

Dear Grange Community,

### Where we are up to

Next week is our last week of the first half-term since school has returned after lockdown. This is the first half-term in the academic year of 2020-2021 and the first half-term is always very important. It's the time in which children get to bond with the adults in their class and as a learning community, we all settle in positive and powerful routines to ensure great learning throughout the year. The first half-term of this year has been different to any other year and has been said so often already: 'These are unprecedented times'.

At Grange we have added an extra layer of preparation by being clear about the purpose and focus of our curriculum during these times.

### The Grange Reconnect Strategy

For the first 3 weeks of the half-term, in the weeks of September, we have focussed on the 'Reconnect' strategy. We have given time and space for the adults in each class bubble team to connect with the children in their class. They have done that through establishing routines, class circle times and great PSHE lessons. They have also done this by adapting their teaching to the needs of the children. We have called that the 'Reconnect' strategy and the result has been a school full of happy and calm children positively engaged in their learning. There is a tangible atmosphere of warmth and love of learning at Grange right now.

### The Reignite Strategy

This is because in the last weeks of this half-term including the coming week, we have engaged in the 'Reignite' strategy. The purpose of this strategy is to look carefully at our curriculum so that we can stimulate the children and even more than that - light the fire of learning within them so that they LOVE LEARNING. This has been achieved through energetic and thoughtful planning by the Grange Extended-Leaders who take the lead in making key decisions about what is taught and when it is taught so that every Grange child has a great educational experience in their class. The Teachers and Educators then make sure that this is all planned into lessons and class-time. The result has been a school full of children who are loving their learning and are really excited to share their learning. So many children have demonstrated their love of learning by taking care of the work within their books and the books are a joy to see.



### The behaviour for Learning APP

We enjoy motivating and encouraging our children through the Classcharts APP. If you don't already have it, please download it and ask the school office for your child's code and you will have a wonderful time seeing your child's positive journey through the day as points are logged by the adults in the school.



As a parent or carer, you can also log positive points for example for going to bed on time and you can enjoy looking at your child's progress on the colourful charts. You can then see if they get their names mentioned in the online Headteacher assembly which goes out every Monday morning on the Grange Primary Harrow YouTube Channel in the playlist that corresponds to your child's year group.

### Afterschool Club

Grange has a very strong partnership with the ACE After-school club and I strongly encourage you to make use of this facility by booking your child into the After-school club (details available from the office). The club has a comprehensive risk assessment for Coronatimes and is careful and caring and is a great help for parents and carers especially if they are working and need to pick up later.

### Gratitude

Every week this half-term, even more than usual, I have felt such gratitude for the Grange community: The staff who care so warmly and skilfully for the children; the parents and carers who do everything to support their children and the school and the children who make Grange the wonderful school that it is.

Have a great family weekend.

Kind regards



Daniel Kerbel  
Headteacher

**Friday 23rd October**    **Last day of first half term**

**Monday 2nd November**    **Children return to school**

## Harvest Celebrations at Grange

Our Grange Community never fails to impress us and this year's Harvest collection was no exception!

There was an impressive total of 300 items donated to the Waitrose Food Bank this week. These donations will go on to help many vulnerable families in our community.

A big thank you to everyone who donated, it was very much appreciated!

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# Noticeboard



## After School Sports Clubs



Thank you to everyone who completed the online survey about after school sports clubs. As a result of your feedback, we are delighted to be able to offer after school sports clubs to all Year 4 classes and all Year 6 classes. We will also be offering a multi-sports club to Year 1 John Lennon.

All sports clubs will take place within children's own class bubbles so they will not mix with any other classes. After school clubs will take place between 3.00-4.00pm in the school halls.

The children will be taken down to the dining room to be collected, so please collect your child at 4.00pm from under the canopy outside the dining room. Please enter the school via the Welbeck Road entrance, not the playground. Clubs will run for 6 weeks, starting week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November and finishing in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> December.

Year 4, Year 6 and Y1 John Lennon parents/carers will be able to sign up for after school sports clubs from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.



## MULTI-SPORTS



## Grange Primary School Supporting The Royal British Legion POPPY APPEAL



Poppies and poppy merchandise are now available in school.

Children need to bring a named envelope and poppies will be distributed at the end of the day. Recommended donations of 20p per poppy and 50p upwards for other merchandise.

## Flu Immunisation For Children in Reception to Year 6

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have given consent for the flu vaccine.

We would like to remind you that the School Nurse team are due to immunise at Grange on **Tuesday 20th October 2020**.

If you have not given your consent as yet, please do so as soon as possible.

Flu Vaccine will only be given to children whose parents/carers have given online consent.

If you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please **do** complete the consent online giving the reason as this will help the NHS plan and improve their service.

## **Secondary School Applications - Closing date : Saturday 31st October 2020**

Year 6 parents and carers can now apply for their child's secondary school. The closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October 2020.

For details go to : [www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

# IMPORTANT SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

## CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START IN NURSERY / PRIMARY / SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021

### PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN

**1 SEPTEMBER 2016 AND 31 AUGUST 2017**

### SECONDARY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN

**1 SEPTEMBER 2009 AND 31 AUGUST 2010**

You need to apply for a reception place.  
Please apply:

- ◆ Online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

**CLOSING DATE FOR  
APPLICATIONS IS  
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2021**

You need to apply to transfer to secondary  
school. Please apply:

- ◆ Online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)

**CLOSING DATE FOR  
APPLICATIONS IS  
SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2020**

*We strongly recommend that you submit your  
secondary application by **Friday 23 October 2020**, as  
this is the Friday before the half term holiday.*

### NURSERY SCHOOL CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN

**1 SEPTEMBER 2017 AND 31 AUGUST 2018**

You need to apply for a nursery place. Please find below the link to the new online nursery application form which is now available on the Harrow Council website.

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schoolnursery>

**APPLYING ONLINE IS EASY AND YOU GET AN INSTANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. YOU WILL ALSO RECEIVE AN  
EMAIL WITH THE OUTCOME OF YOUR APPLICATION ON OFFER DAY.**

**For details go to [www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.harrow.gov.uk/schooladmissions)**

**For help and advice on how to complete your application please  
email [schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@harrow.gov.uk)**