

24th November 2023



The Grange Times

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Grange Christmas Fayre

We are holding our Christmas Fayre on
Saturday 25th November from 12pm – 2pm.

We have lots of activities for the whole family, lovely gifts to buy and a visit from Father Christmas.



Eagles and Red Kites



Many pupils have fed back to us that they don't like the labels 'Primary and Secondary' because pupils are grouped according to the curriculum they need, not their ages. They felt it was unfair to call classes 'Primary' as many pupils who are in these classes are older than Year 6.

After many discussions with pupils and staff, we have decided to rename the primary classes as '**Eagles' Team** and the secondary classes as '**Red Kites**'.

This doesn't change anything else, just the labels of the departments. We

are one school, with two teams who work together for different things.



Palm

An anti bullying ambassadors is someone who looks out for people who are being bullied, sees if they are getting hurt or upset and tries to solve their problems. Anti bullying ambassadors listen and support people to solve their problems.

Palm class presented the assembly on Make Some Noise for Anti Bullying, in anti-bullying week.

WHAT IS AN ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADOR?
Tamsin and Tamsin, we are the anti bullying ambassadors in the school and we are here to help and solve your problems as best we can. If you are upset, been verbally or physically bullied, then you can come to us, we will support you.

Logan: I was bullied once, it wasn't the best. So I am very happy to be an anti-bullying ambassador now. Being bullied wasn't fun, anti-bullying week is here to address that.

Alfie: These are some of the ways and reasons people are

bullied:

- Being the subject of rumours or lies
- Being pushed/shoved/tripped or spat on

Oskar: Here are some ways people get bullied:

- Being made fun of because of your religion or how you speak
- Some bullies may be getting bullied themselves and are insecure and bully others.

Mayson: Some effects of bullying are depression and anxiety:

- You would feel sad because you want that person to stop.
- Depression and anxiety can make you worried.

Baron: Odd Socks Day was on November 13th, I wore different socks to stand up to bullying. It is a day when schools, workplaces, and individuals join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.

Tammi: Last week it was anti-bullying week. I had to read out loud in assembly. I am one of the anti-bullying ambassadors. If someone is getting bullied then we will help you get through the situation.

Malachi: Last week was Palm class assembly. It was anti-bullying week. I did some research about banter or bullying:

- Banter can be described as playful teasing between friends and usually an equal and generally funny exchange.
- To tease or ridicule in an aggressive manner is more than banter, it is bullying.

Kyle: Anti-bullying means to help people in need. If someone makes fun of you, do not listen to that rudeness, they are doing it to make you sad on purpose. So they will get in trouble not you. Avoid that person, tell a teacher.

Mariah: These are the signs of bullying:

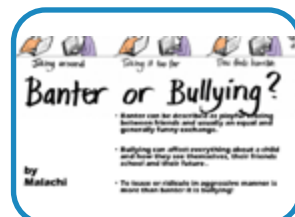
- Emotional distress like depression, anxiety, low self-esteem, or oversensitivity.
- Academic or work problems like declining grades, loss of interest, or poor performance.

Alexis: Make a noise. Very often we are silent when we see bullying take place. Let's come together and have discussions about anti-bullying and how banter can turn into something more hurtful.

Scarlett-Grace: We did an assembly about anti-bullying.

- Bullying can be online or at school.
- You can tell a trusted adult.

Tamsin: Palm did an assembly on Anti bullying week. I did 3 slides. I am an anti-bullying ambassador. We look out for people who are being bullied, sees if they are getting hurt or upset and tries to solve their problems. Anti-bullying ambassadors listen and support people to solve their problems.





Maple

Maple class have been gardening this week.

Riley: First we had to put the soil in the basket.
Eva-Louise: Then we had to plant the flowers.
Alfie W: We planted ivy.



Ugne: We planted pansies.
Seth: We planted primroses.

Jack: After planting the flowers we had to water the plants.

Jerome: I like gardening because I like to look after them.

Luca: Maple class has to take care of the flowers at the front of the school.

Alex: Forest School made poppies made of red wool, conkers and toothpicks for Remembrance Day.

Alfie A: The soil was wet.



Beech

We have had a busy start to the 2nd half of the term. We have been continuing our work on 'Wings of Icarus' in English. Our display board is coming along nicely. In Maths we are working on addition and subtraction. All of Beech class are making good progress and gaining confidence. We have some special guests visiting on Friday from Rivermead Residential Home for a morning tea.

Beech are looking forward to hosting them. We had a lovely trip to the cinema to watch 'Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse'. It was a great movie apart from the ending to be continued

Cayden: I liked the cinema. It was great to chill with my friends and have fun.

Tulicia: I liked the ending of the film.

Keith: I liked the cinema because I was able to have fun and sit with my friends.

Holly: I liked the cinema. The film was great and inspiring.

Courtney: I liked the cinema because it was fun with my class friends.

Ryan: I am enjoying all of the sports we are doing in PE and working out in the fitness suite.

Cameron: I am learning lots about ICT and have found out lots about different people.

Caoimhe: I liked the cinema because I was able to have fun with my friends and enjoy my amazing snacks.

Aarnav: I enjoy ICT. I like playing the different quizzes and games they make me happy while I am learning.

Calvin: I liked the cinema because I was happy with my friends.

Connie: I liked the film apart from the ending.



Birch

On Friday, Birch had fun celebrating Children in Need by doing colouring and visiting the Pudsey photobooth. On Wednesday, we really enjoyed watching the 'Jack and the Beanstalk' Pantomime, it was very funny!

Lucy: We wore our home clothes for Children in Need. I had a good day and watched the news on Newsround.

Dejon: I wore a Pudsey costume!

James: There was a creepy baby in the Pantomime.

Thabo: There was a dancing cow that bit my head!

Dominik: The cow was funny in the pantomime!

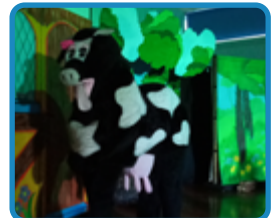
Arya: I liked the songs in the Pantomime. It was good.

Owen: I liked the Bogey man from the Pantomime. He was funny.

Olo: I put Pudsey ears on and made a silly face.

Henry: It's Pudsey! Ears!

Ella-Rose: Wearing Pudsey ears.



Willow

Last Friday we celebrated Children in Need. Willow Class started with a PowerPoint about what Children in Need does and who it supports. We had a wonderful time with the Pudsey photobooth and did lots of different activities.

Jordan: The onesie was fun to put on!

Robin: We brought in £1 to raise money for it.

Jeffrey: I enjoyed doing the activities with the class.

Noah: We had a Pudsey colouring competition in Willow.

Robert: Children in Need raised over £33 million.

Summer: It helps children who need help.

Max: It also helps families who need help too.

Larissa: The colouring was calming.

Freddie: It was a fun day!

Toby: The photobooth was so much fun!





Cedar

On a Wednesday afternoon, Cedar class enjoy the outdoors and spend time at Forest School. They take part in a range of different activities from cooking on the fire, collecting sticks, playing in the mud kitchen and they all love a hot chocolate at the end of the session.



Kaschan: What I really like about Forest School is cooking. We made a tasty pizza.

Kalen: It is so much fun at Forest School. We can light the fire and make good food. We make really cool stuff out of wood and we also go over to the park to collect sticks and play games.

Ray: I like it when I climb the trees at Forest School. We rescued a budgie that had escaped its home.

Harry: We have made pizza, collected sticks in the park, made hot chocolate and played fun games. Forest School is exciting because we make food on the fire and learn new things.

Matthew: I really enjoy Forest School. I like having hot chocolate at the end. I really enjoyed going to the park to collect sticks and play games.

Ollie: I like Forest School because it is lots of fun and we get to play outside. I like cooking and making hot chocolate. We boil the water in a Kelly Kettle.



Pine

Pine class have been working hard in Horticulture this term preparing the flower beds ready for spring. They planted their spring bulbs in the school grounds and have been weeding the borders and paths.



Marcus: I can name all the months of the year and put them in the correct season. Spring is March, April, and May. Summer is June, July, and August. Autumn is September, October, and November and finally winter is December, January, and February.

Alfie: It is important to keep the school grounds looking nice because it is good for our wellbeing and plants encourage bees and insects into the garden.

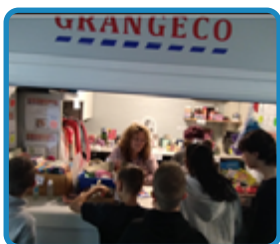
Lucas: I put my bulbs deep into the ground. I had to make sure I put the roots at the bottom because my bulb would not grow if I got it the wrong way round.

Ben: I have been weeding the flower beds because the weeds are taking over and will stop the flowers from growing up.

Emmanuel: I wear gloves to protect my hands from the germs in the soil and I clean my tools after I have used them to make sure they are clean for the next class.

Connor: I have been using a hand fork for weeding and I used a kneeling pad to keep my knees comfortable. I used a trowel to make holes for my 6 bulbs and they will appear in March or April.

Owyn: I was using a trowel to dig a hole to bury my bulb. My flowers will come in the spring.



Redwood

Redwood enjoyed a trip to Grangeco to spend their well-earned positive points. There are lots of wonderful items to choose from and the pupils have to think carefully if they had enough points to purchase something or save up for something they would like!



Aneesa: I got a green and purple bag and a Dork Diaries book.

Alex: I got Lynx Africa deodorant.

Kai: I like to get Dork Diaries books for my sister.

Steven: I got a Captain Marvel key chain to go on my bag.

Tyler: I got a big blue shovel and I'm saving it for the beach!

Jack: I like Grangeco because you can get a lot of

good stuff.

Ryan: I got 3 sprays and two were gold.

Oliver: I got a 'Diary of The Wimpy Kid Old School' book.

James: I like the fidget toys in Grangeco and the 10 minutes extra play voucher!

Aishah: I like the Grangeco, I got 'magic pets' book, colouring pencils and a fox tin.

Elfridges



We are once again opening our Elfridges gift shop this Christmas. Gifts are priced at £3.00 each. Please get order forms for Elfridges in by Friday 1st December and the shop opens

on Monday 11th December to Friday 15th December. If you require another copy of the letter, please contact the school office.



Diary Dates

End of Term - 19th December 2023

Pupils return to school - Thursday 4th January 2024