



Grange Junior School

Round Up Term 1 – Issue 2 – 2023

Termly Value - RESPECT

Year 3

In year 3 we have been writing about the book 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. We have been writing compound sentences using coordinating conjunctions and, but, so and or. In guided reading we have been comparing the books 'Someone Swallowed Stanley' and 'Flotsam' looking at their similarities and differences. In maths we have been learning about 100s, 10s and 1s and their place value. We have recognised and represented 3-digit numbers on a number line and have written 3-digit numbers in words. In art we have been practicing mark making and shading. We discovered that 'a line is a dot that has been taken for a walk'. In our multi-sports PE lesson we practiced the skills agility, co-ordination and balance.

Year 4

We have had a busy, first full week including tests! Well done Y4s for completing them. In Maths, we have been looking at number lines and have been learning to plot 4 digit numbers on scales going up in 1000s, 100s and 10s. In reading and writing we have used drama and freeze framing to tell the story of different fairy tales and to imagine a character's emotions and thinking. Our text is Wolves in the Walls which we are writing about using compound sentences and conjunctions. In Computers we are learning about the internet and how we can search safely. In Art we have started our look at drawing and experimenting with shading and other techniques. We look forward to seeing your artistic talents develop Y4.

Year 6

We have had a super week in Year 6 this week. The children have worked really hard in our new unit of writing based on 'The Viking Boy by Tony Bradman.' We have been exploring vocabulary choices to create a dramatic setting that creates atmosphere. We explored the different writing techniques we could use, e.g. similes, personification and metaphors. The children have really impressed us with their descriptions. In art, we have begun our unit of work on Self-Portraits. The children have built upon their prior learning and will be using an artist as a stimulus throughout our sequence of lessons. We have thoroughly enjoyed Dodgeball this week and the children are developing great team work skills and modelling our value of the term – 'Respect.'

Year 5

We have had a very busy first full week back! In writing, we have been looking at expanded noun phrases with prepositional phrases and very much enjoyed using this skill to create a Holiday Let advert as well as a character description of Jub (based on The Lost Happy Endings picture book). In Maths, we have started exploring 6-digit numbers. We also enjoyed practising our Year Group Song, the Circle of Life from The Lion King. In addition to Music, Laurel class had their first clarinet lesson, led by Mr Yorke from Swindon Music Services. In Science, we created a story board to show our understanding of the process of pollination. We were very excited to start our first Art Unit and explored different hardness of sketching pencils to make marks. We finished the week with a short Year Group Assembly.

PE DAYS – TERM 1

Please see below information for your child's PE days for Term 1.

**** Please see below amendment for Year 5 for the PE Days for this term – effective from Monday 18th Sept.**

Year 3 – Monday and Wednesday

Year 4 – Monday and Tuesday

Year 5 - **Tuesday** and **Thursday**

Year 6 - Wednesday and Thursday

ATTENDANCE

When reporting your child's absence, we are required to note a reason for their absence such as cold, sickness, headache etc. If a message is left indicating the child is 'unwell' this is not sufficient enough for our records, and we will need to contact again to confirm the specific reason for absence. We do not like to disturb you when we know your child is unwell. When reporting your child's absence please ensure that a specific reason is given. Thank you. Please can all calls regarding your child's absence be made to the school office by 8:25am each day they are off.

MEET AND GREET

Thank you to all those parents who were able to meet the teachers and see the classroom at the start of term, we look forward to welcoming you back into school in the future.

DINNER BOOKINGS

We are aware that currently we have an ongoing issue with ParentPay our online booking system effecting some parents. If you have any problems accessing or booking, please do not hesitate to contact the school office (01793 822405) who will be happy to help.

SCHOOL READING VOLUNTEERS

Grange Junior School are looking for parent helpers to hear the children read in school. Reading is an important part of our curriculum. If you are able to offer any time to hear the children read, we would love to hear from you. You can make a real difference! Please contact the school office for more information.

PARKING REMINDER

Please can we ask that you park considerately in the surrounding streets to the school as we have already recieved a few complaints from local residents who have had cars parked blocking their driveways. Parents and carers are also able to use the Leisure center car park during drop off and pick up.

TA FREE RUN CLUBS

There are still spaces available on most of the clubs after school on Tuesdays. If you would like to book your child a space on one of these please contact the school office either via phone (01793 822405) or email admin@grange-jun.swindon.sch.uk by 4pm on Monday 18th September.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge is an educational competition held annually in public libraries in the UK, organised by The Reading Agency. At Grange Junior School, we had a number of children who took part in this challenge. Congratulations to:

- Harvey (Hazel Class)
- Barney (Spruce Class)
- Dolcie (Laurel Class)
- Mia-Lily (Willow Class)
- Hanna (Sycamore Class)



CALLING ALL DOODELRS AND DESIGNERS

It's competition time!!!! [#wiltshirepolice](#) and the [#wiltshireandswindonpcc](#) will be running a month-long design a logo competition during the month of Sept 2023!

We WANT young people aged 5 – 18, to design a LOGO for our Check It Out website: <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/check-it-out/CIO-Introduction>

Have you got super doodle powers to create a logo? Or just love drawing, colouring or painting, whatever you like to do – please send us in your logo design ideas, for our Check It Out Website.

1st place prize is a £50 Lifestyle Voucher

1st runner up - £25 voucher Amazon Voucher

2nd runner up - £25 voucher One4All Voucher

How to Apply:

Once you have designed and completed your logo, email your entry to: SwindonYouth@wiltshire.police.uk Entries after 31/08/2023 will not be counted. You must be aged 5 – 18 to take part in the competition. To collect your prize, you may be asked to verify your age.

Once all entries are in, the winner will be chosen by our Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Commission Group. Winner announced in Sept 2023.

Good luck and we can't wait to see the artwork of young people, in Swindon and Wiltshire!



SWINDON FOOTBALL COACHING COURSE



AT: DORCAN RECREATION COMPLEX

ST PAUL'S DRIVE, SWINDON, SN3 5DA

STARTING: THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Thursdays:

Group 1 : Reception, Year 1 & 2	= 5.00pm-6.00pm	(Indoors in the sports hall)
Group 2 : Year 3 & 4	= 6.00pm-7.00pm	(Indoors in the sports hall)
Group 3 : Year 5, 6 & 7	= 7.00pm-8.00pm	(Outdoors on 3G astroturf pitch)

OR

AT: GRANGE LEISURE CENTRE

GRANGE DRIVE, SWINDON, SN3 4JY

STARTING: FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023

Fridays:

Group 1 : Reception, Year 1 & 2	= 4.00pm-5.00pm	(Indoors in the sports hall)
Group 2 : Year 3	= 5.00pm-6.00pm	(Indoors in the sports hall)
Group 3 : Year 4 & 5	= 6.00pm-7.00pm	(Indoors in the sports hall)
Group 4 : Year 6 & 7	= 7.00pm-8.00pm	(Indoors in the sports hall)

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to inform you that, due to the huge success of our football courses over the last **22 years**, we are following up the football coaching programme for the season starting in September 2023. 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 **F.A 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. (Please note: group 3 at Dorcan is always **outdoors** on the 3G pitch).
- **Ex Premier League Birmingham City, West Bromwich Albion and Fulham player Geoff Horsfield** quotes, "I've coached on these courses with the team 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 £7.50 per week; payment is made in 2 simple instalments, with the first payment of £45 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:** Places are limited, therefore bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis.

TO RESERVE PLACES PLEASE TEXT:

**DORCAN THURSDAYS + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2 or 3) OR
GRANGE FRIDAYS + CHILD'S NAME + AGE + GROUP NO. (1, 2, 3 or 4)**

and receive confirmation by text to: **07827 322780**