

# **Grange Junior School** Round Up Term 6 – Issue 5 – 2023

### Year 3

Year 3 really enjoyed watching the year 6 production of 'Peter Pan' this week. We were exceptionally impressed by their acting and singing skills.

In Maths we have been learning about angles and turns. We have learnt that there are 90 degrees in a right angle (quarter turn) and applied this knowledge to half, three-quarters and a full turn.

In English we have been learning about the subordinating conjunctions: as, if, when, while and until. We have written them in sentences about the different chapters we have read from 'The Iron Man'. Today, we have planned our eye witness report ready to start writing on Monday.

#### Year 6

Year 6 have been absolutely amazing this week – we are all really proud of ourselves and each other! We have completed three performances of our production 'Peter Pan' to our families who all really enjoyed it. Everyone was so brave, especially those who sang solos on stage. We all worked very hard and our efforts have paid off hugely!

We are now looking ahead to next week when we are going on residential to Devon or completing an exciting project in school!

### Year 4

Year 4 have had a brilliant week this week. We have thoroughly enjoyed our activities week. We began the week with a session of Commando Joes. The children worked in classes and house teams to complete a range of challenges based around Ernest Shackleton. They showed our school values brilliantly: support, reflection, resilience and bravery. In the afternoon, they completed an orienteering activity, parachute games and capture the flag. On Tuesday, we spent the day at Jungle Parc. The children overcome fears and were incredibly supportive of each other. Their behaviour was impeccable and the staff commented on how wonderful the children were. On Wednesday, we completed an exercise-based science investigation to see what happened to our heart rate after exercise. We culminated the week with a visit to Rockstar Climbing. We are so proud of Year 4 this week. Keep it up!

#### Year 5

At the start of the week, year 5 thoroughly enjoyed watching the year 6 production which we used as an inspiration in our own performances in writing this week. Within this, we have been focusing on our oral skills, starting first by discussing how a play is different to a news report, then practising and performing our own play with amazing acting shown!

In Maths, we have finished our Geometry module, successfully completing problem solving skills as part of our summary lesson.

Year 5 have also created their final art piece, a layered print of the skyline of Swindon: these have been detailed and accurate, showing the resilience and aspiration the year group had to creating them. Well done!

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR GOVERNORS: CELEBRATING SUCCESSES

Further to Mrs Gordon's letter this week, which shared the results of our recent OFSTED inspection, I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate this huge success with you all and to say some thank you's on behalf of the local governing body.

Our school has been on quite a journey since our last OFSTED report in 2018. We joined the White Horse Federation in March 2019 after we had explored opportunities with several Multi Academy Trusts. The governors at the time placed their trust in the Federation to work with the school to make the improvements that were needed. I have seen at first hand the support and guidance we receive as a member of the Federation and I would like to thank both its current and previous CEO as well as Simon Cowley (Primary Director) and the school improvement team for all of their work with Grange Juniors.

The outcome of our OFSTED inspection was a real team effort, from our senior leadership team, teachers, TAs, office staff, site manager, cleaners, volunteers - everyone played their part. The governors would like to thank all of them for their dedication to our school and the children. We would also like to add special thanks to Mrs Gordon under whose leadership we have really supercharged our school development work this year. Her focus and dedication to achieve the best for our children is infectious and we look forward to working with her and her team next year to see what's next for Grange Junior School.

Kate Westbrook Chair of Governors

## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

Congratulations to Year 6 on an incredible performance over the last week of Peter Pan which has been thoroughly enjoyed by all who have come along to watch and support. All that hard work rehearsing and practising has paid off! Well done Year 6!

### **CLUBS**

Due to a change in staffing for our Yr6 residential trip as from the week commencing Mon 10th July there will be no clubs running for the remainder of this school term.

### UNIFORM

Please be advised that our supplier for school uniform has changed to PMG Schoolwear, Address - 8 Regal Way, Faringdon, Oxon, SN7 7BX Tel: 01895 809321 Email: customerservices@pmgschoolwear.co.uk Website: www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk You can also access the details via the Grange Junior school website – <u>https://grange-jun.swindon.sch.uk/information-for-parents/school-uniforms</u>

# **CATERLINK SURVEY**

Caterlink have asked to share the following survey link with all parents in order to help improve the catering service to pupils.

This term they are are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision they provide.

If you would like to be part of this survey, please complete the survey below by the 21st July.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M67CD59

Caterlink value your feedback and would like to thank you in advance for taking part in this survey.

