



To Our Lovely Grange Families,

8th October 2021

Welcome to another Friday Flyer! I don't know where the time goes and I can't believe how quickly we are approaching the half term. Our wonderful Year Rs are settled in and doing so well, making new friends, exploring their fantastic learning base and already making great progress in their learning. Watching them arrive at school every morning with such confidence and huge beaming smiles, really is so lovely and they have become a welcome and much loved part of the Grange family. They all enjoyed an autumn walk this week and their behaviour and enthusiasm were both excellent. Those of us left at school, were so proud as we watched them all leave school in their wellies and high-viz jackets.

Year 1 and Year 2 continue to embrace new learning, building upon their trip to Marwell Zoo and having the confidence to transfer new skills and share new knowledge. Walking around the school, you can feel such a sense of purpose and they are certainly all keeping our PLANES Grange Values in everything they do.

We all enjoyed our whole school Harvest Assembly and it was such an emotional moment seeing all the children in one space, singing together, even if we were safely distanced and outside. Luckily, the rain held off and we didn't let the wind stop us from enjoying every minute! Thank you to all the classes for an amazing performance and a special thank you must go to our School Council for their performance of 'Paint Box'. We are so proud of you all.

As we approach the half term break, some of you will already know that there is going to be a change to the entrance and access for the Junior School from 1st November. This will impact upon access to the Junior building from the Infant site and Franklin Road entrance as the pathway between the two schools will be closed. Please see below for guidance on how we are planning to get children into and out of the shared site every day.

It really has been so lovely to see so many of you and to hear all of your news. As always, my door is open so please let me or the amazing office team know if there is anything we can do to help. We are always here for you. May I wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend. We can't wait to welcome you back again on Monday! Miss Myers ☺

Drop-off and Pick-up timings until Friday 22nd October

Thank you to everyone for respecting our one way system whilst we are still mindful of keeping everyone safe. Our shorter windows of 5 minutes have made a big difference to the 'slickness' of the beginning and end of the day. Year 1 and Year 2 are now confident enough to take themselves straight in every morning but class staff will always be available on the playground.

Please can we ask that parents exit quickly from the school site as we are experiencing some overcrowding on the playground- thank you!

Owls, Blackbirds and Wagtails: 8.40am and 3.20pm

Chaffinches and Robins: 8.45am and 3.15pm

Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: 8.50am and 3.10pm



Grange Infant School's Values

At our school, we guide our children's behaviour and interactions with their peers and the adults in their lives through our six values of PLANES.

These values underpin everything we do, every day and the children quickly recognise these, can talk about each one and know how these values help them to be the best they can be.

We talk to the children about what each value looks like in life and those things they can do to help them fully embrace them, helping them to become unique, successful and independent young citizens.

Each week, the adults in school award certificates to individuals who have demonstrated good examples of where they have worked towards or demonstrated one of these values. Please talk to your child about these values as this home/ school link will really help to embed these.

Polite and respectful

Listening and looking at the person who is talking to you

Using manners and speaking to people with respect

Sharing and turn taking

Accepting other people's views even if they are different from our own

Love of learning

Persevering even when things get tricky- not giving up!

Knowing yourself and how you learn best

Knowing when it is best to work independently or with others

Learning from mistakes and moving on with learning

Aiming high

Having aspiration- being the best you can be!

Keeping focused and working hard

Using what you already know to help you learn new things

Embracing challenge

Nurture and care

Showing care for myself and others

Taking care of my school and environment

Helping others

Being a good friend

Effort from within

Striving to reach a goal

Doing a great job

Working independently

Making progress in my learning from my own personal starting point

Safe and secure

Making safe choices

Walking around the school

Making others feel safe through kind words and actions

Knowing who I can talk to if I am worried, sad or scared

Weekly attendance: Cool to be In School

Each week, attendance is tracked across the school and on a Friday the class with highest attendance for that week, gets a certificate. At the end of each term, we look at who has had the best attendance overall and that class gets to choose an item for their class such as a new game.

This week the winners are: The Wagtails

Congratulations and well done for your great attendance this week.

Don't forget, the more you're in school, the more learning you can do!

As a school, we have a responsibility and a duty of care to ensure that children attend school regularly and that attendance is good. Where attendance drops, we will make contact with parents and carers and work with you to get attendance back on track.

Should your child be unwell and unable to attend that day, please contact the office to let us know and this will be recorded on our registers.

During out of office hours, you will be able to leave a message.



The raffle was such a huge success! Thank you to everyone for your donations and for buying raffle tickets to raise money for a course close to the heart of our community.

As a result of your support we raised an amazing

£454.80!

This is the most we have ever raised for this charity and it was all down to our wonderful Grange Infant Community.



School Uniform

It has been lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniform!

The office is well stocked with everything you need so please pop in during school hours.

We also have a large amount of good quality, second-hand uniform available, so let the office know if you need anything.



Things to look forward to!

Thursday 21st October: Whole school Halloween disco and party *Look out for a letter with more details soon!*

Friday 22nd October: Show racism the red card by wearing red today

Friday 22nd October: School closes for the half term break

Monday 1st November: School re-opens for Autumn 2

Monday 22nd November: Flu vaccine

Tuesday 30th November: Vision screening for Year R

INSET dates for this year- we like to give you plenty of warning so you can prepare!

Monday 8th November: Staff training

Friday 18th February: Common closure day for Gosport and Fareham schools

Flu Vaccine

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against flu.

Flu is caused by the influenza virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as bronchitis and pneumonia.

It is now usual practice for children to have their flu vaccine in school. This is done using a nasal spray that the school nursing team will carry out on **Monday 22nd November**.

Please look out for a consent letter that must be returned to school to ensure that your child gets this vaccine.



Harvest Assembly

Another huge thank you to all of you who donated to our Harvest



The Salvation Army collected your kind donations this week and were very thankful for the kindness and generosity shown by the Grange Infant community.

Wow Writers and Proud Pot this week:

Every Friday, we have a whole school celebration assembly where we find out about the amazing things the children have been up to. Each class will put forward one child for their 'wow writing' and one child who has done something that they are really proud of.

For now, this assembly is virtual via Google Classroom but the hope is that we will be together again very soon!

A big congratulations to the following children who have excelled this week and been the very best they can be!

Woodpeckers: Wow writer goes to Jasper for his hard work in funky fingers and learning his new kinetic letters.

Proud pot goes to Ruby-Rai for her super blending of our new sounds.

Sparrows: Wow writer goes to Sarah for her amazing effort in her phonics.

Proud pot goes to Robyn for her creativity and imagination with her squirrel hunt.

Starlings: Wow writer goes to Isabel for practicing the sounds we have learnt in coloured sand.

Proud pot goes to Archee for trying really hard with blending sounds to read 'mat'

Chaffinches: Wow writer is Aakangshya for listening to feedback to improve her sentence structure.

Proud pot is Heidi for really putting in effort to write CVC words in English.

Wagtails: Wow writer goes to Matthew for his Dragon writing.

Proud pot goes to Henry for his Dragon Sentences.

Robins: Wow writer is Mason for writing words independently.

Proud pot Shania for a detailed clay dragon eye.

Owls: Wow writer is Lola for using conjunctions in her writing and using her imagination.

Proud pot goes to Shannon for her Maths work great problem solving!

Blackbirds: Wow writer is Samantha for her wonderful writing.

Proud pot goes to Theo for his Dragons Eye.



Important Information about Accessing the Grange Schools Site

As you will all have seen over the last few months, the new Grange Junior School is almost finished and the children are due to be stepping foot into their brand new school on Tuesday 2nd November.

The final stage of this project is the demolition phase and the removal of the old school building. During this phase, the pathway that connects the two school will be closed due to its close proximity to where the demolition will be taking place. This will mean that families wanting to move between the schools during drop-off and pick-up will no longer be able to take this route.

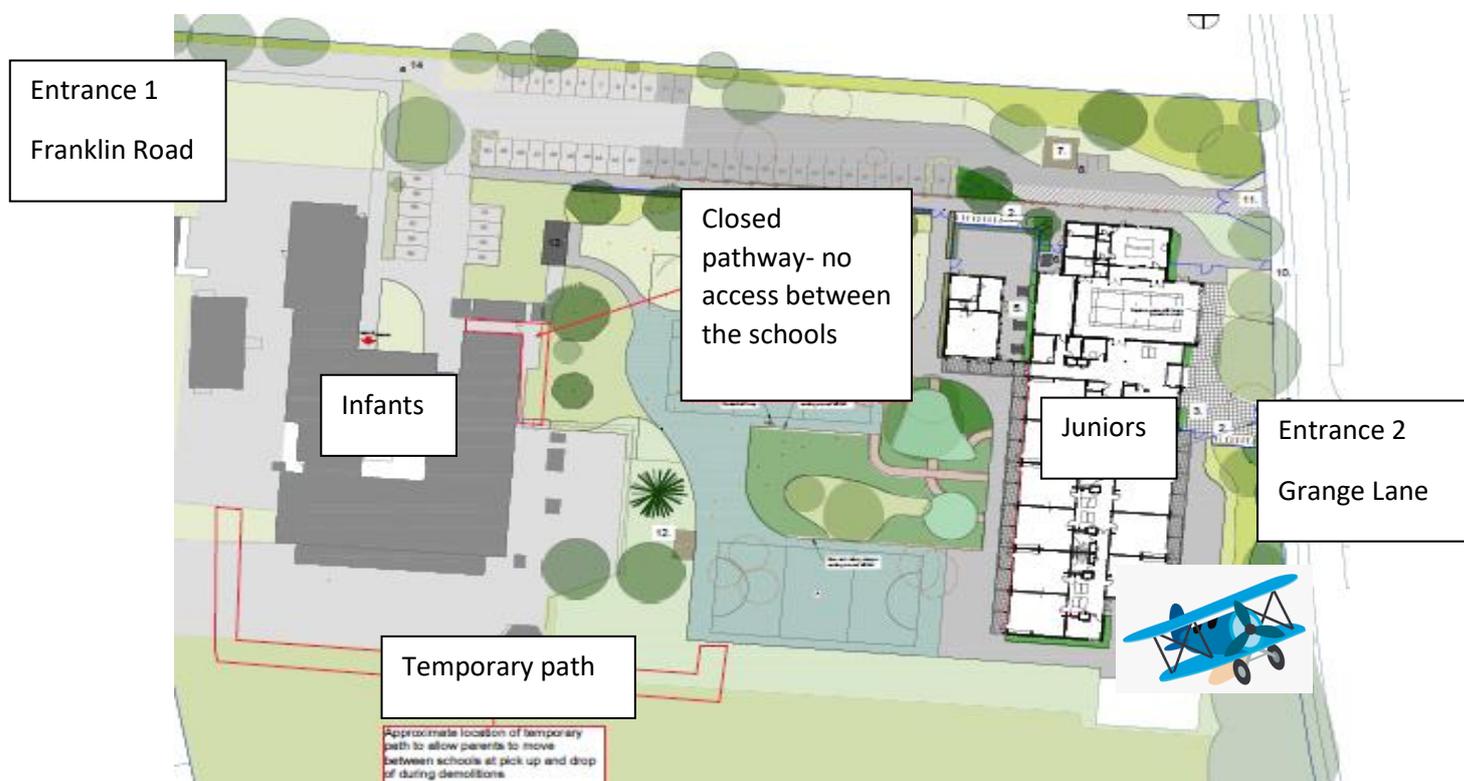
In order to support access for families needing to get to both the Junior and Infant schools in the morning and at the end of the day, a temporary path is being laid at the back of the school across our school field. This path has been drawn in red on the plan below and will open on Monday 1st November.

Please help us to keep 'people' traffic flowing!

You can really help us all to manage this last phase by planning your route to the schools each day:

- If you only have children at the Infants, please use the main entrance from Franklin Road to enter the site for drop off and pick up. This is marked on the plan as entrance 1.
- If you have children at both sites, you can enter the school site at entrance 1 or entrance 2 (the main Junior entrance on Grange Lane) dependent on where you live. You will be able to cross between the two schools using the temporary pathway.

Understandably, we will all have to adjust to these new arrangements and so I would ask for your patience during this time. In order to help with the smooth running of the beginning and the end of the day, we have made the decision to move away from our staggered drop-off and pick-up times for different classes. Instead, **we will have one 15 minute window from 8.45am until 9am during which your child can be dropped off at their classroom outside door.** The doors will be opened by class staff at 8.45am ready to welcome the children in and the children will no longer be met on the playground. There will be members of staff to help everyone with these new arrangements so please don't worry; it will be new for us too! I will also post on Class Dojo with instructions!



Mindfulness Moments

Our weekly slot with Miss Reed: Take time out for a moment of mindfulness

This week's mindfulness activity:

Hello everyone! We are half way through the first half term, and what a fantastic one it has been. This week, take some time to have a 'present moment'. Find a comfortable space, this could be inside or outside. Sit, lay or stand quietly. Spend some time thinking about:

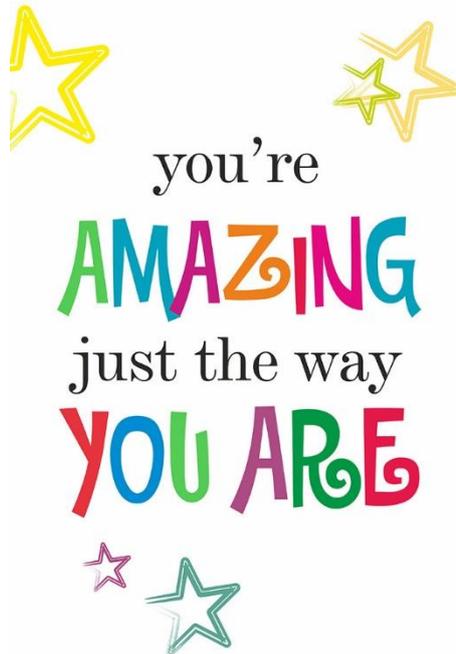
Right now I can see...

Right now I can hear...

Right now I am touching...

Right now I can smell...

Right now I feel...



A special mention!

We are always so proud of the amazing achievements of the children at school and love hearing about what they have been up to outside of school too! This week, we would like to share with you the wonderful work that one of our children has done for charity, thinking of others and proving that she certainly upholds our value of 'nurture and care'.

Isabelle had more than 13 inches of her hair cut off so that it could be donated to the Little Princess Trust. I think you'll agree what a kind and generous thing this was to do! Even more amazing, is that Isabelle has raised £780 as a result!

You are truly an inspiration to us all Isabelle! Well done ☺

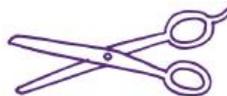


 Little Princess Trust®

Thank you! 

Isabelle Edney

for kindly donating your hair



Your wonderful donation will make a real difference to children and young people affected by hair loss





Charity Focus



As a school, we value our contribution to local and national charities and in raising awareness so that families can be supported and have a better understanding of the work that charities out there do.

Today we are highlighting **Sands**, which is the leading stillbirth and neonatal death charity in the UK. Sands exists to reduce the number of babies dying and to ensure that anyone affected by the death of a baby receives the best possible care and support for as long as they need it.

Tomorrow, 9th October, is the start of Baby Loss Awareness Week and as a school we would like to make our families aware of the great work the charity does and what support is available. Links are provided below for more information:

<https://www.sands.org.uk/>

<https://www.sands.org.uk/about-sands/our-work/baby-loss-awareness-week-2021>

