



Where Children Come First

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Good afternoon all,

It is the end of another busy week at The Grange – the term is flying away at great pace. All is well here at school with whole school attendance at a fantastic **97.61%** - this is impressive folks, well done and thank you. What with that and the children looking ship-shape, it is happy days here.

It has been great to have our Year 6s back from PGL. They had a wonderful time there and they are still buzzing. Many thanks to the staff team for facilitating such a mega-week for our children; priceless.

Our new foundation students have made a cracking start to their learning journey at The Grange, settling in so well – their contribution in singing assembly on Wednesday afternoon was impressive and seeing them at play, learning their sounds and eating their lunch is most satisfying; they are a great bunch.

Home School Agreement: "Our vision is to create a school community where every child participates, excels, and takes pride in their achievements"

Working alongside our families is intrinsic to the success and happiness of our children. We always rely on your support and help when working with your/our children – that's an integral part of our work and indicative of our community. This is what our mams and dads are so strong at and dedicated towards - that is why our children thrive and do so well.

Please complete the Home-School agreement as soon as you can so that we can continue to work in partnership – many thanks.

<https://forms.office.com/r/9cX4qt30cb>

We care for everyone and everything: I am really proud that our school community is diverse because diversity is everything that makes people different from each other: from our race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, ability, age, religious belief, or political conviction. The Grange family must be at the heart of supporting diversity particularly in these testing and hard times. When living, working and learning alongside people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, we can gain a more comprehensive understanding of the wider world. At this time, many people feel isolated because of the things I have listed above and because of the restrictions on us – not forgetting that a lot of us are living a long way from our families. It is incumbent upon us all to make all people feel valued; just 'smiling and saying 'Hello' (believe it or not) can seriously change the course of someone's day for the better. I implore you all to try hard to support other parents and families in our community – a smile and 'Hello' goes a long way.

Caught Being Good...

Congratulations to:

100 CBGs: Ethan H

150 CBGs (Book): Mikey W, Emilia G, Jayden T-S

160 CBGs: Sam H



Congratulations to Lucie T – she's excelling in her Cheerleading squad and is set for great things because of her hard training and sheer determination.

School Body Representatives: By the end of today, we will know all of our councillors and leaders. We will then move onto Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Thank you to Matthew A for coming up with the genius idea of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Leaders.

Harvest – time Collections: Next week, we will be thinking about Harvest and appreciating its importance. 30th September (next Friday) we will have a special whole school Harvest assembly – it'll be Foundation Stage's first singing to the school opportunity!

People can't afford to put food on the table. This isn't the cost-of-living crisis – it's the cost of surviving. With soaring energy prices and sky-high inflation, families are struggling to afford both their bills and meals. Please help by making a gift of food, toiletries, nappies and household items– whatever you give will allow our school food bank to help families do more than just survive.

- Breakfast cereals
- Soup
- Pasta or Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned beans
- Tinned meat
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned pudding
- Tea or coffee
- Sugar
- Biscuits
- UHT Milk
- Juice
- Snacks
- Toiletries
- Nappies
- Washing liquids/powders etc

Uniform: We have a rail of washed and ironed -in good condition- school uniform items in school ready to go to a good home. If you need any items, please contact the office.

Reading: Please ensure that reading is a massive part of the home routine. Reading Journals must be in school every day and reading should be recorded regularly. We are working hard to challenge our children with a vast range of genres and demanding and inspiring texts, so every little bit of help will make a difference.

PTFA: Our PTFA have generously donate 2k for 'Sensory' resources to furnish and equip a 'Sensory' area in school – thank you all for your support and donations.

Grange House X Country: That was a well fought morning amongst the children. They never disappoint. Results will come through when Mrs S-C works it all out.



Annual Conker Competition: I hope you are all preparing your conkers - the Final will be 14 October. Will Holly R be victorious again? Her Exocet aim is brutal and unforgiving year on year.

Vacancies: We are still looking for an experienced Teaching Assistant & Wrap around assistant if you interested and would like further information in any of the roles please call Mrs Taylor for an application form.

Foundation Stage Open Days: Foundation Stage Open Days September 2023 – spread the word please; we need 45 beauties next year! Book up online via the school website: <https://www.grange.oxon.sch.uk/opendaysbookings>

- Thursday 13th October 6pm
- Saturday 5th November 9.30 & 10.30 am
- Friday 11th November 9.30 am
- Tuesday 22nd November 9.30am
- Friday 2nd December 9.30 am
- Wednesday 7th December 9.30 am

It has been such a pleasure to be working with many students so far this term – close to the coalface; just where I like to be. All of our teachers have nothing but praise for our children; a superb start to the school year everyone – especially after such high praise from Banbury Headteachers who visited The Grange yesterday; their feedback was so positive.

Have a great weekend all – Friday 5 please! Read, Read, Read, Read, Read; Tell someone close to you that you love them; Keep Active; Stay Safe; Show The Grange Way.

See you on Monday.

Ms Boswell x

