

Grange Juniors News

Spring Term Newsletter



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Dear Parents

This half term has been a busy one with lots of events and trips to enrich the curriculum. We've had class assemblies, Valentine and Mothers Day events, as well as a half term project. and the end of this term was nicely rounded off with a long awaited Ofsted inspection.

The inspectors praised our strong commitment to providing a high-quality education for every child, acknowledging the dedication of our staff, the enthusiasm of our pupils.



I just want to take a moment to share with you how proud the children made me during the inspection. They were polite, kind and respectful. All children were watched during lessons, where they worked hard, listened carefully and showed great enthusiasm for learning. Many of the children were interviewed as part of the process. They were polite and spoke about their school with great pride. The inspectors were so impressed with their behaviour, brilliant attitudes, and the way they could speak about their learning and the school.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to our incredible staff team, our hardworking pupils, and you—our parents and carers—who continually support the school's vision and values.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break.

CHOIR

We would like to extend a 'thank you' to those members of the school choir who went to sing at an old peoples home. Miss Beasley said that the children were a delight and the residents thoroughly enjoyed listening to them sing and having a chat afterwards.



WORLD BOOK DAY

During March we celebrated World Book Day. The children participated in a range of fun reading activities, including creating egg characters, the book fair and engaging workshops lead by Simon Murray and Sonia Beldom.



World Book Day also reinforced the importance of reading for pleasure. We encouraged all pupils to explore new genres, discover new authors, and develop their own love for reading beyond the classroom.



We would like to extend a thank you to all parents and carers who supported the day, whether by helping with costumes, sharing stories at home, or fostering a love of books with their children. Your involvement makes a huge difference in inspiring a lifelong love of reading.

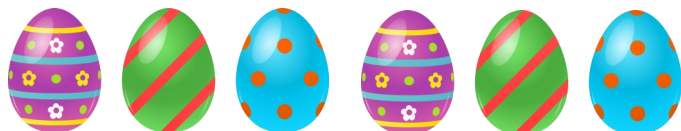


PANCAKE RACE

The school was filled with excitement when we celebrated Shrove Tuesday or 'Pancake Day' in great style with our annual pancake race. Children from all year groups enthusiastically participated, showing off their pancake-flipping skills while racing towards the finish line.

Well done to Green house who were this years winners!





EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 7-10TH APRIL AT GRANGE JUNIORS.

Through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, are offering free places for children eligible for benefits-related free school meals. These camps provide:

- Engaging activities, including sports, arts, and enrichment sessions
- A nutritious hot meal each day
- A safe and structured environment for children during the holidays.

Hampshire HAF Schemes

Good news: funding for the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme has been announced for 2025!

Children from Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can access schemes across Hampshire during the Easter school holidays at no cost.

Schemes will be open for bookings in early March - visit the connect4communities website via the link below for guidance on how to register your child(ren) for their unique HAF booking code:

HAF Programme Registration Guidance (connect4communities)

Also on offer are affordable paid places for children who are not eligible for HAF but would like to attend. Families can book HAF places by registering for a unique code from Hampshire County Council at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/>

[childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register](https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register)

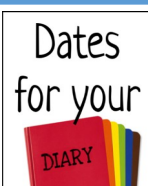
DIARY DATES

APRIL

- 22.4.25 Back to school
- 23.4.25 Class photos
- 29.4.25 Year 6 Think Safe day out
- 20.4.25 Year 3 visit to CoGS

MAY

- 5.5.25 Bank holiday school closed
- 9.5.25 VE Day street party in school
- 12-15.5.25 Year 6 SATs
- 26-30.5.25 HALF TERM



COMIC RELIEF

Thank you for your donations to the Comic Relief Fundraising day –

Friday 21st March, we raised £175

We know the children always enjoy Red Nose Day

and we love to see them dressed in red with mad hair styles.



SCHOOL TRIPS AND VISITORS

This half term has been packed with fantastic enrichment opportunities for our pupils, offering a range of experiences to enhance their learning beyond the classroom. From historical explorations to road safety and musical performances, there has been something for everyone!



Year 3 pupils stepped back in time to the Iron Age in an immersive learning experience! The hands-on activities brought history to life and deepened their understanding of the past.

Year 5 engaged in an informative Fire Safety Day, learning about fire prevention, emergency procedures, and the importance of staying safe in different situations.

Year 6 pupils took part in a vital cycle training programme, equipping them with essential road safety skills.

Our school choir had the incredible opportunity to attend a live musical performance, and the whole school participated in Safer Internet Day, focusing on the importance of online safety.

