

DIVERSITY WEEK



Friday 24th June

Happy Friday Grange Families

Another two weeks have flown by and here we are at the beginning of what looks to be a sunny and pleasant weekend, perfect for getting out and about and exploring the local area. Don't forget, June celebrates the Wildlife Trust's '30 Days Wild', the UK's biggest nature challenge. See below for more details.



We have welcomed many of our pre-schools this week as part of our new entrants' transition. The children have loved seeing 'big school', meeting the team and exploring the Early Years unit. A big thank you again, to our current Year R children who were so welcoming and kind to our visitors; we were so proud of them!

They will get their chance to explore Year 1 in the next few weeks and whilst the Year R team do not want to let them go, they are definitely ready!



This week, we have celebrated the national Schools' Diversity Week, celebrating diverse families, our own uniqueness and embracing difference. We love how unique our children are at Grange and embrace their individual personalities, giving them the tools to believe in themselves and cherish who they are, ready for a bright and exciting future. One of the Fundamental British Values is tolerance and this is something we instil in all of the children through our carefully planned and diverse curriculum. We are always happy to get feedback from our families about what else we could be doing to celebrate diversity, so please let me know if you have any suggestions or ideas for the future.

As always, my 'door' is always open, so please don't hesitate to get in touch if there's anything I can help you with. The wonderful admin team are always here for you too. Miss Myers ☺



THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who took part in voting for our Jubilee tree which will be planted as part of the Queen's Green Canopy.

The winning tree, with a massive lead, was the Oak tree. This has now been ordered and we await its arrival. I have warned the children, that all trees come from tiny beginnings and not to expect a fully grown tree!

I will let you know when the tree arrives and has been planted with the children for future generations of the Grange Infant community.



Things to look forward to!

Tuesday 5th July: Transition session 1 for the children (Year 2 children will be visiting the Juniors)

Friday 8th July: School closed for INSET Transition planning

Monday 11th July: Transition session 2 for the children

Monday 11th July: Year 2 Civic Award treat at Alver Valley

Tuesday 12th July: Spinnaker treat for Blackbirds

Thursday 14th July: Whole school sports afternoon from 1.30pm

Monday 18th July: Spinnaker treat for Owls

Tuesday 19th July: Year 2 Leavers' Performances

Wednesday 20th July: Spinnaker treat for Wagtails **YEAR 2**

Thursday 21st July: School closes at 1.30pm for the summer break

Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1st September: School closed for INSET

Friday 2nd September: School closed for INSET

Monday 5th September: School opens for the new term for Year 1 and 2



INSET days for 2022/ 2023

To ensure you have plenty of time for childcare planning, here are the INSET days for the next academic year. They are all the same as the Junior school. The February date is subject to change dependent on the district's decision for the Gosport and Fareham schools' Common Day Closure.

Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September: Safeguarding and statutory training

Friday 22nd October: School improvement

Friday 10th February (STC); Gosport and Fareham Common Day Closure

Friday 7th July: Transition

Sun Safety

We have all enjoyed some welcome sunshine this week and the rise in temperature was a surprise for many! We have noticed that many of the children do not have water bottles or hats in school. It is **vital** that all children bring a bottle to school every week so that they can hydrate as and when needed and more so, in hot weather.

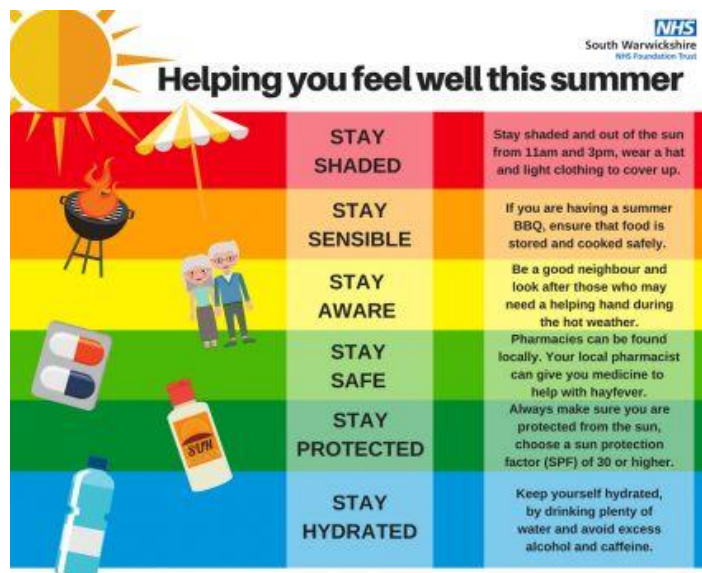
Hats are vital in keeping the children's heads and faces protected from the sun too.

We are working hard to be a more sustainable school, reducing the amount of single-use plastic and it has been heart-breaking to see how many children have needed to use plastic cups this week as they do not have their bottle. Please help us to look after the planet and do our bit towards a more sustainable world, by ensuring your child has their bottle in school every day. Bottles can be brought in daily or weekly and can be topped up from our many water stations as needed.

Click on these links for some more advice about water and its health benefits:

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-much-water-should-my-children-drink>

<https://www.gosh.nhs.uk/conditions-and-treatments/general-health-advice-children/eat-smart/food-science/drinking/>



Please drive carefully

Whilst I do understand that cars may need to enter the school site for after school pick-ups or to see staff, please can we ask that you only enter the school site from Franklin Road and not through the new Junior entrance.

We would remind our families that the car park is for school staff and visitors only unless picking up in an emergency or if your child is unwell.



30 Days Wild: The UK's Biggest Nature Challenge!



We may be nearing the end of June but there is still time to join in! Will you and your family rise to the challenge? All you have to do is one 'wild thing' a day throughout the month of June. If you and the family sign up through the Wildlife Trusts website, you will receive a pack to help you plan your wild month and lots of ideas to inspire you to stay wild throughout June. Give it a go and reconnect with nature and our planet. I've already signed us up as a school for lots of fun and exciting ways to engage with the great outdoors! Keep your eye out for our future newsletters in which I will be sharing what we've been up to.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/30-days-wild-2021-sign-your-pack>

Goodbye and Good Luck Miss Felce!

We would like to wish the very best to Miss Felce who has moved on to a brand new and exciting career in the health and fitness industry. It has been a big step for Miss Felce and I know many of you will continue to see her both in her new role and as a parent at the Juniors.

Miss Felce would like to pass on her thanks to the whole school community for her experience at the school.



Congratulations Miss Sneddon!

A huge CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Sneddon, a former member of our lunchtime team, on the birth of her beautiful baby boy last month.

What lovely news! The whole of the Grange Infant Community is so happy for you and the family!



Weekly attendance: Cool to be In School

Each week the class bubbles' attendance is tracked 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 bubble gets to choose an item for their class such as a new game.

This week the winners are: Robins with 98.9%

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!



Getting to school on time

Thank you to those of you who have been working with us to improve your child's attendance. We have seen an improving picture for many of the children and overall attendance for the school has reached 96%. Well done!

'Lates' have not seen such a positive rise and we had more last week than the week before.

Don't forget, these lates will add to your child's overall attendance.

Your child will also be missing vital peer to peer interactions as well as key learning, so it is so important they are in school on time.

Please can we remind all parents, that if you are late, you *must* take your child to the office to be signed in.



Use of climbing apparatus on our field

We have noticed this week that an increasing number of children are on the play equipment on the field before the start of the day. This equipment is only for use during school hours and with school staff supervising. Please can we ask that you do not allow your child access to this equipment, as we want to ensure that there is no risk of injury due to a slip, trip or fall.



Grange Infant School Sports Afternoon

After two years of not being able to invite our families to celebrate sports day with us, we are very excited to welcome you back this year to cheer on our children and watch them take part in our circuit of different activities!

We look forward to seeing you on **Thursday 14th July at 1.30pm** on our school field.
Please bring plenty of drinks. Water stations will be available.



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Join our dedicated lunchtime team!

Lunchtime is such an important part of every child's day, not only as a chance to top up on energy-rich food ready for the afternoon, but also as a time to play, interact with friends or have some down time.

We are looking to recruit new members to our team so if you love working with children, have a great sense of humour and relish a challenge, this could be the role for you!

If you would like to know more or would like to pick up an application form, please pop in to the office or get in touch via phone or email:

02392 582984 or adminoffice@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk



Headlice Alert!

We have noticed an increase in the number of children with headlice and in particular are seeing large adult lice crawling on children's hair.

It is advisable to check your child's hair every day and to comb through to ensure all lice and eggs are removed.

Use this link for more advice:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>



Wow and Proud! Congratulations

Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to Heidi for fantastic progress in her writing!

Proud Pot goes to Bobby for taking on extra challenging work in Maths learning odds and evens!

Owls

Wow Writer goes to Lily-Mai for her much neater handwriting—beautiful!

Proud Pot goes to Eden for learning times in Maths!

Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to Blake for excellent use of capital letters!

Proud Pot goes to Leo for completing his Maths work independently even though it was a tricky challenge!

Robins

Wow Writer goes to Melissa for brilliant productivity!

Proud Pot goes to Ely; he should be so proud of his concentration in sewing!

Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to Eddie for super independent writing!

Proud Pot goes to Oscar for getting all his Maths right when counting in 5s!

Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to Mason for fantastic independent writing!

Proud Pot goes to Bethany for beautiful Under the Sea drawing and colouring!

Starlings

Wow Writer goes to Eowyn for doing lots of fabulous writing!

Proud Pot goes to Amethyst for beautiful writing every day during busy bee time!

Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to Ellia for her brilliant independent writing!

Proud Pot goes to Olivia for her amazing attention to detail when painting a seahorse!