



# Grange Junior School

## Round Up Term 3 – Issue 2 – 2023

### Termly Value – Aspiration

#### Year 3

This week in year 3 we have had an exciting science lesson where we looked at different types of rocks. We carried out an investigation to see if they were, durable, hard or soft, permeable and checked their density.

In English, we have learnt about prepositions and adverbials of time ready for next weeks write when we will be writing an alternative ending.

In computing we have explored the programming app Scratch and started inputting different codes to make our sprites move. We have also looked at changing our sprite characters, background and added sounds.

Look for our letter about our school trip to Stonehenge.

#### Year 4

Year 4 have had an exciting week. We started the week by going on a school trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester where we learnt all about the Romans. We had the opportunity to look at real life mosaics as well as play Roman games and look at pottery. We had a look at all the different artifacts, and it was such an amazing day.

We have also focused on times tables in maths. We have looked at the 11 and 12 times table and have been practicing more for the times tables check.

#### Year 6

We are incredibly proud of Year 6 this week. They have worked super hard to complete some practice assessments and have shown fantastic resilience and aspiration (our value of the term!) They have shown how much they have learnt this academic year and I speak on behalf of all the staff who have been proud of the children's determination to succeed. Well done Year 6! In English, this week, we have been developing our creativity. From our book for this term, *The Viewer*, we have taken the main character Tristain and we have explored how he might respond to other characters through our use of dialogue. We have also applied our knowledge of figurative language to integrate setting descriptions into our writing. In PE, this term, our first unit is football. The children have enjoyed demonstrating their skills and embraced the chance to play competitive sport.

#### Year 5

This week in year 5, we have been developing our Maths skills through practicing and mastering long multiplication. The year 5 team are very proud of how each child has persevered with this skill, well done.

In English, we have learnt how to use non-defining relative clauses and used this skill to produce detailed 'Wanted' posters for the alien character from our class book, *The Kid Who Came From Space*.

We have investigated which events of the Victorian period still have an impact on life today during our History lessons. We are very much looking forward to experiencing life in a Victorian school next week and learning how it is different to our school life at Grange.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

If your child is due to start a primary or junior school in 2024, make sure to submit their school application form, listing your top three preferred schools before the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Remember to place for first choice at the top.

You need to apply for a transfer to a junior school even if your child currently attends an infant school. Your child doesn't automatically qualify for a school place if they attend the related infant school.

Please find out more information by clicking on the link below.

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## PE DAYS TERM 3

Please see the PE days for Term 3 below starting W/C Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Reminder that children are to come to school in their PE kit on these days:

**Year 3** – Monday and Wednesday

**Year 4** - Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 5** – Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 6** – Monday and Wednesday

## GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January Grange Junior girls football team represented Swindon in a tournament in Devizes. We are very proud of the girls making it to the semi-finals where we achieved 3rd place after a nail biting penalty shoot-out. Our school can officially say we have the 3rd best girls football team in Wiltshire! Such an achievement! A big thank you to all the parents who stayed and supported.



## **ATTENDANCE**

Reminder that school starts at 8.25am daily and this is the time we would expect children to be coming through the school gates. It has been noted that some of the children are playing football on the basketball courts until just before the gates close and then coming in late. When you see the school gates open, please come straight into school and do not continue playing football as this was becoming a problem towards the end of last term causing late gate closures.

Please can we also remind parents that if your child is off school unwell, it is the parent responsibility to phone the school office (01793 822405) and leave a message on the absence line by 8:25am with your child's name and reason for their absence e.g. headache, high temperature.

## **SCHOOL READING VOLUNTEER**

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.

## **ARBOR PARENT PORTAL**

Thank you to all those parents who have followed the email link sent earlier this week and successfully set up the Arbor app.

Please make sure when you have downloaded the app that you have got all notifications turned on for the app, this will ensure that you receive all live and important communications from the school as this will be our means of communication going forward.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school office (01793 822405) if you are having any problems getting set up on Arbor.



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## We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Arbor App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0; iOS 10.0 and upwards).

## How to get started

1. Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
2. Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
3. Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
4. Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
5. Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
6. Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

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W10 5BN, London, GBR

Enter your password

Log in

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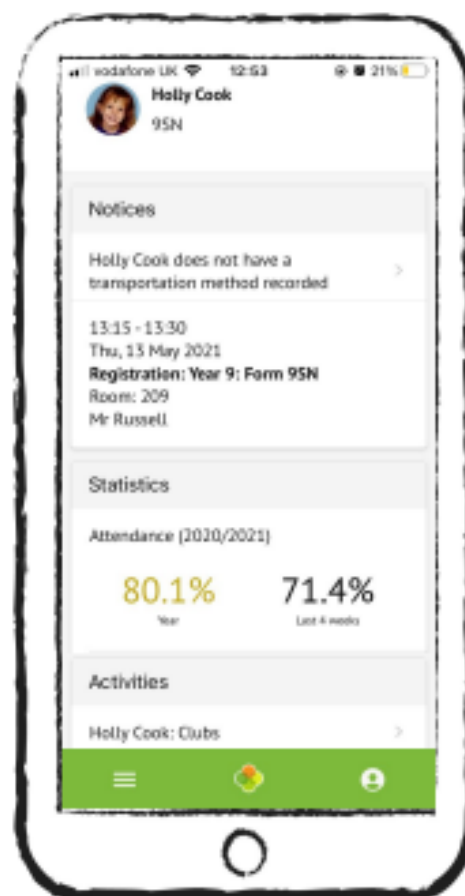
## Need help using Arbor?

**Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal.** Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

### Some tips to try:

1. Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
2. **Reset your password** from the login page, or ask us to do this.
3. If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
4. Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
5. **Enter the birthday** of one of your children to log in.
6. Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.



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