



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the year at Grange and lots of exciting events have already taken place! Last Friday, we held a poetry slam to celebrate World Poetry Day and yesterday, we took a group of year 2 children to their first sporting competition! Please take a look through our newsletter for more details of the fantastic events that have already taken place and upcoming dates for your diary.

This half term we have focused on trying to improve behaviour around the school. For this reason, we have introduced lining up stars. These stars are given out to the class who line up the best each playtime and lunchtime. Whichever class has the most stars at the end of the week receives extra playtime. We have also introduced good manners certificates, which are handed out to children who remember to show good manners around the school and are courteous. We hope that this will help everyone at Grange to be kind and polite to one another.

I am pleased that most of our children are wearing correct school uniform. However, there are still a few children who are not. Please ensure your child wears correct uniform at all times. If you are unsure of the uniform requirements or need support in purchasing any items then please speak a member of staff.

Finally, thank you for supporting your children with their learning at home. Your child is issued weekly homework and we encourage you to sit down with them to support them with this. In addition, it is important that you listen to your children read every day and record this in their reading record.

Kind regards,  
Mrs D. Smith (Headteacher)



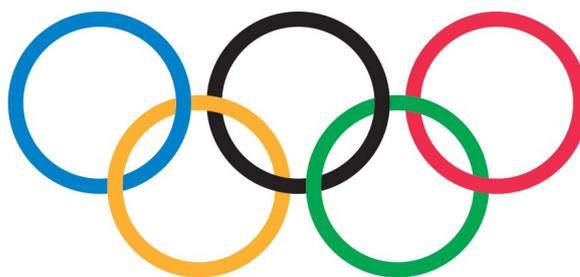
Last Friday, we held a poetry slam to celebrate World Poetry Day. Each class performed a poem and some children were selected to represent their classes by performing their own poems too. We were amazed with the quality of their performances and will be announcing the winners once votes have been counted and verified!

### Mac Millan Support

*A big thank you to all the parents/carers, children and staff who contributed to MacMillan this year. We held a successful cake sale and managed to raise £80.97 which will go towards supporting and aiding people affected by cancer. Thank you to all those who helped!*



On Thursday, a group of Year 2 children represented our school at the Key Stage 1 Mini-Olympics at Newham Leisure Centre. They competed against 13 other Newham schools and managed to place 5th overall; they also received a certificate for showing determination. We are very proud of them! We hope to be able to send lots more pupils to represent our school at sporting events, so stay posted for more competition results (and maybe even a few new trophies for our cabinet!)



## September's Attendance

| Class          | Attendance   |
|----------------|--------------|
| 1 Cedar        | 93.6%        |
| 2 Elm          | 97.4%        |
| 3 Holly        | 94.9%        |
| 4 Maple        | 94.3%        |
| 5 Oak          | 96.9%        |
| 6 Sycamore     | 94.1%        |
| <b>Overall</b> | <b>95.2%</b> |



Well done Elm Class!

Lets try out best to reach our school attendance target of 96%

## Black History Month

As you may know, October is Black History Month in the UK. We had a special assembly on Wednesday to launch Black History Month, during which, we talked about some famous black people from history, including Mary Seacole and Rosa Parks. Over the coming weeks, we will be doing some work about important people from black history.



**Diary Dates**—*Please remember to check the diary dates (changes may apply)*

**Monday 9th October**—Athletics Challenge (Year 4, 5, 6)

**Thursday 12th October**—Individual and Group School Photos

**Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October** - Cycle Confident Training (Year 4)

**Monday 23rd October—Friday 27th October**—Half Term Holiday

**Friday 10th November** - Wear Blue Day - Support Anti Bullying & raise money

**Monday 13th November - Friday 17th November** -Anti Bullying Week

## Speech and Language

This year our school is continuing to buy in extra sessions of Speech and Language Therapy from East London NHS Foundation Trust.

The Speech and language therapist, Paula Driscoll, will be in school every Wednesday. She will be working in classrooms around the school and all the children may work with her at times.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech, language or communication, she will be happy to meet with you to discuss these.

Please speak to Ms Eva to arrange an appointment.