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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find below the latest round up newsletter for Grange Infant and Junior School.

Reception

This week in Reception the children have continued to work hard with their learning and practising their good learning behaviours on the carpet during focus teaching. This week in phonics we have started to blend words using our flashcards with the graphemes we have been learning. e.g. C-a-t, P-o-t.

We have also celebrated European Day of Languages on Thursday and we have been learning about dancing Flamenco, learning how to say good morning and good afternoon, we learnt the nursery rhyme "Itsy Bitsy Arana".

Can we please remind parents to label all clothing belonging to your children, including shoes and coats. All string bags are being sent home today, for you to ensure everything is labeled. Can you also ensure children have a coat every day in school.

Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard to apply their writing skills to their final piece of writing relating to the book 'Leaf'. The children concentrated on using finger spaces and full stops to write a setting description. They used some super descriptive words too. Maths has focused on adding and subtracting 1. In addition, the children explored their first problem solving lesson looking at missing number problems. They used numicon and part whole models to represent their learning. We have commenced our history teaching on toys from the past. This week, we have looked at toys today before moving on to compare them to toys from the past next week. We had a great end of the week

exploring France during European Day of Languages. The children learnt basic greetings, created the Eiffel Tower and tasted some typical French food.

Year 2

It has been another busy week in Year two with lots of wonderful learning taking place

In English we have continued to develop our skills of using noun phrases, expanded noun phrases and the conjunction 'and' to join simple sentences. We will be applying these skills to write a setting description of the Savannah at dusk. In Maths we have been ordering 2-digit numbers from greatest to smallest and smallest to greatest.

In P.E. we have been learning to balance on a bench showing control whilst balancing bean bags on our heads. We made it harder by placing bean bags as obstacles on the benches which the children had to step over whilst balancing a bean bag on their heads. The children thoroughly enjoyed this and showed some great concentration and control.

In PSHE we have been focusing on listening to other people and contributing our thoughts about rewards for positive and helpful behaviour and the consequences for negative and unhelpful behaviour.

In History we have continued to learn more about the British monarchy and this week we compared the similarities and differences between the coronation of King Charles III, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth II. The children enjoyed looking at clips and pictures of the different coronations

Year 3 & 4

In year 3 and 4 this week, we have started to get stuck in to our science topic of solids, liquids and gases with a focus on the different particle types and how they differ from each other. This has really engaged the children and sparked an excitement for the rest of the topic.

The children have been finalising their setting descriptions for '*The Great Kapok Tree*' in writing this week. They have impressed us with their abilities to effectively use fronted adverbials and expanded noun phrases to describe the setting of the rainforest.

In computing, the children have proven to be experts at recognising the different uses for technology and how to do so safely. They have emphasised how important it is to stay safe when using technology and why we keep our information private.

Thursday, we explored a dance from Germany as well the geography of Germany.

Year 5

In English we have been looking at what makes a negative setting description. We have used our knowledge of noun phrases and conjunctions from last week to write excellent sentences about Lucy exploring Narnia. We also learnt more about the story and discussed different locations, for example the white queens ice castle and Mr Tumnus' house.

In reading, we have looked at a new text called 'Ranulph Fiennes' from Great Adventurers. They are using previous knowledge of text marking and echo reading to annotate and read.

In PE, we are learning the skills needed in dodgeball. We learnt how to crouch, jump and move left and right when a ball is approaching you. They have been working in small groups, as well as playing whole class games.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, we have continued reading Skellig. The children have made fantastic progress with their understanding of the text. The children have worked hard on their descriptive settings and have produced some fantastic writing using subordination and powerful verbs. In Maths, we have been taking a look into multiples, factors and prime numbers. The children have shown great aspiration and pushed themselves to further their understanding. In P.E, they have been looking at how dance can be approached in many different ways. Lastly, they showed great respect for our many visitors this week.

Friends of Grange Schools Fireworks 2024



FOGS are super excited to give you, your family, and friends the opportunity to purchase tickets for our annual fireworks display which will be held at Grange Infants' School on Tuesday, 5th November 2024.

Gates will open at 5.30 pm and the display will be held at approximately 7pm. It should be a spectacular evening managed by an award-winning display company.

On the night we will be selling tasty, hot food, hot and cold refreshments, snacks, and glow items which will be available from 5.30 pm.

We are excited to have the fantastic **Magic Mark** with his fire juggling display performing on the night.

Everyone is welcome and there is no limit on the number of tickets you can purchase. Tickets are £4 for children and £6 for adults in advance. All tickets are £7 on the gate. Under 3s are free – please select the dedicated ticket option on the website when purchasing your tickets.

Tickets will only be available to purchase online through PTA events, using the following link:



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<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgrangeschools/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=85594>¹

Tickets are subject to availability so please book early to avoid disappointment. For your safety we have a maximum capacity. Tickets will be on sale until 4pm on 4 November or until sold out.

Please contact us if you have any issues booking using the PTA events platform.

Please keep your confirmation and ticket safe. Tickets will be required to access the events. In the event of cancellation/postponement of the event all tickets will be valid for a future date. In the event of bad weather, we reserve the right to change the date or cancel the event. **Tickets are otherwise nonrefundable.**

This is not a school supervised event. Children must be supervised by an adult over the age 18. No unsupervised children will be permitted at the event. Please ensure your child is with you at all times.

Parking is very limited in the area. If you are able to walk, we would really appreciate it. If you must bring your car, please park safely and do not double park and do not block the driveways of our neighbours.

Thank you for your support. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to our family event.

FOGS Committee

Swindon Music Service is Hosting a Mega Halloween Party

We at Swindon Music Service are hosting a Mega Trick or Treat Party at our home; The Platform, Faringdon Road SN1 5BJ.

There will be lots of different crafts to keep the children busy, a musical prize for the most imaginative costume, games, a Ghost Train (in our real train carriage), a disco and much, much, more... No going out in the cold and dark knocking on stranger's doors, we will keep your children safe and entertained for 2.5hrs on Wednesday 30th October from 2pm to 4:30pm.

Sign-up for a ticket **only £5.00** (which will include a small treat to bring home as well as hours of fun and games). Or you can chance us still having space by buying a ticket **at the door on the day at £6.00**. Here is the link to register for a ticket:

<https://UKSWINDON.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=751#/Course/187/0/1180/751>²

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TRICK or treat party

Swindon MUSIC SERVICE

THE PLATFORM
FARINGDON ROAD SN1 5BJ

Age 5-11yrs

30TH OCTOBER
14:00 - 16:30

Prize for Best Fancy Dress,
lots of Crafts & Games, Face
Painting, Ghost Train, Disco

FOR INFO. EMAIL:
Lhawkins@smscio.co.uk
Or Phone
01793 610673
Use Link to Register:
<https://ukswindon.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=751#/Course/187/0/1180/751>

**£5.00 PER TICKET
(OR £6.00 ON THE DOOR)**

Swindon MUSIC SERVICE

Premier Education October Half Term Camp

Premier Education
HOLIDAY CAMPS

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

Mix it up this October half-term with our multi-activity holiday camps!

They are a perfect blend of activities, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities. From archery to fencing, dodgeball to cricket & much more!

£24.53 PER DAY

We accept **CHILDCARE VOUCHERS**

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Lunch, water bottle, suitable clothing & loads of energy!

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

KEMBREY PARK, SN3 2PT
08:45 - 16:15
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
From 24th October

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