



*Where Children Come First*

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Happy Friday everyone!

Not a day goes by when I am not proud to lead our school community but this week, I am uber-proud. As you are aware, our Year 6 students have been burrowed away sitting their six KS2 SATs papers in:

- English grammar, punctuation, and spelling:
- English reading
- Mathematics: arithmetic & reasoning
- Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

It goes without saying that this year was a particularly strange one in SATs history, so if one thing's for certain, it's that comparing 2022 to 2019 is not a like-for-like comparison and it will be interesting to see what comes out of that.

A lot has been said in the media about Covid impact and how it will affect SATs results this year. It is fair to say that student anxiety was higher this year than in previous years. And early on, motivation and drive to succeed seemed to have been negatively affected, but my goodness the last few weeks have seen a colossal change in the mindset and maturity of our Year 6s despite Covid impact with their effort and engagement being exemplary. I saw first-hand, every one of our Year 6 students sitting those papers and they were a credit to you and our school. Congratulations Year 6.

It was lovely to have Rev Sarah in celebration assembly this morning – there was a lot to celebrate and be grateful for.

## **Congratulations**

10 CBGs: Alexander W

Bronze Badge: Maeve R, Alfie M, Max N, Perry S, Oliver J, Aisha H, Alicia D, Ivy W, Leighton D, Oliver G, Timofei S, Freddie S, Josie B, Nancy S, Jack M, Rowan B

Silver Badge: Milan G

70 CBGs: Seth P

Gold Badge: Ted G, Emily R

100 CBGs: Spencer T, Sam P, Chayten Q, Tilly R, Toby S

Platinum Badge: Peter B

140 CBGs: Faith FB, Lacey B

160 CBGs: Lilly H

170 CBGs: Charlie H

Amethyst Badge: Liam B

190 CBGs: Jessica W

200 CBGs: Sophie S

Topaz Badge: Jonas V, Annabelle R

230 CBGs: Leo G

**Grange Pens:** Bethany G and Lilly H

## **Showing the Grange Way outside school**

Well done to:

Genevieve D drew a lovely picture which was chosen to feature in an issue of Frozen Funtime magazine.



Phoebe W has achieved her Green Award from Wade Gymnastics

Jess S was part of the first ever U11 girls cricket team for Cropredy Cricket Club yesterday. No win this time but they had so much fun.

Annie K has gained her Bronze Bars Award from Wade Gymnastics and received an impressive trophy.

Mikey W and Theo Y were awarded their bronze scouting award on Saturday. Theirs Mum's said it was a wonderful ceremony, very emotional and we were very proud, especially when we heard the reasons Theo and Mikey were chosen out of 8,000 of kids over Oxfordshire. They were picked for their kindness, resilience, team player and showing others the way. What grange boys they are.

Ollie MS received a certificate, letter and 'posh woggle' from Oxfordshire Scouts for achieving his Bronze scouting award! He also got a badge for being part of the scouts for 4 years.

**Swimmers achieving 25m:** Betsy S, Ned O, Ruby G

**Attendance** sits at 93% from September – creeping up thankfully and this week, we have hit 96% - looking good, well done all.

**Staffing News:** Mrs Grant returns from maternity leave on Monday and will be based in Years 3 / 4 – she will be covering teachers in KS1 at points in the week also.

The end of term 5 will be the departure of Miss Reading from 5 / 6 and the end of term 6 will see the departure of Mrs Beer, Miss S Smith and after 10 years at The Grange, Miss Bramall. I will celebrate each one of them later in Term 6 but suffice to say: their departure will be not only very sad for us all but a huge loss to the staff team. Every member of The Grange staff touches the lives of our children, and these ladies will be missed immensely.

**Tough Mudder:** Next week will be a solemn reminder of the tragedy of the loss of precious baby Jacob James on 18 May and in his memory, there is a gang of crazy cats 'trying' to complete Jacob's Tough Mudder Classic to raise money to support families who have gone and are going through what Jude and Mark face every waking hour.

Staff members who are running:

Mrs Barratt

Mr Lane

Miss Richardson

Miss Bramall

Miss Smith

Miss O'Connor

Mrs Rann

...and our PTFA Chair and bestie Willy Duffy

In total there is a team of 41 runners in the J Team – Not Fast, Just Furious. I just hope there are no broken limbs...Good Luck for next weekend!

Please donate if you can:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-j-team2022?utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=the-j-](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/the-j-team2022?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=the-j-)



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**Rounders:** 30 of our Y3/4 children had a great time at Wykham Park last Thursday at a rounders festival along with 6 other local primary schools. They all scored loads of points for their teams, and all worked really hard in the field. Our 'blue' team were absolutely incredible and scored the most rounders in their section of 6 teams - they came 1st!! Well done everyone!

We are all looking forward to our Year 6 boys' football team playing Harriers at home after school – COME ON fellas! Their 2-goal draw last week was nail-biting with Smudge getting two goals to draw the match: phew.

**GRANGEFEST:** Don't forget – 17 June 6pm – 9pm.

Please look out for the **Platinum Jubilee** communication coming home – we want to celebrate in style.

**Thank you:** The staff team has been incredible this week – supporting the Year 6 team and students: much appreciated.

Mulling over life and our school last night during the wee-small hours, I concluded:

**...The only way we move forward is together in the spirit of togetherness and positivity...**

Do have a wonderful weekend all – only two weeks left of Term 5...they year is running away.

Enjoy the summer weather that is approaching and stay safe all.

Kind Regards



Ms Boswell.

