



# Grange Junior School

## Round Up Term 2 – Issue 4 – 2023

### Termly Value - Bravery

#### Year 3

This week in science, we have been looking at how our bodies move using our skeleton and muscles. We have looked at joints, particularly the elbow joint. We now know that muscles can only pull, they cannot push. Using a model of the arm, we looked at how the biceps and triceps work together by contracting and relaxing, making the arm move!

In maths, we have been using what we know to help us add. For example, if we know that  $2 + 4 = 6$  then we know that  $200 + 400 = 600$ . We also used our rounding and compensating method to add 99 as we realised it is easier to add 100 and then take away 1!

#### Year 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning about rounding and compensating in maths using number lines. We have also been practising our times tables every day as our afternoon task.

In writing, we have been learning about when to use paragraphs and cause and effect conjunctions.

In reading, we have been feature spotting alliteration, power of three and persuasive sentence starters in letters to prepare us for our next big write.

The children have been enjoying learning about road safety this week too!

#### Year 6

This week, Year 6 have shown great resilience in maths. They have been classifying 2D shapes based on their properties and have then gone on to construct 2D shapes using protractors and compasses. They have worked hard to make connections between aspects of their prior learning. In Geography, we have been learning about trade and the children have explored the profit some companies make on the items they trade. They populated this into a graph and a table to make comparisons. In Science, we have enjoyed making our own working kaleidoscopes by applying our knowledge of reflection of light. To support in the consolidation of their learning, Year 6 have come home with their new homework books this week. They have been set a reading activity to complete. We look forward to seeing how they get on.

#### Year 5

This week Year 5 have enjoyed practically investigating reversible and irreversible changes in science. They have completed two investigations: 1) What substance is produced when you mix vinegar and milk 2) Creating a gas to inflate balloons when mixing a liquid -vinegar and a solid - bicarbonate of soda.

In Geography we have continued our topic of sustainability by looking at how the German city of Freiburg became a sustainable city with a carbon neutral football stadium. In Mathematics the students are multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 including decimals. In English our focus is still the book Wonder, our writing task will be to write a persuasive letter.

## **EARLIER CLOSING - LAST DAY OF TERM 19<sup>TH</sup> DEC**

Just to advise Grange Junior school will be closing at the earlier time of 1:30pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas holidays. We will return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

## **VALUE BUTTONS**

At the end of last year we discussed our use of value buttons with all the children in school during PSHE and assembly. It was decided that we would start afresh each year with earning buttons. The children are of course allowed to keep the buttons they have previously earned. We are keen to ensure that these are seen as a key achievement now that the values are embedded across the school. As a parent, if you feel you would like to share with us information that can support a child earning a button please continue to do so by emailing the school. Value buttons will continue to be awarded in our celebration assembly at the end of each term.

## **GIRLS FOOTBALL**

We are extremely proud of the girl's who represented Grange yesterday at the football tournament. They showed amazing teamwork and resilience throughout the afternoon. The girls won all their matches apart from one draw. We are super excited that Grange get to represent Swindon at the Wiltshire cup.



## **CHRISTMAS DINNER**

If you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December, please book your food choice online via ParentPay. This will need to be done by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December to secure their dinner booking.

## CATERLINK

To assist us in improving our service of catering in school we would value the opportunity to survey pupils and parents at school regarding our provision. Please follow the link below to take part in this survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/G9VWNSR>

We will provide feedback to schools once the results have been analysed.

Please complete the survey by 30<sup>th</sup> November and we thank you in advance for your time in completing this survey.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET - FOGS

FOGS are hosting our ever-popular Christmas Market event which has magically been renamed 'Elfridges' on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We offer the children a chance during the school day to come and shop for their nearest and dearest (or themselves!). It's a wonderful event and it's so lovely to watch the children carefully and thoughtfully choose their gifts and embrace the Christmas spirit! Gifts at Elfridge's will range from 50p - £3. You will be able to purchase vouchers in different denominations and these will be printed off for the children to use as payment on the day, like they have real money! Vouchers are available NOW via the below link -

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofgrangeschools/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=71495>

If you would like your child to participate, vouchers will need to be purchased by midnight on the 30<sup>th</sup> November

## HARVEST FOOD DONATIONS

Swindon Food Collective have been in contact with us to pass on a big 'THANK YOU' to all who supported the Harvest collection this year. In total a hugely impressive 11,641.30kg was donated and will help greatly to support people in Swindon and surrounding areas who are in food crisis. Thank you for all your kindness and generosity to all who donated.



**THANK YOU  
TO ALL SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES**

**WHO PARTICIPATED IN HARVEST 2023**

**11.64 Tonnes Was Donated.**

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# THANK YOU

YOUR POPPY SUPPORTS THE ARMED FORCES  
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To: GRANGE SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal.

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Christmas: 18th to 22nd Dec 23  
**18th & 19th - Holy Family Primary School**  
20th - 22nd Dec 23 - Mountford Manor  
February: 12th to 16th Feb 24  
Easter: 2nd - 12th April 24  
Whitsun: 28th - 31st May 24

Age: 5- 11      08:45-16:15      £20.99 Per Day

## PLEASE BRING

Plenty of water  
Suitable clothing  
Loads of energy!

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

These camps are a perfect blend of activities for all ages, combining different sports with a variety of team games.

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from roller skating to fencing, lacrosse to cheer.

Book now for a half-term full of fun!



# Big and Small Market

**Nearly-New Baby and Children's Sale**

**Sat 25th November  
1pm-3pm  
Grange Leisure  
Centre**

**STALLS AVAILABLE !**

Pre loved stalls £11  
Business stalls £18  
Entertainment stalls £10

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