



Where Children Come First

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Happy Friday everyone!

I hope that you have been following our Facebook page and looking at our website to follow everything that has been going on at The Grange recently.

House Captains: one of the most important events in our calendar is the voting for House Captains. I am thrilled to announce the 22/23 new leaders, role models and champions:

Horse Chestnuts

Amber C
Nicholas E

Walnuts

Bradley Q
Holly R

Sycamore

Caleb W
Kayle B

Limes

Sophie P
Abdou AD

Congratulations - well deserved; I look forward to seeing the captains lead their House to victory in all areas of the curriculum this year. I am awaiting some more applications before I announce the Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Black Country Living Museum: KS1 stepped back through time, travelling to the early 20th century by visiting The Black Country Living Museum. The children were in awe and wonder as they explored ancient houses, shops and schools; experiencing first-hand how people used to live in the past. We rode on an old-fashioned bus and attended a school with a very strict teacher (who gave us a reading, writing and arithmetic lesson with chalk and slate!). The children also enjoyed playing old street games. What fun! We received outstanding praise from the Museum staff on the children's behaviour. Well Done KS1.

Reading Journal audit: We have looked at Reading Journals across the school and are seeing good engagement from children and parents in the Reading Journal. The danger is that, as children get older, parents/carers do not engage as much. Please, take a regular look to see what your child is reading and monitor their journals for us – read with your child as much as you can – many thanks.

PTFA UPDATE from Will Duffy: First off, can I start by personally saying a huge thanks to everyone who contributed to the efforts of the PTFA last academic year, whether this was giving up your time, helping organise events, attending events or by making a donation. The total raised last year was **£9796.86** - a game-changing amount of money. From this, the school has had **£6621.64** in donations which has paid for items such as: **hundreds of new books**, to help drive reading across the school; **a huge new potting shed**, to further our green fingers and **a fantastic sensory room** to help support our children with additional needs.



Pictures of these to follow in the coming weeks!

The PTFA have worked incredibly hard over the last year and everything we have achieved is only possible with the help of beloved volunteers.

If you can give up any free time it would be greatly appreciated. It doesn't need to be every event and it doesn't mean attending every meeting - it is just helping out as when you can. Anyone who is interested, ping over an email to thegrangepfta@gmail.com - there are some exciting events coming up and would love to have some new faces on board!

Garden with Mr Fowler: If you have any Spring planting bulbs to donate for the school grounds, please send them in. Our gardeners want a spring show like no other after the winter.

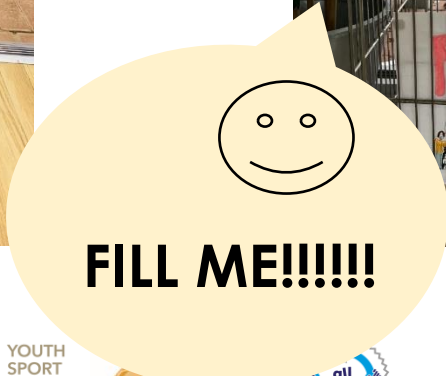
Cross Country: On Thursday 29th September, 32 Children from across the KS2 classes went to Wykham Park to take part in the Banbury Schools Cross Country Finals. All children showed 'The Grange Way' throughout the morning, with the children reaching an unprecedented high, coming third out of the fourteen schools overall. The 3/4 Girls did amazingly to come 3rd as a team. The 3/4 boys were exceptional and finished 2nd as a team. The 5/6 girls' race was super-fast, but our girls ran brilliantly to come 7th. The 5/6 boys' team were also extremely successful to come 4th. Well done to each and every one of them, they were all brilliant! Nearly half of our runners finished in top 20 positions which was incredible considering there were around 100 runners in each race. Evie, Aliyah, Roman, James, Dylan and Charlie did exceptionally well to finish in top 10 positions. The 3/4 boys, 3/4 girls and 5/6 boys' teams have qualified for the next round of the finals, being held at Sibford School at the end of November. We wish them luck! Come on!

The Grange Foodbank – Making a Difference, Pulling Together: Our School Council have been recognising that times aren't easy for a lot of families in our school community so have started their own foodbank. Harvest gift donations have been well received by 11 of our families - Thank you for all your generous and much needed donations; please keep it coming in. Your School Council x

NOW YOU SEE IT



NOW YOU DON'T!



X Curricular Clubs are a-plenty this term – if you have any suggestions on what after-school clubs you think your child would enjoy, please let us know.

CONGRATULATIONS

70 CBGs: Holly W, Scarlett F-H, Sammie M, Joseph W

Gold Badge: Ewan S

100 CBGs: Harmony F-B

110 CBGs: Olive C, Toby W, Brooke D, Reuben C-S, Amelia G

Platinum Badge: Rory A, Olive DF

130 CBGs: James W

140 CBGs: Lara P

150 CBGs (Book): Isla T, Ben G

160 CBGs: Uriel P, Lyla R, Mikey W, Lilly S

170 CBGs: Ubayd W

Amethyst Badge: Theo B, Mia Tr

230 CBGs: Abdou Allah D, Emily S

Ruby Badge: Anna P

250 CBGs: Holly R

Music for Schools Bronze Award: Liam B

Our voted in student body representatives....

School Council:

Mason W, Laurel B, Fern B-T, Sammie M, Max N, Ivy W, Leo K, Yousef H, Edie L, Emmi M, Patrick M, Effie H, Nathan B, Lyla R, Bronson B, Sophie S, Jessica W, Theo Y

Eco Council:

Lennon K, Lily B, Maisie W, Nathaniel P, George T, Mikayla H, Henna K, Maddie B, Layla C, Darcey B, Lily G, Toby S, Mia Ta, Ellis S, Mishall K, Bethany G, Ethan W, Sammy C

Sports Reps:

Milan G, Betsy G, Noah O, Maggie W, Perry S, Isla D, Reuben C-S, Millie H, Daisy S, Issi H, Siena R, Harry B, Harry D, James M, Layla B, Charlie H, Beaux C, Sonny C

Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM):

Huw P, Arliyah H, Lirael O, Ada D, Billy W, Ollie M-S, Anna P, Matthew A, Arnav S

Reading Ambassadors: Bethany O, Harmony F-B, Siena L, Lara P, Willow C, Aurora P, Willow S, Advika N, Annie K, Emilia G, Milly L, Olive DF, Arliyah H

Spelling Ambassadors:

Year 6 - Dylan R, Lucy W, Uriel P

Year 5 - Mikey W, Josie F, Liam B

Year 4 - Annie B, James W, Jack C

Year 3 - Ethan H, Angelina G, Levi V

Year 2 - Jacob W, Arthur H, Genevieve D

Showing the Grange Way outside school

Well done to:

Abdou D for completing the summer reading challenge, Gadgeteers.

Holly R achieved Most Improved Player award for U11 Cricket and received a lovely trophy.

Betsy G achieved her Swim England - stage 1 swimming certificate and also achieved her red award for gymnastics from Wade Gymnastics Club.



READ, READ, READ, READ, READ!
BOOK FAIR BOOK REVIEW VOUCHER WINNERS

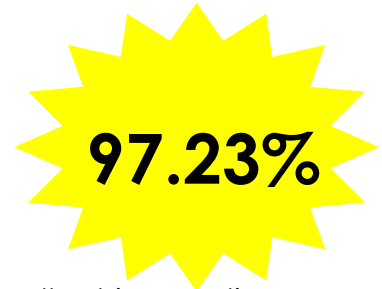
Ms B and Miss Kempson had a heck of a job choosing the winners – Bravo children and mams and dads – Beautiful and really well written. Lots of Headteacher's Awards have been given too.

Year 1/2: Mikayla, Laurel B, Arthur H, Nathaniel

Year 3/4: Anthony E, Oliver W, Annie

Year 5/6: Jess S, Lilly H

Attendance: SO CHUFFED WITH YOU ALL. Well done and thank you!



STAFF NEWS: Poor Mrs G (FS) is going into hospital next weekend for a rather big operation. That means that she will not be in school for Term 2. I will write to Bodicote 2 mams and dads next week with news about her temporary replacement. **Good luck Mrs G x**
I have been busy recruiting Teaching Assistants the last couple of weeks – I will let you know the results of that next week.

Conkers, lots of lovely Conkers.....I am signing off with a spring in my step. I am by no means biased (not) but it must be said without doubt that we have the best kids ever. Between 0845-0945 today, I was in The Oval in a meeting whilst the annual conker competition screamed and cheered its way through the school – it's the first one that I have missed since we started this annual extravaganza at The Grange. I felt that I was missing the 5 Nations rugby final: Wales V England – at the Principality Stadium of course; it was torture. When I came out of the Oval, the hall was empty, like a ghost town.... remnants of tissue, string and conker shards strewn on the floor. The hall was still full of the heat and smell of 300 bodies; it was groaning. I was desperate to know who had won. I had a name in mind.... unbeaten, ruthless, composed and knowing.... was it her?

As I walked towards the score board, I squinted my old eyes and saw in the winner's position: 'King's Sutton'. It had to be her, she is in that class, 'Has she won again?' I mused. I stampeded my way through the double doors and up the stairs to King's Sutton. The door was open and as I stepped forward, she turned in her chair – looking in my direction nonchalantly. The class was full, bursting with energy and action. As I walked into the room, silence fell. I navigated my way around the Year 6 bodies in my way. I approached her; right eyebrow raised and double chin firmly in my chest. As I looked over my spectacles, she looked up at me as I said, 'Was it you, did you win, are you the champion?' 'She smiled out of the left of her mouth – like James Coburn in The Magnificent Seven, hair a bit ruffled and Alice Band on the wonk; 'Yes' she nodded slowly, triumphantly and remarkably humbly. The class erupted in spontaneous clapping. Holly R, you are a true champion, and your aggressor Theo Y was a fine competitor who took you to the wire: 10 -9! **Many congratulations both.** I have lost count of how many finals Holly has been in and won – but what kismet for her final year at The Grange.

Last week of term next week – 1/6 done. Don't forget the Halloween Disco next Wednesday.

Friday Five this weekend: Read, Read, Read, Read, Read; get outside and be active; tell someone close to you that you love them and are grateful; stay safe and show The Grange Way.

Have a great weekend all...keeeeeep dancing!

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