



31st March 2023

Happy Holidays Grange Families,

And in the blink of an eye, that's another term finished! It always amazes me how quickly time flies by and I can't believe that we are two thirds of the way through this year already. It has been another busy term and one where, yet again, the children have embraced new learning and shown us all how resilient and curious they are. We are all so proud of the progress they have made and the successes they have had. I can't thank the Grange staff enough for the job they have done in caring for the children and giving them an outstanding curriculum, as well as memorable experiences. We feel confident that through trips such as HMS Sultan and the visit from Mill Cottage Farm, we have topped up the children's 'cultural capital', giving them those experiences that will help them develop into the confident, successful and responsible young people of the future.

After so much wet and grey weather, we are all hoping for some much needed sunshine. Gosport and our local area has so much to offer from Alver Valley and Stokes Bay, to our parks and open spaces. There are lots of events happening over the break, so keep your eyes out for things such as the Easter Fun Day at the Alverbank Hotel and the Easter craft fayre at Elson Library.

As we start a much needed and well-deserved break, it goes without saying, that I wish you all a safe and happy Easter break with family and friends. We can't wait to welcome you back for an exciting and fun-filled summer term. You can stay in touch with me via Class Dojo or by email: s.myers@grange-inf.hants.sch.uk

Have a fun and safe break,

Miss Myers ☺

Spring 2 Summer Showcase

A huge thank you to families from Key Stage 1 for the support once again, for the homework projects on the 'Paws and Claws' theme.

At every one of these showcase events, I have been amazed by the quality, creativity and effort that has been put into these projects. Yet again, I have been impressed by and in awe of the support from our families.

What an event!

I can't wait to welcome you all back to the next one!



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: Starlings with 97.39%

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.



Attendance is a key priority for school improvement at Grange Infants. To keep attendance at the forefront of our minds (and our families!), we will be sharing with you the attendance of each class for that week in every newsletter. This is with the intention of our community understanding how important attendance is and the value we place on it in ensuring the children have the best possible start to their education.

This week's results:

Class	Percentage attendance for the week ending 31.3.23
Starlings	97.39
Robins	95.19
Woodpeckers	93.95
Chaffinches	92.33
Wagtails	91.74
Blackbirds	91.54
Owls	90.83
Sparrows	87.69

Goodbye Mrs Munt

Mrs Munt, the Owls' class teacher, said goodbye to us this week after 6 fun-filled and busy years. She has loved her time with us here sharing her passion for books and writing as well as her creative and imaginative interests.

Mrs Munt will be joining Gomer Infant school after the Easter break and we wish her every happiness for her new adventure. We know we will still catch up on all of her news as she's not going too far!

Goodbye and Good Luck Mrs Munt!



Fresh Air Learning at Grange Infants!

We were so excited to welcome Jess and Holly from 'Fresh Air Learning' to our school this week. They provide alternative provision for different education settings as well as opportunities for forest school fun.

They are going to be working with some of the children and staff during the summer term and as part of this project, will be creating our very own forest school space. Most of the resources are natural but some are 'upcycled'. Do you have or know a company that may be able to donate a cable reel?

Are you or do you know a local tree surgeon who may be able to donate some logs for seating?

If you can answer yes or have other resources that you think would be perfect for a forest school setting, please let me, Miss Myers know.

IMPORTANT

dates to remember

Things to look forward to!

Monday 17th April: School re-opens for the Summer term

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th April: Key Stage 1 outing to Alver Valley and the Garden Centre

Monday 1st May: School closed for the May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 5th May: Whole school celebration for King Charles III Coronation *Details to follow but we are hoping to host a family picnic on the field followed by crafting activities in the classrooms*

Monday 8th May: School closed for the Coronation of King Charles III:

Friday 26th May: School closes at 3.15 for the half term break

Monday 5th June: School re-opens at 8.45 for Summer 2

Week beginning 5th June: Key stage 1 beach trips

Week beginning 12th June: Songs, Stories and Smiles sessions for new entrants begin

Friday 7th July: School closed for INSET- Transition planning

PE days for the Summer 1 - There are some changes!

Please check which day your child will need to come to school in their PE kit as these have changed for the new term. Please can we ask that PE kit consists of plain trackies in black or blue (or dark coloured shorts in warmer weather), a white t-shirt and either the school jumper or a dark coloured sweatshirt. Earrings and jewellery must be removed before the start of the day.

Owls: Wednesday

Wagtails and Blackbirds: Thursday

Robins and Chaffinches: Monday

Starlings, Sparrows and Woodpeckers: Tuesday



Wow and Proud

Congratulations



Blackbirds

Wow Writer goes to Angel
for sorting sentences independently!

Proud Pot goes to Evie
for her brilliant 3D cone Easter Basket!



Chaffinches

Wow Writer goes to Jade
for lovely handwriting in her story!

Proud Pot goes to Jaea
for her fantastic 3D cube Easter Basket!



Owls

Wow Writer goes to Wilba for excellent
'How to Catch a Wild Thing' instructions!

Proud Pot goes to Eddie
for his super homework project
about dinosaurs!



Robins

Wow Writer goes to Aimee
for being very productive with onomatopoeia!

Proud Pot goes to Henlee
for being very productive with his story and
doing the most writing he has ever done!



Sparrows

Wow Writer goes to Florence
for lovely listening and practicing sounds!

Proud Pot goes to Poyraz
for his fantastic guitar he made for his
STEM project!



Starlings

Wow Writer goes to Aimee-Leigh
for excellent CVC words!

Proud Pot goes to Emily
for her brilliant shaker musical instrument
she made for her STEM project!



Wagtails

Wow Writer goes to Liam
for lovely correct spellings!

Proud Pot goes to Mason
for filling in the gaps with correct spellings!



Woodpeckers

Wow Writer goes to Posie
for writing words independently!






Proud Pot goes to Noah
for settling in so well to his new school!
Welcome to the Woodpeckers :)



Learning Behaviours at Grange Infants

Has your child come home and told you about our Grange learning behaviour characters?

The characters have been designed to help our children think about their learning behaviours and skills. Each character is linked with our school values. Each learning skill is taught through a story and a variety of activities. The vocabulary is used by the teacher throughout the day to help the children understand what that learning behaviour or skill means.

The friendly Meerkats	Curious Monkey	Ambitious Spider	Focussed Squirrel	Resilient Elephant
				
The Grange Values they represents are Polite and Respectful & Nurture and care	The Grange Value he represents is Loving Learning	The Grange Value she represents is Aiming High	The Grange Value she represents is Effort from within	The Grange Value he represents is Safe and Secure
They are good at collaborating and listening	He is good at questioning , noticing and making links	She is good at revising (making changes) , imitating and capitalising (using things to help you)	She is good at managing (ignoring) distractions , being absorbed, planning and imagining	He is good at persevering, remembering and learning from mistakes

Year R have begun thinking about these characters by learning about **collaboration, questioning, capitalising , managing distractions and persevering.**





Thank you for supporting our Easter Celebration and hat parade!

We had such a lovely morning celebrating Easter and Spring and taking part in our Easter Hat Parade. Thank you for all the creativity and effort that was put into the amazing array of hats and bonnets. It was fantastic to see how much the children enjoyed taking part in the parade and how much they loved having such a captive audience. Make sure you watch the parades from each class on Class Dojo!

A huge thank you to our school council and our Chair of Governors, Rod Feilder, for selecting the winning hats. It was a tough decision and in our eyes, everyone was a winner!

Here are our winners from each class, followed by class photos:

