. We have all been working hard to find different ways that we can make a positive change in our school and community. We know that by making small, simple changes, we can break the cycle of bullying and create a safe environment for everyone. Together, we can change bullying.

"We now know what bullying is and who to tell." Year 1

"We thought about how we could be kind to each other." Year 3

"The visit from PC Doris taught us what we can do to help others if they are affected by bullying!" Year 6



YEAR 6

To immerse ourselves into our new topic, year 6 were lucky enough to have a WWII evacuee come and share his story with us. What an experience it was! We are so grateful that he was kind enough to come and spend the day with us.

“We had loads of questions to ask and we were lucky enough to have Stan to answer them” Sophia
“He showed us some really interesting, real photos from his childhood, wow!” Chloe



ROAD SAFETY WEEK

During Road safety week the JTA's (Junior travel ambassadors) took part in an audit on Wednesday 20 November to ask the pupils coming to school how they travelled to school. The children did a tally of the results and we are delighted to say that the most popular mode of transport was walking with 166 people! The children also presented a road safety assembly, which they prepared and organised themselves and were fantastic.

Remember to stay safe on the roads!



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

Bag2School £188
Christmas Cards £TBC

So far this school year we have raised **£1,396**

LATEST NEWS

We just wanted to say a massive thank you to all those that bought in their unwanted clothes, shoes, duvets and curtains. Our **Bag2School** collection last month raised for the school £188. **Remember to look out for our next one, planned for April 2020!**



This week we have been busy collecting donations of preloved toys, puzzles, books and teddies for the fayre. We have had so many amazing donations and people have been very generous, so thank you... **and don't forget to come along to the fayre to see what goodies you can take home!** Just a reminder **25th – 29th is the usual donation's week** where we will be collecting sweets in jars, bottles, un-wanted gifts and cakes for the fayre on the 1st.

We also have Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 29th so please don't forget your £1 donation.

We have also this week sent home raffle tickets with your children... please, please, please can you try to sell as many as you can. **If each book were sold we would raise a massive £8,500.** The committee this year have done a great job in getting over 25 raffle prizes, and the top three are pretty special!



GPPSA VACANCIES

We are still looking for a new Secretary and 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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE STALL MATCHING



One of the easiest ways for us to make money on Fayre day is through stall matching. If you work for any of these corporates, or another please ask your HR department about stall matching and let the committee know.

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