



Welcome to Picasso class

Information for year 6 parents: September 2023

Staff

Class teacher(s): Ian Gregory

Support staff: Athena Andreou

Year group Achievement Leader: Ian Gregory

Attendance and Punctuality

- Children achieve most when they are in school on time every day. We have a
 whole school target of 97% attendance. A positive and prompt start to the day is
 important for the whole class in order to feel confident, settled and to achieve
 their best
- Our day starts with a meet and greet with the adult welcoming the children into the classroom, late children miss this opportunity and the adult misses the opportunity to touch in with each of the children
- Doors open from 8:45am and children should be in class very soon thereafter
- Children arriving **after 08:55** will be marked late on the register
- If your child is ill or absent due to a dental or medical appointment, please notify the school via ParentMail. Wherever possible please book appointments outside school hours
- Parents must warn the office in advance of early collections
- Percentages for attendance and punctuality across the school are featured in our family assemblies and the school Newsroundup





End of the day

The day ends at 3:25pm for all the children in Reception - year 6:

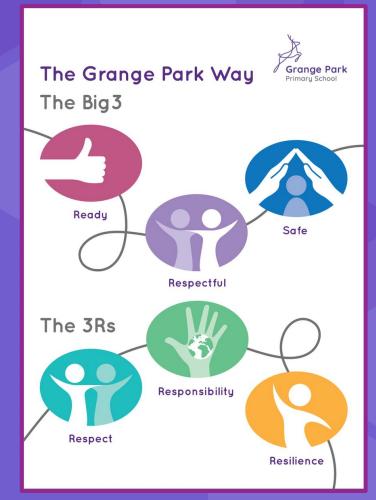
- Please collect your child from the area near the front gate (same as last year)
- Year 6 can walk home alone with permission provided to the office by parents
- Enrichment opportunities are as normal and available to book on ParentMail.
- · Wrap around care offered, Extend, information on the website

After school enrichment clubs finish at 4:30pm, and the Extend After School club finishes at 5:50pm.



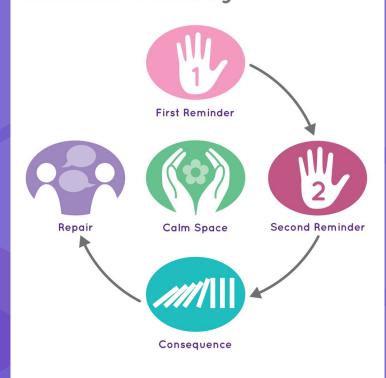
Behaviour for learning

- We have high expectations of children's behaviour in the classroom, when moving around the school and at play and lunchtimes.
- We recognise and celebrate positive behaviours wherever they are seen, using them as a model to inspire and share with others.
- We expect children to follow 'The Grange Park Way' at all times and take responsibility for themselves, others and the environment.
- We have 3 step routines for all transitions and key points in the day to ensure the children understand our expectations and know how to follow them.
- Routines provide a sense of stability and predictability



The Grange Park Way Behaviour Pathway





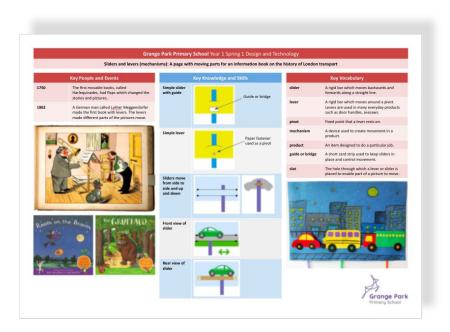
- If children are displaying unwanted behaviours (whether they are instigators or retaliators) we will support them to make positive choices using the Grange Park Behaviour Pathway. If they are unable to meet our expectations there are consistent and fair consequences followed by repair using a restorative approach.
- We expect the children to take ownership of these unwanted behaviours and therefore accept the school's consequences. We expect children to trust that all children involved have been treated consistently and fairly.
- Your support is invaluable in ensuring that children know and understand what is expected of them when in school, and that they accept their role in poor choices that have been made. We also will not necessarily feel that our choices need to be explained in detail as they are consistent and fair according to our behaviour for learning guidelines (found on the school website).
- We will also not discuss other children with yourselves as this does not safequard those children.

We acknowledge positive behaviour by...

Recognition	 Positive notes - Proud Post slip 'Special Mention' in weekly celebration assembly followed by proud post slip Class recognition board Character/Values stickers 'Gotcha' tokens Headteacher/Deputy Headteacher awards
Messages home	Phone callsEmails
Always Star badge	For those children who 'go above and beyond'

Our learning connections

As teachers we understand that learning is most successful when the children have had the
opportunity to make connections with learning they have done in the past and will be doing
in the future. Learning also should be organised and meaningful.





Learning Quest

Year 6 History/ Geography	Voyage Across the North Atlantic: Locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on North America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries, and major cities. Identify the position and significance of time zones. Under-stand geographical similarities and differences of a region of the UK and a region within North America	Your Country Needs You: What was it like growing up in London during WW2? Study of an aspect of British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge and a significant turning point in British history	Way Out West: Human geography, including types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water	Mountains, Friend or Foe? How are mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes formed? Where are they found? What effect do they have on the people who live there? Use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and keys to build their knowledge of the United Kingdom and the wider world	Theatre and production: Develop a chronologically secure overview of British theatre. A study of an aspect or theme in British history that extends pupils' chronological knowledge. The legacy of Greek or Roman culture (art, architecture or literature) on later periods in British history, including the present day
Year 6 Art/D&T	Food: Make and evaluate a range of burger patties	Textiles: Combine different fabric shapes for a 'Make Do and Mend' cushion	Draw/Paint: Compositions inspired by artists of the Haida tribe of North America	Paint: Watercolour compositions inspired by artists' interpretations of Mount Everest	Clay stacked Totem Poles: Understand the historical and cultural developments of art forms

The curriculum

We ensure our pupils experience a broad and balanced curriculum and have a long-term memory of an ambitious body of knowledge.

Our coherently planned curriculum uses the National Curriculum as the basis for subject content and expectations. It is planned and sequenced, so that new knowledge and skills build on what has been taught before, towards clearly defined **endpoints.** It informs what pupils need to know and be able to do to reach those points.

These endpoints can be found on our website in the curriculum tab.

English - Grange Park Primary School

<u>Mathematics - Grange Park Primary School</u>

Home School Diary and Reading Record (purple books)

- Home School Diaries are used in KS2. These contain support materials for maths, reading, spelling lists, handwriting, recommended reads and question stems to support reading at home
- They also contain all digital logins for the children
- These books need to be in school each day
- These books double up as Magpie Books, providing the children with space to note down interesting phrases spotted in their reading
- This is where parents (or your child depending on their age) should record their child's daily reading, note
 new and tricky words they have read, and where you will find our school word of the week to practise and
 use in everyday conversation.

Week Commencing Date:		
READING LOG		
Book and Date	Comments	Sign



Home School Diary and Reading Record (purple books)

- Children will be sent home with one banded book and one reading for pleasure book
- On a Tuesday the class will visit the Reading Hub. They will choose one banded book and one reading for pleasure book.
- They should aim to be completing a chapter book every 2-3 weeks.
- Children can send in a birthday book to help us to celebrate their special days. We have labels
 to put inside the book naming the child who donated it. Please speak to us if you want some
 ideas about which books to buy
- For additional information on reading at Grange Park, along with further recommended reads, please visit our <u>website</u>

Home School Diary and Reading Record (purple books)

- At Grange Park we take handwriting and presentation very seriously.
- We use the Nelson Handwriting scheme and you can find some guidance for this in the children's Home School Diary.



Handwriting Checklist

- Are you forming your letters correctly?
- Are any letters too tall or too short?
- ? Are any descenders too long or too curly?
- ? Is there a space between your letters?
- Is there a space between your words?
- Are you making the four joins correctly?
 - Diagonal joins to letters without ascenders
 - ai, ar, un
 - Diagonal joins to letters with ascenders
 - ab, ul, it
 - Horizontal joins to letters without ascenders
 - ou, vi, wi
 - Horizontal joins to letters with ascenders



ol, wh, of



Special events, trips, residentials and visitors

- PGL, Bletchley Park, Trent Park Secret Listeners, Indigenous American workshop, Science workshop, Young Shakespeare Company visit, Globe Theatre trip TBC
- Our class assembly in the Round Hall: 22nd September 9am
- The Year 6 production will take place in Summer 2
- Remember to look at the News Roundup for dates of all forthcoming events

Parents, please be reminded that while our trips do ask for voluntary contributions, please do contribute as much as you can as trips, workshops and visitors will have to be cancelled if we don't get enough contributions

IT at Grange Park

- In order to succeed in this ever-changing landscape, Connect Education Trust believes that its pupils are going to have to learn new skills later in their life. Roll out of 1:1 Chromebooks in 2020
- IT skills are taught in computing and then used across the curriculum to enhance learning. It is imperative that their Chromebooks are brought in every day, fully charged.

The children use many Apps at school. Some are facilitated by the teacher for example G
 Suite (Slides, Docs, Sheets, Jamboard, Earth, Drawings and Classroom), Google Expeditions,
 Nearpod, Flipgrid, ScreenCastify, ThingLink and Adobe Spark, and the children have logins

for others:

Apps used by the children (with logins)		
Y1 - Y6	Spelling Shed	
Y1 - Y6	Google Classroom	
Y2 - Y6	TTRS	
Y6	SATs companion	
Y4 & Y5	Mirodo	
Y1	Numbots	

Weekly spelling tests are completed on the Spelling Shed App

Chromebooks

- Must be brought to school daily, fully charged
- Ensure it is treated with care
- Ensure use is monitored at home the chromebooks are for educational purposes only, and to be used by your child only

At school we teach online safety discreetly and through parts of the curriculum, we monitor use and ensure that the equipment is for the sole use of your child. Children are given adequate time off the chromebooks.

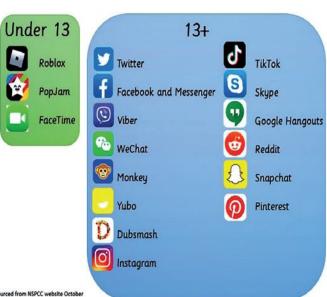


IT safety

Parents, please ensure you are also monitoring your child's IT use on their other personal devices.

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?









Forest School at Grange Park

Chloe Goldsmith and Timothy Brooker are qualified Forest School leaders, and they plan for and deliver our Forest School program. They work closely with our teachers who also, at times, deliver the forest school curriculum.

Each year group (Nursery - Y6) has been timetabled over the course of the year. You will be provided with more information prior to your child taking part in Forest School.



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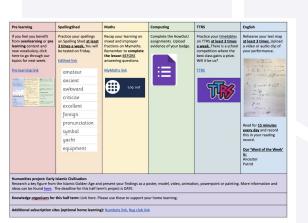
The impact this program has on the children that have already had the experience is significant:

- Our Forest School program is multi-sensory and has supported the improvement of concentration and the motivation to learn.
- Our program has also supported our children to gain more independence and self-confidence.
- Our program has supported their skills to work together and collaborate in group tasks
- It also reduces anxiety and builds resilience
- We have noted the improvement in the children's communication skills.
- Our program also has a significant impact on children with any additional needs.

Home Learning

- Home Learning expectations are also set out very clearly for parents on the website: <u>Home learning guidance</u>
- A home learning timetable is uploaded to the children's Google classroom every week to ensure they are able to navigate with ease
- SATs Companion will be used regularly and children should now have their logins for this. Unfortunately, we
 were unable to release these before the end of last year.

	Reading	Writing	Maths	Humanities	Additional
Year 6	1 Banded book and 1 reading for pleasure book sent home with the children. Record signed daily Monday-Friday. SATs companion reading task set weekly.	Grammar task set on the Google Classroom. Word of the week (2 words sent home to be used and practised). Spelling shed spelling set and practised daily.	SATs Companion maths task set weekly. Times Table Rock Stars daily practise.	Humanities project set on the Google Classroom.	Weekly knowledge organiser shared with the children and adults. Computing: 3 weekly cycle: Howdou, touch typing, esafety. Throughout the year Growth Mindset and Acts of Kindness home learning can be set.



Statutory assessments

- **Monday 13th May** Punctuation and Grammar (50 marks) and Spelling (20 marks)
- Tuesday 14th May Reading (50 marks)
- **Wednesday 15th May** Maths Paper 1 Arithmetic (40 marks) and Maths Paper 2 Reasoning (35 marks)
- Thursday 16th May Maths Paper 3 Reasoning (35 marks)

We will be carrying out half termly practice tests using old papers, so please do not complete these at home. We want a true reflection of the child's ability.

There are many other revision materials to use other than the previous tests, such as CGP books/tests. We will be providing children with Collins revision books, closer to the time.



Secondary Transition

On Thursday 14th September at 5:00pm, there will be a meeting to discuss the secondary transfer process in the round hall. On Friday 22nd September at 3:25, you can come to school for help with applying for a secondary place, using eAdmissions on computers set up in the round hall.

All information about the transition can be found on our school website:

Secondary Transfer 2024

Please click on links below for further information:

- Moving To Secondary Schools In Enfield 2024
- <u>eAdmissions</u> website to apply for a secondary place

Here are some useful links for children transitioning to secondary school:

Supporting school transitions

Guidance for parents and carers

<u>Supporting your young person</u>

PGL

For those children attending PGL (2 - 6 October) please ensure you fill out the medical consent questionnaire asap (see ParentMail). If you want your child to be included in pictures when on the trip, you must ensure that you have given permission for ALL areas with the office.

Please ensure that no mobile phones are brought on the trip.

Those not attending PGL, will have an action packed week at school and are expected to attend every day.







Resources

Children from Year 1 - Year 6 have been asked to bring their own pencil case and stationary to school. This enables children to take care and have a sense of responsibility for their belongings.

- 1 x Clear pencil case (20cm X 12cm) e.g.<u>Clear Pencil Case</u>
- 1 x A glue stick e.g .<u>Pritt Glue Stick Amazon link</u>
- 3 X HB pencils (Staedler Noris/Yellow and Black HB) e.g. HB Pencils
- 1 x Purple pen (ball point) Purple Pens
- 3 x Whiteboard pens Whiteboard Pens.
- 1 x Black handwriting pen (Y4-Y6 only) Handwriting Pens
- 1 x Sharpener <u>Pencil Sharpener</u>
- 1 x Rubber <u>Rubber</u>
- 6x Colouring Pencils <u>colouring pencils</u>
- Box of tissues for the classroom <u>Tissues</u>



School uniform - on the website: <u>Grange Park Primary School Uniform</u>

It is very important that ALL children come in the correct school uniform and footwear, including PE kits, pare will be notified if the children are not in correct uniform.

Girls

- Purple sweatshirt/cardigan (with logo)
- White or grey polo shirt (with logo)
- Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers (no leggings please)
- Purple and white gingham summer dress
- Grey summer shorts
- Black shoes (strong and flat heeled) or plain black trainers (no logos or colour on trainers)
- White socks
- · Grey/black tights

Boys

- Purple sweatshirt (with logo)
- White or grey polo shirt (with logo)
- Grey trousers
- Grey summer shorts
- Black shoes (strong and flat heeled) or Plain black trainers (no logos or colour on trainers)
- Grey/black socks

Note: We are phasing in the grey polo shirts and purple PE T- shirts. Your child can continue to wear their white ones.

Please ensure that all items of uniform, PE kit and other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

For health and safety reasons no jewellery should be worn with the exception of religious items, stud earrings and watches. Make-up and nail polish are not permitted.



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PE Kit

- Black shorts
- White OR purple PE T-shirt (with logo)
- Black plimsolls or plain black trainers (not studded please and separate to the shoes worn during the day)
- Grey winter sweatshirt (with logo)
- Grey winter joggers (with logo)
- Leggings and other colour joggers/sweatshirts are not permitted
- Light mac in sac (with logo)

Our PE days are: Tuesday and Friday

Children should wear their branded PE kit on the days they have PE.

Children must remove all earrings and watches before PE and games lessons.



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Additional items to purchase if your child would like to have them

Other

- Purple fleece and/or reversible coat (with logo)
- Purple woolly hat and baseball cap (with logo)
- Purple/white/black/grey hair ribbons/bobbles/hairbands and hijabs
- Wellingtons/boots in wet or snowy weather (to be removed when children enter the school building)
- Purple PE bag (with logo)
- Purple book bag (with logo)
- Purple rucksack small and large available (with logo)

Communication

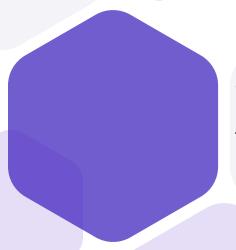
If you need to communicate something that is **not urgent**:

- Write a note in the Home School Reading Book and ask your child to give it straight to the teacher
- Leave a message with the school office to be passed on, telephone or send an email to office@grangeparkprimaryelt.org
- Speak to us informally after school once the class has been safely dismissed

For urgent matters, please telephone or email the school office to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

There are many staff members you can speak to:

- Teacher/support staff
- Achievement leader: more serious concerns that cannot be resolved by speaking to the teacher
- 3) Assistant Headteacher: concerns that cannot be resolved through the teacher or achievement leader



Communication

We also communicate with parents through parent workshops. Look out for these in the Autumn 1 term:

Date	Workshop		
Wednesday 13 September - 9:15am	English conversation classes start - Round Hall		
Thursday 14 September - 5pm	Secondary transfer Meeting - Round Hall		
Friday 22 September - 3:25pm	Secondary transfer application support - Round Hall		
Friday 29 September - 3:25pm	Home learning surgery - Round Hall		
Monday 2 October - 5pm	The Grange Park Way (Behaviour for Learning Guidelines) - Round Hall		



GPPSA

- Our Parents Association, the GPPSA brings the school community together to raise funds for various school projects - currently we are saving to build a small farm as part of our outdoor education experiences
- New faces and fresh ideas are always well received and everyone is given a warm welcome
- Meetings are held approximately 2 a half term just before pick up on a Friday at school
- Who are the parent reps for this class?



