



# Grange Primary School October Newsletter

*Growing the seeds for life long learning*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to October! We have had a really good start to the new academic year with children settling in well. It is Black History month this month and there are a range of activities taking place. We have African drumming, a dance workshop and Anansi storytelling. Children will be also learning about and celebrating the accomplishments of Black authors, poets and scientists. In addition to this a research project will be given each week for children to complete as part of their homework. It is worthwhile noting that homework club is available to those who may need extra support. On the last day of term, a celebration assembly will be held to showcase children's fantastic work. Please support by ensuring that they complete all homework set.

The appointment of the head boy and girl was a very difficult one. As part of the process each child had to fill in an application form and write a short personal statement on why they would be good for the role. All the pupils performed very well at interview but we had to make a choice. And so congratulations are in order to the head boy and girl, who are Abdul and Amina in year 6.

On another note it is lovely to see the majority of children coming to school in the correct school uniform. Uniform can be purchased from the school office, please visit the website for a reminder of what is required. **Black shoes** and not trainers **are considered as acceptable footwear**. Please note that trainers **should only be worn** for Physical Education. As the weather changes, it is important that your child comes to school suitably dressed in a rain coat/jacket.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Improving reading continues to be one of our school's key priorities, you can help by ensuring your child reads daily, either on their own or with an adult. Being able to read opens the door to a world of knowledge and opportunity. Help your child to access the curriculum by reading with them daily. If you need any support in this area, please speak to Mr Ndu-Seaba the English lead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. Mrs Smith

## Diary Dates

- Mon 2nd Oct Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents
- Mon 9th Oct Pupil photographs
- Mon 9th Oct—Fri 13th Oct Y5&Y6 Bikeability
- Fri 20th Oct Wear it pink day! & Last day of school

## PE Days

Here are the days each year group does PE. Please make sure your child brings their PE kit in.

Class	Days
Birch	Monday
Cedar	Wednesdays
Elm	Wednesdays & Thursdays
Holly	Mondays & Thursdays
Maple	Mondays
Oak	Tuesdays & Fridays
Sycamore	Tuesdays & Fridays

## Attendance

Class	Percentage
Sycamore	91.4%
Oak	93%
Maple	94.6%
Holly	97.7%
Elm	95.9%
Cedar	89.9%





## HEAD BOY AND HEAD GIRL ANNOUNCEMENT



Congratulations to Abdoul and Amina for being appointed Head Girl and Head Boy for this year! We are sure that they will relish the responsibility and be excellent role models.

Well done also to those Year 6 pupils who applied for the post but were unsuccessful. All candidates showed a maturity and dedication which was very impressive, and we will be appointing Laura & Mahir as "School Councilors", so that their talents and enthusiasm are put to good use!

### Team Captains

Nominations for School Team Captains have been announced. Mars team captain, Zaara, Mercury captain Dominyc, Neptune captain, Carla and Jupitar captain, Saffia.

### Parent Mail

If you haven't done so already please sign up to the Parentmail app, available for free from the app store (search for Iris Parentmail). If you need helping setting it up, or are not receiving notification emails from the school, please come to the school office .



### Attendance and Punctuality

Currently school attendance is at 93.8% . While this has risen from last month, there is still room for improvement. Please ensure your child comes to school on time, every day, unless they are not well enough to do so.

There is clear evidence that regular school attendance improves pupils' learning outcomes.

The school will be in contact with families of pupils who are persistently absent or late.

### Weather

As Autumn draws in, the weather is becoming increasingly cold and wet, so please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Remember to make sure your child's coat is clearly labelled!

### Food Bank at the Plaistow Seventh Day Adventist Church

If you or a family you know are struggling, the Plaistow Seventh Day Adventist Church at 97 St Antony's Rd, London E7 9QB run a food bank on Wednesdays from 9:00am.