



# Grange Junior School

## Round Up Term 6 – Issue 5 – 2024

### Termly Value – Reflection

#### Year 3

This week in year 3, we have focused on reading comprehension and improving our stamina and fluency when reading larger texts. In writing, we have learnt about adverbs for time and enjoyed organising and writing instructions using this skill. In Maths, we have learnt about right angles, identifying them within different shapes and recognising the number of right angles in quarter, half, three-quarter and whole turns. In science, we have continued to learn about Gerald Durrell and the importance of protecting endangered animals. We took part in the biggest live assembly online with the special guest, Paralympian Stef Reid MBE to learn about her journey of her becoming a world-wide athlete. The children really enjoyed listening to her life story and how she has overcome challenges in a positive way.

#### Year 4

It has been another busy week for year 4. In writing, we have recapped some important writing techniques which included subordinate clauses and inverted commas. We also looked at how to structure a story by writing our own alternative endings to Leon and the place between.

In French, we learned how to order an ice cream in 10 different flavours!

This week, year 4 had a really exciting workshop from some science teachers from Warneford School. They showed us how sound travels using a machine, we learned about how sound can affect the way things taste and how long it takes to hear sounds from far away! What a great experience for us!

#### Year 6

This week in year 6 we have been practicing our year 6 production. This week we have been focusing on vocal presence and transitions between scenes. We have also spent some time making props for the performance and we are very happy with how they turned out. In maths the children have been looking at BIDMAS, they have been using all of the skills taught this year to tackle tricky questions and define the correct order. The year 6 team want to give a big thank you to all of year 6 for their dedication to the production this week.

#### Year 5

This week, in year 5 we have been exploring persuasive letters in our Reading and Writing. We have discussed how our main character, Spinifex, feels towards his task of making gold. Using this, we have successfully planned our next skills write where we will be persuading Spinifex to change his job as the King's alchemist.

In Computing, year 5 have finished their coding topic on Crumble where, over a whole day, we learnt how to code a simple circuit and expanded our skills to build and code a model carousel. We were impressed at how well the children worked in teams together and showed resilience to debug their code. Well done!

## MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY – TD DAY

Reminder that school is closed to pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July due to a TD Day. School will re-open to children on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

## CATERLINK SURVEY

Our school meal provider Caterlink are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision they provide. Caterlink would like to invite Parents/Guardians to be part of this survey. The survey will close on 31st July.

Please follow the below link / QR code if you would like to take part. Many thanks for your continued support.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CN9XYWJ>



## KINGSDOWN TOURS YEAR 5

Kingsdown are holding Year 5 tours on the 17th and 19th July at 9.30am. To book a place please email [head@kingsdownschool.co.uk](mailto:head@kingsdownschool.co.uk) with the name of the student and the school they are currently attending.

## BIKE SAFETY

We are really please that so many of our pupils choose to cycle to school each day as it is a mode of transport that has multiple benefits for students health and wellbeing, as well as the environment in general. However, we have noticed an increase recently in children riding to school on their bikes without wearing a cycle helmet. We strongly advise that students wear a helmet to and from school and at all times while they are cycling.

## TWHF SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

A massive congratulations to Beatrice in YR5 who represented Grange Junior School in the TWHF Spelling Bee competition. Special guest Nick Hewer left a personal recording which was played to the children before the competition began, giving them words encouragement and congratulating each individual on their participation. Spruce class and members of our staff followed Beatrice's progress via a Teams link to watch her compete. Beatrice did absolutely amazing and came 3<sup>rd</sup> place out of all The White Horse Federation schools.

## PUPIL SHOUT OUT

A huge congratulations to Maisie in year 4. On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June she passed her 1st panel grading for Martial arts and got her red belt. She is now working towards her deputy black belt. What an achievement.

# END OF YEAR SCHOOL REPORTS

Reminder that end of year school reports will be coming home with the children on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

# SUMMER SWINDON LIBRARIES NEWSLETTER FOR FAMILIES

Please find the below link to access the newsletter from Swindon Libraries, full of information on their summer events and summer reading challenge for 2024.

<https://preview.mailerlite.com/q1d9l7n2t2>



**Swindon Library & Information Service**

**JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS AS WE LAUNCH**

**Summer Reading Challenge 2024**  
Delivered in partnership with libraries

**Marvellous Makers**

**SATURDAY 6 JULY, 10.30AM - 1.30PM**  
**SWINDON CENTRAL LIBRARY, REGENT CIRCUS**

**Our Children's Patron Steve Antony is launching the FREE celebrations!**

**Drop in any time to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, get your FREE pack, and find out about our summer of FREE activities in libraries!**

**Plus FREE:**

- Giant Bubbles Fun
- Smoothie Bike
- Story Times
- Family Crafts
- Family Games
- Community Art Creation
- Children & Adults Book Giveaway
- And more!



Bubbles photo by Dave Cox

If you can't join us for the launch, sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge at any library until 8 September. Find out about our free activities at [bit.ly/SwindonSBC](https://bit.ly/SwindonSBC) or scan QR code:

