



Grange Primary School March Newsletter

Growing the seeds for life long learning

MARCH

Dear parents/carers,

I hope you had a good half term break. There are quite a few activities taking place this half term and we would appreciate your involvement. We have events such as Parents Evening, International Women's Day (IWD) and the Book fair. The theme for IWD is *inspire inclusion* and it's all about forging inclusive places and spaces for women, and celebrating and elevating their achievements. This year our IWD celebration will take place Friday 8th March. Further details about how we intend to celebrate the day, will be made available nearer the time. In the meantime, if you would like to share your story with others on the day please contact the office and speak to Mrs Akhter.

As you are aware, Parents Evening will be taking place Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March. Please book your slot with the class teacher if you have not already done so. It is a good opportunity to look at your child's books and discuss progress made. A School Report on how well your child is doing will also be available for you to take home on the day.

World Book day will be celebrated Thursday 7th March. During the week children will be learning about different authors and have an opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character in Friday's assembly.

Ramadan is expected to begin 11th March – 9th April. We recognise that is one of the five pillars of Islam and a time of religious observance. Moreover, we ask that you adhere to our school policy on children fasting, which can be found on our school website.

Ms Bryan our Learning Mentor is available to talk to if you are worried about anything or have any concerns. She is in the playground first thing in the morning and at the end of the school day. If you are struggling with the cost of living, she is able to make a referral to the local food bank.

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to greeting you in the playground.

Mrs D Smith
Head Teacher

Diary Dates

Mon 4th/Tue 5th March—Parents Evening

Wed 6th March—Year 1&2 Mixed Football (TBC)

Fri 8th March—World Book Day
- International Women's Day

Wed 13th March— Year 3/4 Girls Sports hall Athletics (TBC)

Fri 15th March—Red Nose Day

Wed 20th March— Year 3/4 Boys Sports hall Athletics (TBC)

Thurs 21st March— Year 4 Easter Experience

Tues 26th March—Year 3/4 Easter Performance

Wed 27th March—Easter Bonnet Parade
- Year 5/6 Boys Football

Thurs 28th March—Last day of term. Early finish.

Attendance and Punctuality

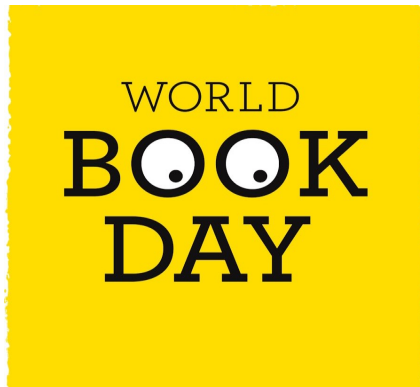
Currently school attendance is at 90.2%, which is still far from our 96% school target. Sickness absence of more than 2 days requires medical evidence to be authorised, but still counts towards the child's overall attendance percentage. **Please inform the school if your child is unwell and unable to attend.**

Class	Percentage
Sycamore	90.5
Oak	89.3
Maple	89
Holly	93
Elm	92.5
Cedar	91.7
Birch	89.1

Well done!



What's happening at Grange...



World Book Day 2024

Grange Primary will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 8th March. World Book Day is important to us because we believe that a love of books and reading can change our children's lives for the better!

We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day as it is an exciting way to represent a character from a story they love. We encourage children (if possible) to bring the book that their character is from. When thinking about dress up ideas, please use materials and props you may already have at home to make a creative costume .

Activities taking place:

Monday 4th—Wednesday 6th March

- Book related activities.

Thursday 7th March (2:30-3pm)

- Reading for pleasure with your child.

Friday 8th March

- Dress up day!
- Bring a book to swap a book.

Please note: Your child will receive a **free £1 book** token which can be redeemed at the Book Fair, your nearest bookseller to swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off ANY book costing £2.99 or more.



Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day is back on **Friday 15 March 2024!**

It's that time of year when we do something to fight poverty through humour and fun, for communities here in the UK and around the world.

On Friday 15th March get ready to **Do Something Funny for Money** as we are inviting everyone to

come to school wearing something silly or dress up in something funny and make a £1 donation.

We encourage each child to use materials and props you may already have at home to create a funny outfit or hairstyle.



**INTERNATIONAL
WOMEN'S DAY**

MARCH 8

Grange Primary will be celebrating International Women's Day on Friday 8th March at 9:15am to 10:15am. The campaign theme for International Women's Day 2024 is **Inspire Inclusion**.

When we inspire others to understand and value women's inclusion, we forge a better world. And when women themselves are inspired to be included, there's a sense of belonging, relevance, and empowerment. Come and be enlightened and empowered by our esteemed speakers.

Collectively, let's forge a more inclusive world for women.



Celebrating Easter at Grange Primary School

Year 3 & 4 will be performing an Easter Performance on 26th March. On 27th March each child will be participating in the Easter bonnet parade showcasing their creations.



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Competition News:

Boys Handball

Competition: On February 28th the Boys from our school attended a Handball Competition at Langdon. **We are proud to say we achieved 3rd Place!**



School Uniform and PE Kits

Pupils must come to school in correct school uniform every day, including smart school shoes not trainers. PE kits should be brought in for the following days:

Year 1: Monday & Wednesday

Year 2: Monday & Thursday

Year 3: Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4: Tuesday & Friday

Year 5: Wednesday (& Friday Swimming)

Year 6: Thursday & Friday

Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name.

Free School Meal Application

Please go to the following site to check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals

https://newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/Application_for_Free_School_Meals

Afterschool Club Collections

Parents/Carers please ensure that you collect your children on time at 4:20PM when Afterschool Club's have finished.

Newsletter available in other languages

Se desejar este boletim informativo em seu idioma, solicite-o na secretaria da escola.

Dacă doriți acest buletin informativ în limba dvs., vă rugăm să colectați de la biroul școlii.

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On Tuesday 5th March 2024 School Lunch Taster will be served throughout parents evening. Please come along and enjoy our delicious food. This will give you an opportunity to taste the food that we prepare everyday for your child. Check out our fresh ingredients, home-made bread and desserts to make your mouth water. Meet the team from Lunchtime Company and ask any questions you may have.

Word Search - International Women's Day

There are 15 vocabulary words for you to find hidden in the grid.



ACHIEVEMENT

EDUCATION

HOLIDAY

MARCH

STRUGGLE

PEACE

CELEBRATE

EMPOWERMENT

LEADERSHIP

CONFERENCE

GENDER EQUALITY

SUFFRAGE

LIBERTY

OPPORTUNITY

WOMEN

