



Grange Junior School

Round Up Term 1 – Issue 5 – 2023

Termly Value - RESPECT

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been deepening their understanding of forces and magnets. We have looked at a variety of coins and then investigated which are magnetic.

In Writing, we have started looking at our new book '*Stella and the Seagull*'. We have used this text as inspiration for writing sentences in the past progressive tense!

In History, we have looked at primary and secondary sources. We then compared the Stone Age to the Iron Age and completed a Venn diagram showing similarities and differences between these time periods.

Year 4

In Maths, we have been learning to round 3 and 4-digit numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000, whilst chanting our x3 times table. Keep using your TTRS to practice!

In reading and writing we have been looking at the features of a diary, as well as celebrating Black History Month with some poetry reading.

In Science we have been testing chocolate melting points at different temperatures and hopefully remembering our understanding of particles!

In PE we have continued our Gymnastics with our school coach, as well as learning skills and tactics of Dodgeball. We look forward to seeing your sporting talents develop this year Y4.

Year 6

This week, we have celebrated National Poetry Day through Black History Month. We have explored a poem called 'No Stuff by Eloise Goldsmith' – a poem inspired by the life of Harriet Tubman. Year 6 have really impressed us with the knowledge they have retained about how Harriet Tubman led hundreds of enslaved people to freedom before the American Civil War in 1861. The children have gone on to write exceptional poems which capture the power of freedom from slavery. We culminated the day by hosting our own poetry slam in school. Well done to those children who took part! In Computing, we explored how we can work collaboratively to make a joint PowerPoint presentation. The children were astonished at how fantastic this tool is and could see the benefits to them as they get older.

Year 5

This week in year 5 we have been polishing our skills in writing in the past tense and produced an eye-witness account and missing persons poster for the disappearance of our main character, Rhodopis. For National Poetry Day we have produced outstanding poems based on our Black History Month figure, Harriet Tubman whose life we have studied this week. We have discussed the harshness of slavery and the importance of freedom both then and now. We are very proud of our year 5s.

We have been perfecting our singing skills on The Circle of Life by *The Lion King* in music this week and look forward to performing it to the school soon.

HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS

We will be collecting donations of non perishable food items for Swindon Food Bank. If you would like to donate any items please send these into school between Tues 10th October and Wednesday 18th October. The food bank have requested if possible the following items -

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea; Small Bags of Sugar; Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants

PLEASE NOTE: they have plentiful supplies of pasta, baked beans and shower gel so none are needed.

As always your support in this is greatly appreciated.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

An email has been sent today Fri 6th Oct with our 'Communication plan' for the school.

If you would like a paper copy of this please contact the school office.

TD DAY REMINDER

Reminder to all parents that school is closed on Monday 9th October for a TD day. School will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 10th October.

HALLOWEEN COMPETITION

FOGS with Richard James are running a Halloween art competition to create your best haunted house picture. Children were sent home with a paper copy of this earlier in the week. If they wish to enter the competition all entries need to be returned to school by Monday 16th October as Richard James will be collecting the entries to pick winners which will be announced at a later date.

YEAR 6 - SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS REMINDER

If your child is now in Year 6 and you have not already done so, it is now time to apply for their secondary school place for September 2024. You will need to apply online -

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/424/secondary_school_places_and_admissions

The deadline for applications is the 31st October 2023 to apply for their place.

BOYS FOOTBALL MATCH REPORT

Grange Juniors played their first match of the season away against Southfield. It was a glorious, sunny day and an enjoyable game to watch but sadly, against an impressive opposition, Grange lost 3-0 in the cup. However well done to the team for their efforts and resilience, and especially Samuel for a Player of the Match performance. Thanks to all the parents for supporting and sorting travel.



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.



OPEN DAYS



YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO VISIT OUR INFANT SCHOOL ON:

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AND **THURSDAY 5TH October**

THESE DATES ARE FOR MORNINGS ONLY AND SLOTS AVAILABLE ARE:

9.30am – 10.15 am

10.30am – 11.15 am

TUESDAY 10TH OCTOBER AND **TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER**

THESE DATES ARE FOR AFTERNOONS ONLY AND SLOTS AVAILABLE ARE:

1.15 – 2.00 pm

2.00 – 2.45 pm

FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024

Our recent Ofsted inspection (June 2023) rated the school 'GOOD' in every category stating that:

'Grange Infants' is a welcoming and friendly school. Leaders and staff ensure that pupils follow the school's motto of 'don't just fly, soar!'. As a result, pupils enjoy coming to school. They talk confidently about their learning and the activities they enjoy. Across the school, the environment is calm and productive. Pupils feel safe. They value the positive relationships they have with staff. Leaders have high expectations for all pupils and have created an ambitious curriculum.'

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON 01793 822357/ admin@grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk

Applications for school places are made to the Swindon School Admissions Team:

https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20071/school_places_and_admissions/427/primary_school_places_and_admissions/3

The deadline for September 2024 applications is January 2024.

Visit our school website for more information at <https://grange-inf.swindon.sch.uk/about/admissions>

Come and
join us for:



At St Margaret's Centre

(Kenwin Close, off Ermin street, Stratton St. Margaret)

Saturday 14th October

@ 4pm

The Good Shepherd



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