

10th November 2023



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The Grange Times

Walnut

Walnut class have been investigating what remembrance is and why we wear poppies. As a class we have made a poppy wreath. Some students have written acrostic remembrance poems. Here is Adam's poem:

Rest in peace
Environments destroyed
Mourning for the loss
Enemies of our country
Minute silence
Blood and tears
Emotions boiling
Remember the soldiers

Rowan

This week in Rowan Class we have had a fun week learning about Remembrance Day, we have learnt about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we celebrate it. We have had a fun, busy week making a Poppies wreath ready for Remembrance Day at school on Friday for our 2 minutes silence. Rowan class have been really enjoying learning about Remembrance Day and are very excited to lay their wreath on Friday. Here are a few things that they have had to say about their week of learning:

Aishah: The poppies are red and black, and we wear them on our tops.

Stephen: We use poppies to remember the war. I really enjoyed making the wreath in class.

Kaleem: We made a poppy wreath in class to remember the soldiers that have died fighting.

Asia: We use poppies to remember the soldiers that helped us.

Emilia: We have poppies to remember the soldiers that have died fighting for our country.

Dylan: We wear poppies to remember those who fought for our country.

Freddie: I enjoyed making the poppy wreath because it is special.

Piotr: We wear poppies to remember the people who helped us live in a country of freedom.

Kajetan: I feel proud and happy to celebrate those who fought for us.

Ash

In Food Technology Ash class have been taste testing. Some of us just touched and smelled the food. Some of us tasted the food. This week we tried some different fruits, raspberries, pomegranate and pineapple.

Carter: Eat pomegranate. I like pomegranate.

Keyaan: I don't like pomegranate. I touched pineapple.

Aneyk: I smelled pineapple.

Olivia: Pineapple.

Alex: Alex eating pomegranate. I want pomegranate please.

Sycamore



On Tuesday we visited the National School Leavers Show at the NEC in Birmingham. The students had the opportunity to talk to a wide range of employees, apprenticeship and career options.



Mya: I really enjoyed the school trip. I learnt that I could become a beauty therapist on a cruise ship with TUI. They spoke to me about what I need to achieve this.

Kade: Life is not always as simple as it seems. This is because I realised that there are a wide range of jobs out there

and I managed to speak to different car companies about what opportunities they offer.

Dawid: The trip made me realise that I wanted to look into different career options for when I leave Grange Academy. Miss Swain always takes me on great trips.

Kirsty: I enjoyed walking around and exploring the different options that I could do after year 11.

Kailey: I enjoyed receiving lots of little free items from different employers and I love my new sketch pad!

Bella: I enjoyed the trip and learning about animations.



Acer



Acer Class celebrated 'Into film Month' with a trip to Vue Cinema in Bedford. We watched the film 'Minions: the Rise of Gru'. We had a great time!

Aaron: I went to the cinema and watched Minions. There was car that went through a restaurant window. It was funny!

Arthur: I liked watching the movie with my friends! My favourite

part of the movie was the end when Gru got the big spaceship.
Alex: The movie was brilliant! I loved it! The best bit was when the chicken fired eggs at the big snake.

Louis: I liked going to the cinema. I enjoyed eating my snacks.

Josh: I went to see the Minions. I liked eating my popcorn.

Evan: The cinema was so cool! I liked the Minions film because Minions are my favourite!

Hamza:



Oak



Oak Class have been celebrating Halloween and Bonfire Night. They have enjoyed carving pumpkins and watching firework displays.

Amelia: We carved pumpkins for Halloween it was so messy and gooey I loved it!

Cody: I love carving pumpkins for Halloween, I did a scary face. Boo the Halloween gonk came and visited us and made the classroom spooky.

Levi: I really liked drawing the face on my pumpkin and scooping the slimy guts out! It felt so weird on my hands.

Lilly-Jo: We watched fireworks. They went bang and boom. My favourite was the rainbow coloured one.

Harrison: I liked making firework paintings and watched fireworks on the board.

Samuel B: I really enjoyed learning about Bonfire Night. In class we made sparklers with sticks and tin foil it was so cool.

Samuel TW: Boo the Halloween gonk came to Oak class again this year and decorated the class, it was so cool. He brought lots of cobwebs and pumpkins for us to carve. I had so much fun!

Scarlett: We read a story about Bonfire Night I really liked it and it made me feel excited about watching the fireworks at the weekend!

Stefano: We carved pumpkins I really liked it. It was sticky inside. I didn't like that, so I wore gloves. I drew the face on and Miss Nicole cut it out. Maybe next year I want to try to use the tools myself so I can carve it independently!



Hazel Class have enjoyed starting their Animal Care lessons and have been learning about what the animals eat and have been feeding them. In Life Skills just before half term we visited

Costa. We planned a route, read a menu and ordered a drink. This week we have been designing our own chocolate bars and packaging. We are then going to make our newly designed bars.

Reece: I enjoyed our walk to Costa because we got

Hazel

to go out of school. I was worried about ordering my drink but I enjoyed drinking it.

Alfie: I enjoyed our trip to Costa because I got to eat Pom-Bears. In Animal Care I was brave enough to pick up a chicken.

Jake: Going to Costa was good as we got to do something out of school.

Rodney: I enjoyed our life skills trip to Costa. I have a chocolate brownie frappe which was delicious.

JP: I have loved starting Animal Care. I have enjoyed feeding the animals carrots and pumpkins.



Elm



We have had a busy start to the half term. It started with a bang! We have moved on to the next part of our Fire, Fire topic. We started by exploring Bonfire Night, sharing our knowledge, and looking at different traditions from the night itself. We then started to ask questions about Guy Fawkes that would help us to find out more about him. Oh, we also had a trip to the cinema to see 'Lyle, Lyle Crocodile'. All the children showed the Grange values, Mrs Pacey was extremely proud of her class.



Kaiden: We made chocolate apples to celebrate Bonfire Night. I asked how Guy Fawkes died? King James I was going to hang him because he helped Catholics to blow up the house of Parliament and King James said, 'No.' I actually love History, it's because you find something out every day.

Amber: They celebrate Bonfire Night on 5th November to remember Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament when the King was in there and we made delicious candy apples. We watched the best movie ever called 'Lyle, Lyle Crocodile!'.

Justine: I found out Guy Fawkes was arrested because he had gunpowder. Fireworks reminds us of the fire. It was a very good movie; a crocodile could dance and sing. Everybody cheered!

Eva: Today we went to see 'Lyle, Lyle Crocodile'. I loved it but it was a bit sad. I cried when Lyle was with the other crocodiles. It made me happy when the son's Mum was dancing with Lyle.

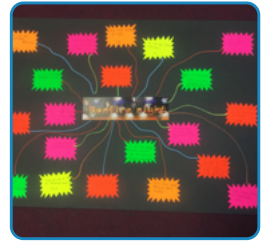
Nevaeha: I was happy when the Crocodile and Josh were dancing with their friends. We had popcorn and juice.

Ruby: I've learned that Guy Fawkes wanted to blow up the Houses of Parliament and also that Catholic people were treated unfairly for many years. The cinema was epic, fantastic, magnificent, fabulous, and awesome!

Tristan: The fireworks were fun to watch, I have never seen so many fireworks in my life. So, we remember Guy Fawkes death.

Malakai: We went on the minibus to the cinema. We watched 'Lyle, Lyle Crocodile'. I like the bit where Lyle threw the other crocodile.

Tyrese: We went to the cinema today at 9.30 and then we were on the bus. We had to sit on the seats, and we were quiet when the film was on. The best bit was all of it.



Cut Your Carbon Month

November is Cut Your Carbon Month. Grange Academy are encouraging staff and families to get involved. Pupils had an introduction to this topic in an assembly. Pupils will also be doing activities on climate change/ cutting carbon during November.



Here are some useful links:

KS3- What is carbon footprint?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zp27xbk#znm26g8>

KS2- What is climate change?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z4g3f82#zssjwnb>

KS1- Why is our carbon changing?

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z2np6g8>

Please click this link to view the worksheet

1. Make at least one journey more sustainable ☐	2. Go meat-free for a day ☐	3. Have a no food-waste weekend ☐
4. Turn down the heating by 1° for a week ☐	5. Design a flight-free holiday ☐	6. Say 'no' to a new item ☐
7. Donate something you no longer need ☐	8. Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes ☐	9. Share carbon-cutting advice ☐

Diary Dates

Grange Academy Christmas Fayre - Saturday 25th November 2023

Anti-Bullying Week - 13-17th November 2023

Bedford College Open Day - Wednesday 15th November 2023 5pm to 8pm

Shuttleworth College Open Day - Saturday 18th November 2023 9.30am to 12.30 pm

Children in Need Day - 17th November 2023

End of Term - 19th December 2023

Supporting Our Families in the Digital World

As a Trust, we are continually working to develop and improve our pupils' 'digital toolbox'. In November, across the Trust, pupils will be taking part in learning opportunities focussing on kindness and anti-bullying.



Social Media Kindness Day – 9th November 2023

Social media is a big part of our lives these days. We're the first ones to use it, like guinea pigs! But it should be a place of kindness, not anger and hate. Whenever we use social media, we leave a mark. 'Social Media Kindness Day' is about ensuring those marks are kind and positive!

Why is it important?

Most people wouldn't say mean things to someone's face. They can see how much it hurts. But on social media, it's different. You can't see the reactions of the people you hurt. You never know how they will feel when they receive a mean message.

That's why 'Social Media Kindness Day' was made. It's also to remember Caroline Flack, a TV presenter who passed away. It's on her birthday, 9th November, because she believed in being kind. We want this day to be more than just one day. It's a movement that lasts for many generations. We want to create a world where unkindness is not allowed. Social media should be a place where people can make friends, do business, and live happy lives without fear of negativity. [Source: https://www.socialmediakindnessday.com/about-smkd](https://www.socialmediakindnessday.com/about-smkd)



Anti-Bullying Week – 13th – 17th November 2023

Anti-Bullying Week: Let's Make a Stand!

Research has shown that bullying can greatly impact a child's life, even when they grow up. During the week pupils will talk about bullying, how teasing can become hurtful, and how we can stop it.

We can all make a difference and take a stand against bullying. It happens in lots of different places, like the playground, even in important places like parliament. It can also happen on our phones or in our homes. So, let's speak up and let everyone know that we won't tolerate bullying anymore.

During Anti-Bullying Week, we want to remind everyone that we can stop bullying. It doesn't matter if it's at school, at home, in the community, or online. We can all work together to make sure bullying stops. Let's come together and make some noise about bullying.

[Source: https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying](https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2023-make-noise-about-bullying)



Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November

Odd Socks Day happens during Anti-Bullying Week. The day is about showing that everyone is special and different. We should be able to be ourselves without being bullied. Odd Socks Day is a fun and positive way to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week.

[Source: https://andyandtheoddssocks.com/odd-socks-day/](https://andyandtheoddssocks.com/odd-socks-day/)



Children in Need – Game to Give – 10th November

Game On! For BBC Children in Need - 7:00 – 9:00 pm

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/shows/game-to-give>

BBC Children in Need is uniting the gaming world by joining forces with gamers to raise money and highlight the positive impact of video games.

Charities across the UK use video games to support children, raise awareness about the benefits of responsible gaming and celebrate the social aspect of gaming and its power to unite people through play.

Across the Trust, we will be holding Minecraft, Just Dance and Mario Kart gaming events.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/shows/game-to-give/compete-in-our-live-gaming-show-on-bbc-iplayer/>

Creating a Safe Digital Playground for Your Child

Online Safety Webinar for Parents of 5 to 11 Year Olds Thursday 23rd November – 7:00 pm

<https://natterhub.com/online-safety-parent-webinar>

Natterhub delivers brief online safety sessions that offer parents and educators guidance that can be used to protect children from online harm.

The online playground can be a tough environment for primary-aged children. Taking inspiration from World Mental Health Day and Anti-Bullying Week this webinar will unite educators and parents to prepare children for the digital world.

