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Dear Grange Community

### Our Amazing Grange Staff

I know that the Grange staff are so tired as I write this. They always work hard but this week has been amazing. Right from Monday morning after the lovely Spring break, the Grange adults have been teaching and educating and learning together with the children.

The staff at Grange really are awesome and they make a difference. Please do write in to me with positive feedback which always gives a lift to staff and inspires them to make an even greater positive impact for the children and it's just lovely to get affirmed.

### Our Amazing Grange Parents and Carers

On that note, I commend the Grange parents and carers. As a group of parents and carers, you are so punctual and reliable and it is a pleasure to work in partnership with you.

During these turbulent coronatimes, we have had to change the timings of school quite a number of times including upon our return this week and you have been patient, generous, reliable and helpful - you are the GREAT GRANGE PARENTS and CARERS!

### Our Happy Children of Grange

The children have been so happy and enthusiastic in their learning. Our theme for this term is **JOY**. We want to have joy in our learning and school work and I love seeing the smiling faces and warm CC salutes from the children.

We dream of our children being filled with equal measures of CONFIDENCE and CONSIDERATION

This is our CC WAY

### Generous Donation

'Classy class' in Spring 1 was won by Tubman, Seacole, Rumi and Bob Marley Classes and a big thank you to Ms Jane Williams who generously donated almost 20 pot-plants for these classes. The school is definitely becoming greener and that is wonderful.

### Ramadan Blessings

At Grange we believe that Diversity is a blessing and a wonderful source of wealth and strength. We have made effort to mark the month of Ramadan and support our Grange community members who are fasting.

We have dedicated a room for prayer for staff at Grange for this month and we have arranged lunchtime library sessions for the Year 6 children who are fasting.

The most amazing comment came from Ana in year 6 who explained to me that Muslims fast in Ramadan "...to put themselves in the shoes of homeless people and know what it is like to not have food..."

I am proud that we can be a school where everyone can be themselves confidently and not need to feel any sense of intimidation in following their traditions, cultures, religions and indeed their choices they make in being their best selves.

### Black Lives Matter

I saw an awe-inspiring quote from the brother of Stephen Lawrence. He said 'Silence is not an option.' He is referring to the scourge of racism and on that note I wanted to write that the verdict in the case of the murder of George Floyd in America, has to fill us with hope and a vision of a more just world.

It is devastating that we are still seeing such results of systemic racism in the treatment by police of people of colour in America and we need to do more in our country.

We need to educate with a passion so that all children feel their sense of worth and when we look at history, we need to address the wrongs of the past.

This week I went past classrooms and I noticed in one that a specific date was given as to when a European explorer discovered a country in South America as if that European explorer discovered the country. This is just a symptom of how deeply we have all been affected by the narratives of Euro-centric history.

We need to reclaim a narrative of humanity and diversity where every culture and country is celebrated for their strengths and powers and not regress to a world view of nationalism or certain countries or races dominating.

### The Grange Mission

We truly have only one world and at Grange, we strive to be part of building a beautiful future through the power of education.

Let's be Great; Let's be Grange

Mr Kerbel  
Headteacher  
Grange Primary School





Ms Williams donating the classy class plant prizes for Tubman, Seacole, Rumi and Bob Marley classes. These plants are all from shoots and cuttings from her own collection.

'Classy Class'  
Spring 1 Winners

Tubman, Seacole,  
Rumi and Bob Marley  
Classes



## A new and exciting lunch menu from next week

Please check your inbox and the school website for full menu details.

The lunches are tailored for Grange children and are freshly made on site by our kitchen team. All meals are sympathetic to the many religious beliefs of the school, take into account potential food allergies, are good value and above all are delicious!

Give the school lunches a try, you won't be disappointed.



# Parent Noticeboard

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4th May 4.00-5.00pm	RSE Parents' Virtual Meeting
Thursday 6th May	School Closed for Polling Station
Thursday 6th May 4.00-5.00pm	RSE Parents' Virtual Meeting
Monday 31st May- Friday 4th June	Half Term
Monday 7th June	Children return to school
Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th June	Eye Vision Test for Reception Children
Thursday 22nd July	Last Day of Term

## GOVERNING BODY MEETINGS

Wednesday 5th May 6.30-8.30pm	CASC Committee
Wednesday 19th May 6.30-8.30pm	Full Governing Body
Wednesday 2nd June 6.30-8.30pm	Resources Committee

### After School Clubs

The School offers a variety of exciting and enjoyable clubs. Children have fantastic fun, make new friends and develop skills.

We still have spaces available in some clubs. If you would like your child to take part in any of the clubs, please sign up on your ParentPay account and join in. It's easy as that...

Please call Mrs Mukadam at the school office should you require any further information.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Y2-Y5	Gardening	Monday 3.00-4.00
Y3-Y6	Gymnastics	Monday 3.00-4.00
Y1-Y2	Tennis	Monday 3.00-4.00
Y6	Debate Mate	Monday 3.00-4.00
Reception Y1-Y2	Multi-Sports	Tuesday 3.00-4.00
Y3-Y6	Writing	Tuesday 3.00-4.00
Nursery, Reception Y1-Y3	Ninja Warrior	Wednesday 8.00-8.45
Y4-Y6	Ninja Warrior	Wednesday 8.00-8.45
Y1-Y6	Football	Wednesday 3.00-4.00
Y3-Y6	Library	Wednesday 3.00-4.00
Reception, Y1-Y2	Library	Thursday 3.00-4.00
Y1-Y3	Gymnastics	Thursday 3.00-4.00
Y3-Y6	Basketball	Thursday 3.00-4.00
Y4-Y6	Dodgeball	Friday 3.00-4.00
Y1-Y2	Archery	Friday 3.00-4.00

### Clubs:

It is your responsibility to make a note of the times, start and end dates of any club that your child(ren) attends. The information is on the leaflet/letter that you initially receive and can be found on the school website.

### School Lunches

School lunches cost £2.05 per day and should be paid for in advance via your child's ParentPay account on a daily, weekly, monthly or termly basis.

Thank you.

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