

Grange Infant and Junior School Round Up Term 1 Issue 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super busy week we have had this week. Our children have really enjoyed the wonderful opportunities on offer this week. We have so many things to look forward to this term - remember to check out the key dates if you haven't already done so.

European Day of Languages - Thursday 26th September



On the afternoon of Thursday 26th September, we will be celebrating **European Day of Languages** across the both schools. Pupils will take part in a range of exciting and engaging interactive activities designed to promote an interest in Language Learning.

Pupils are encouraged to come into school dressed in the colours of their class's country. This could be the colours of the flag, football kits from the national and local football team, traditional costumes, etc.

Reception: Spain



SPAIN

Year 1: France



FRANCE

Year 2: Italy



ITALY

Year 3 and 4: Germany



GERMANY

Year 5: Poland



POLAND

Year 6: Norway



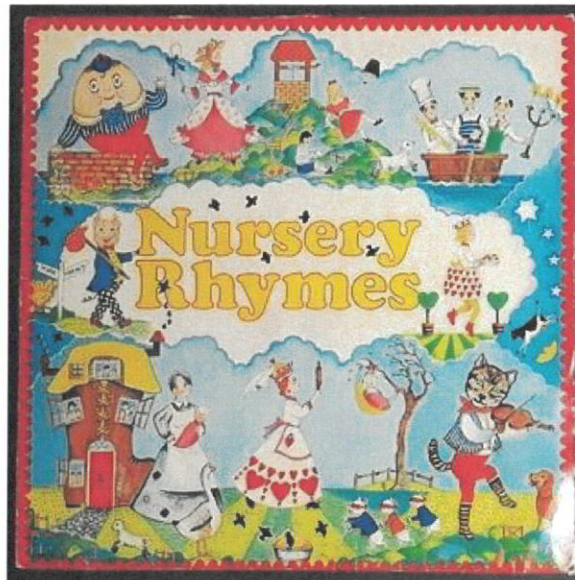
NORWAY

Guide Dog Assembly



We have been very fortunate to arrange a visit, during an assembly, from a trainee guide dog. The dog will visit the children with her trainer, which is a great opportunity for the children to find out about her training and development. They will be able to ask questions and support her, in preparing her for being around lots of people, in busy places and being socialised.

Reception



It has been our first full week in Reception and we are continuing to settle in beautifully, though we are all fairly tired! We have been continuing to learn our key nursery rhymes with actions and have been performing them in groups to our peers. The children have amazed us with their performance skills and confidence.

We have been learning to 'subitise with our eyes' this week and recognise small amounts of objects without counting – we are doing brilliantly with this! We've also enjoyed sharing our summer adventure diaries with our class and we have loved seeing all the wonderful photos and getting to know the children and their families a little bit better. In Music this week we have started our

Charanga lessons and we have enjoyed listening to, talking about and singing different rhymes and songs.

Year 1



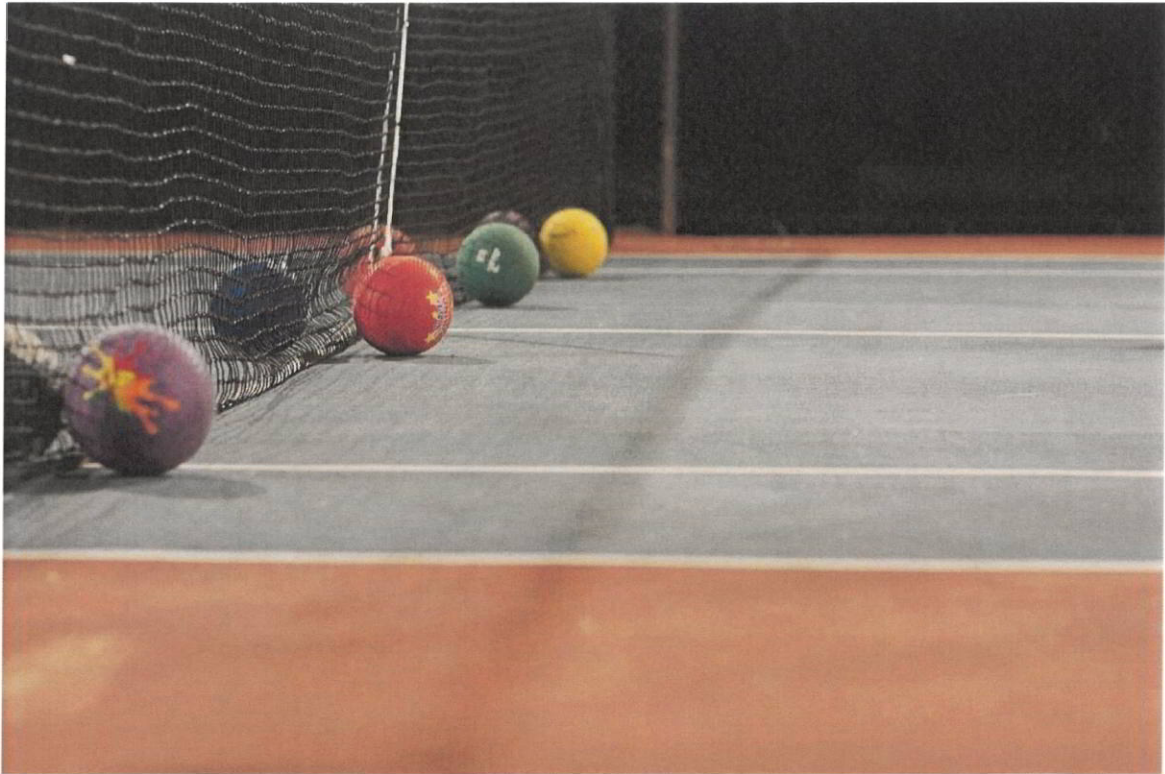
Year 1 have had another busy week. In English, we have continued to work on our sentences making sure we use a full stop. The children created a conscience alley and gave two sides of the forest animals and how they felt about the polar bear, Leaf. They were amazing at this. In Maths, we have worked on comparing numbers to 20, identifying more and less. We are still thinking about the word 'Technology' in computing. In addition, we have explored using the keyboard to type our names. This was a real challenge to find the right capital letters to write our names! Please continue to read with your child at home and practise their numbers to 20.

Year 2



We've had another excellent week in Year 2. In English, we have continued to develop noun phrases and expanded noun phrases to help us write a detailed setting description that the reader will be able to visualise. In Maths, we have been identifying numbers on number lines to help us understand the order of numbers from 0 to 100. On Tuesday, we all enjoyed an outing to Stanton Park as part of our science topic. Whilst we were there, we looked at habitats, both local and microhabitats. One of the habitats we came across was a pond. By the pond, we spotted eight cygnets and two swans. We discussed why this would be a good habitat—it has air, food, and shelter to protect them from any dangers. We were all excited when we discovered a microhabitat that belonged to the bees. We got to observe them making honey within this habitat. In History, we continued to develop our knowledge of the British monarchy. We mapped out the royal family tree to work out who had previously been king or queen and who would be our future king or queen. We also spent some time discussing what happens when the king or queen takes on this role and the special ceremony they have to make it official. Well done on another fantastic week!

Year 3 & 4



Throughout the week, the children went on a trip to the leisure centre to explore our key question: How is Grange Leisure and Community used by the local community? We completed a tally of the adults who attended and we asked whether they use the centre for fitness or socialising. We also completed a sketch map of the grounds of the leisure centre to see how the land is used and which human features can be identified.

In Reading, we began to look at retrieval and inference throughout our text *Varjak Paw*. These questions have allowed the children to really focus on what the text was telling them and discussed what was implied.

In French, we have started to learn different verbs for some of our hobbies. As the term continues, we will practise using these in sentences and improving our pronunciation.

In PE, we have been learning the basic skills of netball and dodgeball including throwing and catching. We will continue to learn other skills such as movement this week. We have been emphasising how players show respect in these areas of sport.

One of our Maths activities has focused in on problem solving. The children were given word problems based on real life situations such as cooking and spending money and used logical thinking to work out the correct answers. We have been really impressed at how well each class approached these challenges, well done.

Year 5



Year 5 are continuing their reading on 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe'. We wrote setting descriptions about Lucy's experience of finding Narnia through the Wardrobe. They have learnt how to use expanded noun phrases and subordinated conjunctions to produce excellent sentences.

In maths, we have been carrying on place value with 6-digit numbers. We have focused on using mathematical vocabulary to describe the value of digits in 6-digit numbers and to compare, order and round.

In Religious Studies, we have been introduced to Hinduism and looking at how Hindus show commitment to God. They discussed what commitment means and when they have seen it in their own lives. Then looking at the similarities and differences between them.

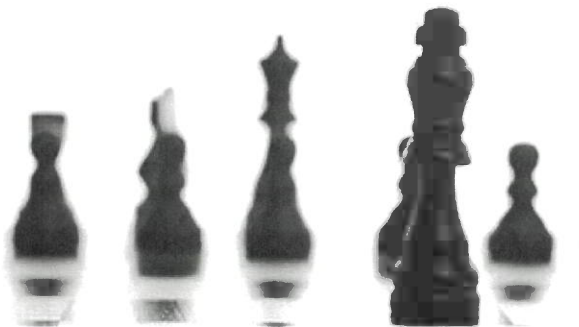
In our reading lessons, we have practiced echo reading, thinking about the expressions and tone in the text. We are learning how to text mark and being able to acknowledge the different pitch and punctuation when reading aloud.

Year 6



This week, in Year 6, we have been reading Skellig - a thrilling novel that has captured the imagination of the children. They have created some fantastic descriptive writing and have really enjoyed the reading opportunities they have had this week. In Maths, we have been tackling place value and decimals. We have begun our unit of work on Geography, where we have used maps to navigate our local area. We enjoyed finishing off our week with our walk around our local area to see how the land use has changed. We were intrigued to see how the allotments had been opened and what work the local residents do here. In P.E, we have been continuing to learn about a favourite sport – Dodgeball. They have shown great resilience and respect this week.

Chess Club Year 5 & 6



If your child is in Year 5 or Year 6, there is the opportunity to join a chess club on Thursday lunchtime starting from Thursday 3rd October. If they are interested, all they need to do is go to The Den at

lunchtime on Thursday 3rd October and some of the children who are running the club will be there and ready with sign-up sheets.

FOGs Fireworks Event Save the Date



Save the date - FOG's fantastic fireworks event will be held this year on Thursday 5th November. More details to follow.

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SWINDON FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: GRANGE LEISURE CENTRE
GRANGE DRIVE, SWINDON, SN3 4JY
STARTING: FRIDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Fridays:	Group 1: Reception, Year 1 & 2	4.00pm-5.00pm
	Group 2: Year 3	5.00pm-6.00pm
	Group 3: Year 4 & 5	6.00pm-7.00pm
	Group 4: Year 6 & 7	7.00pm-8.00pm

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last 21 years, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2024. The course will run for approximately 12 weeks and the programme is for boys and girls aged between 4 and 12.

About our Course

- The unique practice techniques are specifically designed to work with children of all abilities, ranging from the absolute beginner to the more advanced player.
- The course is run by 18 qualified coaches, who are DBS checked and hold an advanced premier skills qualification. They are currently working with children, enabling them to learn essential soccer techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient **FUN!**
- Children will be supervised at all times, although parents are welcome to stay and watch.
- Each child will be provided with a football for individual practice and their progress will be recorded each week.
- It is an **indoor** course held in the sports hall, therefore children may wear trainers and sportswear.
- Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes: "I've coached on these courses with the best and they are fantastic. In the way they deliver their coaching sessions!"
- Ex England World Cup star and Sky Sports pundit Paul Merson** quotes: "I have presented trophies to the children on these courses and it's great to see the smiles on their faces and sense of achievement!"

Presentation of trophies and award

- On the final week of the course we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY**.
- Children also have a chance to win many other special individual awards and trophies for various skills, including 'premier league' and 'penalty shoot out' competitions.
- Parents and friends are most welcome to attend the presentation and watch the children being presented with their awards, as this encourages a fantastic atmosphere.

The cost of the course is £8 per week, payment is made in 2 single instalments, with the first payment of £48 for the first 6 weeks due on week 1. (Second payment will not be due until week 7 which will cover the second half of the course)
Please Note: With a high response expected and limited places available, bookings will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis. **Mark Frith** (course co-ordinator) www.pricerewindon.co.uk

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

GRANGE + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)
and receive confirmation by text to:
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SHOWCASING OUR FACILITIES

OPEN DAY

ON

SUNDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER



**10AM
- 4PM**

Children's activities
Fitness taster sessions
Cafe • Swimming sessions
Membership Special Offers

PLUS NEW PickleBall taster sessions



Open Evening

Thursday 26th September
5:00-7:00pm



- Meet the Kingsdown Team
- Headteacher presentations
17:00 & 18:00
- For Years 4, 5 and 6
students
- No booking required

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