



# Grange Junior School

## Round Up Term 3 – Issue 6 – 2023

### Termly Value – Aspiration

#### Year 3

Year 3 have had a great end to Term 3. We have finished our non-chronological report all about Dragons making sure we are using the skills possessive apostrophes, expanded noun phrases with adverbs.

Yesterday, we took part in an online science talk about the senses. We got to experiment with how certain parts of our bodies process light, smell, touch and sight.

We also went to the art room to make calming, glitter bottles for children's mental health week.

We are looking forward to Term 4 and reading our new book Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig.

#### Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic final week in term 3! We took part in internet safety day and attended a live lesson from the BBC about artificial intelligence. We had a dinosaur bones workshop online from the Festival of Tomorrow. We had an electricity workshop in person which was amazing! They also had children's mental health week where we discussed the importance of mental health and made some glitter calm down bottles.

On top of all this, we did our final expressionism paintings in art, made some fabulous repeated shapes in our programming lessons and completed our fitness modules in PE – phew!

#### Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in an online science workshop this week based on Evolution and Inheritance. It was great to see the children so engaged with an interactive session learning how DNA is responsible for variations. The children enjoyed playing a game which led to them designing an adapted camel and considering what habitat it could survive in. On Tuesday, we enjoyed our Safer Internet Day activities. We were shocked when we learnt about the age limits on some of the apps we know about, especially WhatsApp that has an age restriction of 16+. This week, in art, we created our own landscape pictures in the style of David Hockney. The children have shown exceptional sketching and painting skills and we can't wait to get their work on display. We wish everybody a wonderful half term.

#### Year 5

This week, for Internet Safety Day, Year 5 looked at the changes in technology, including how music technology has evolved from the record player through to the Walkman and onto the iPod. We especially enjoyed seeing how gaming has changed over the years and hearing stories from our parents and teachers on what the games used to be like! We also looked at tips on how to stay safe online as well as the age restrictions on some games and social media sites. In our writing sessions, we completed our non-chronological piece on an imaginary alien species and we enjoyed setting it out in a creative way.

## WHITE HORSE FEDERATION CEO UPDATE

Paul Smith (CEO of The White Horse Federation Trust) will be standing down as our Chief Executive.

Under Paul Smith's leadership, the Trust has made great progress with the delivery of a powerful new strategy dedicated to enabling every pupil to fulfil their full potential and the establishment of a strong and effective central team focused on supporting all our schools. During Paul's tenure over the last 18 months, the Trust has opened an Associate College of the National Institute of Teaching; been appointed an attendance hub by the Department for Education; and overseen 18 positive Ofsted inspections.

To ensure stability for our staff and pupils and seamless continuity for the ongoing improvements, the Board has appointed Simon Cowley (Director of Primary) and Daniel Smith (Director of Secondary) as interim Co-CEOs to lead the Trust whilst a comprehensive search for a new CEO is carried out.

## STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to Mrs Myatt who has supported a number of children over the years both in the classroom and as part of our pastoral team. She will be greatly missed and we wish you good luck in your new role.

## TD DAY REMINDER

Reminder that Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February is a TD day and school is not open. Children return to school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February after the half term break.

## DINNER BOOKINGS

If you wish your child to have a hot school dinner these are now available to book in for Term 4 via ParentPay. Reminder that all bookings need to be made by the Tuesday for the following week's menu. If you wish your child to have dinners on their first week back after the half term break please make sure these are booked by the end of day **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**.

## PARENT TO TEACHER COMMUNICATION

If you have a concern or something you wish to discuss with a teacher or a member of our staff, this of course can be arranged by either contacting the school by either email or phone first, so that we can assist you in arranging an appointment. As I'm sure you can appreciate most of our staff will be with children teaching and therefore are not able to attend non-planned meeting requests. If parents need to speak to their child's class teacher after school, can we please kindly remind parents to wait for the teacher to dismiss all the children at the end of the day, so that you can then speak with your child's teacher.

## ARBOR IN-APP MESSAGE

Thank you to all those who are now signed up to Arbor and receiving in-App messages. This will become our main communication method alongside emails being sent via Arbor too. Can we please kindly ask that you do not reply to any in-App messages sent and if you have


any questions about any of the messages to contact the school directly. Your understanding is appreciated in this matter.

## CLUBS



Clubs for Term 3 have now ended. During the first week of Term 4 communication will be sent to parents regarding the clubs running and on what days.

All clubs are free of charge and will be bookable via ParentPay. Reminder that you will need to re-book your child onto a club even if they attended this club in Term 3, as the club bookings are available each term to all children to ensure all children have an equal chance at attending a club.

No clubs will run on the first week back after half term.



# We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App

**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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Enter your password

Log In

Forgotten password?

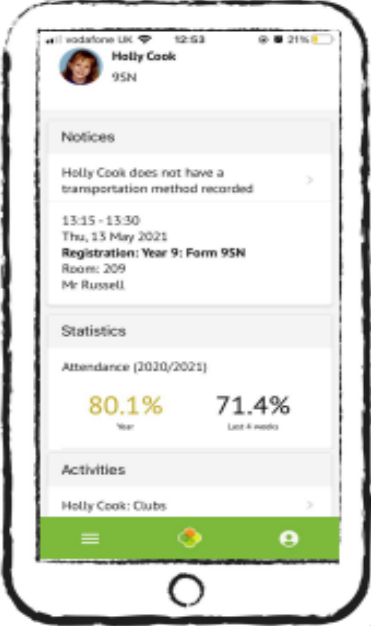
### Need help using Arbor?

**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.





Come and  
join us for:

Activities

Songs

Food

**Messy**

Crafts

Games

Stories

# SATURDAY SCENE

At St Margaret's Centre

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

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February

@ 4pm

**Messy**  
CHURCH

I am the  
**True**  
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