

Grange Juniors News

Spring Term Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome to the Summer Term! We hope you had a restful and enjoyable break. As we enter the final term of the school year, there is much to look forward to. Children will be building on all they have achieved so far, and we are excited for the learning, events, trips, and performances ahead. We will also be preparing our older pupils for their transition to the next stage of their education, ensuring they leave us with confidence and pride in all they have accomplished. As always, we thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let's work together to make this a fantastic final term of the year!

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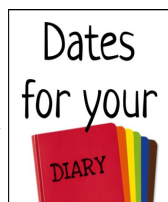
SUMMER UNIFORM

As we are starting to see the sun shining, children are now able to come to school in summer uniforms—so dig out those summer dresses and shorts! If you have any summer uniform that children have grown out of, the PTA would really appreciate any donations.

- please ensure you clearly name your child's items so that they can be identified.

DIARY DATES

- 5th May—Bank holiday
- 9th May—VE Day Street Party
- 12th-15th May—Y6 SATs
- 26th-30th May HALF TERM
- 6th June—Y6 at Imperial war museum
- 13th June—Sports Day
- 16th June—Y6 visit to CoGS
- 20th June—Sponsored fun run
- 2nd July—Parents reading afternoon
- 3rd July—Move up day—all children visit new class
- 4th July—Summer Fair



ONLINE SAFETY

As you may be aware, lots has been in the media in recent months relating to the Online Safety Act. Whilst this became law at the end of 2023, organisations were given time to bring their platforms inline with the new expectations. Many of the deadlines for this take place this month.

With so much jargon around the content of the Act and what it means in practice, it can be difficult to make sense of what is changing. With this in mind, we have collated a couple of links that will hopefully help to break down the Act and the implications for children and families.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/online-safety-act-explainer/online-safety-act-explainer>

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/what-online-safety-act-and-how-will-it-impact-children>

There are still currently a number of parents/carers who have not returned the permissions slip which will enable children to make use of google searches at school. We need these as soon as possible.





VE DAY



This year is the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe (VE Day) and we have some activities planned to commemorate. The week will include an assembly to explain to the children what VE Day is and the importance of commemorating it. Although the actual day is on 8th May we felt it more fitting that we celebrate on Friday. On **Friday 9th May**, everyone is invited to wear red, white or blue. During lunchtime we will decorate the school hall with bunting and play war-time songs and games will be played on the playground.



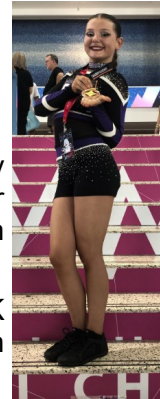
All children will be able to submit their 'bakes' on Friday. These will not be returned—they will be consumed as part of the street party, which is planned to take place on Friday afternoon.

ACHIEVEMENTS BEYOND THE SCHOOL GATES

We all enjoy hearing about what pupils have been up to outside of school—do let us know.

Annabelle in Year 6 has recently travelled to America where her cheerleading team performed in a competition.

They are the highest scoring UK team in their division placed 14th in the world. Very well done.



THEME WEEK—AROUND THE WORLD



On **19-23 May** the whole school will be involved in a 'Round the World' Week. During the week children will work in mixed age groups and will be doing lots of interesting activities. This will culminate on Friday 23rd May with an exhibition set up in the school hall, where parents are invited to come and view the pupils work from 2.45pm onwards. Also on Friday 23rd pupils can come to school in traditional dress or the colours of their special flag and will be asked to donate any food from their culture (homemade or shop brought) that can be shared with their class. We are very excited to celebrate world cultures and are sure that the children will have a fantastic week.

SPONSORED FUN RUN

On Friday **20th June** all pupils will take part in a sponsored fun run to help raise money towards play equipment. As it is a sun fun run, coloured sunglasses will be available to purchase from school for £1. There will be prizes for the pupils who raise the most money. A sponsor form will be coming home soon.

