

16th May 2024



The Grange Times



This week, we've been busy sprucing up our kitchen garden in life skills class. We've been sanding down the benches outside and getting ready to paint

them. We've also been pulling out weeds and even managed to harvest some giant garlic! In the coming weeks we're planning a day trip to the Garden Centre to pick up supplies for our garden.

Bella: I was sanding and raking the dead grass. I really enjoyed ripping the giant garlic out of the flower beds.

Amy: I spent some time trimming the bushes and raking the grass in the lovely warm sunshine.

Sycamore

Mya: I like doing the kitchen garden because I'm outside in the sunshine getting a tan.

Ethan: I was sanding the bench to make it smooth so we can paint it. We will be going to the Garden Centre to get plants for the garden.

Dawid: I enjoyed being outside. I was sanding the bench and helped fetch the tools from the shed.

Jasmine: I used the secateurs to prune the thorn bushes back. They were very prickly and I had to be very careful and pick them up with gloves.

Kailey: I was sanding the bench. I pulled the weeds out and that was fun, and I raked the grass.

Kade: I learnt many new skills like using different gardening tools. I peeled some giant garlic. I helped fetch some tools from the shed.



Rowan

Rowan have been creative in their lessons this week based around their topic this term Meadowsong.

Kayden: I have been enjoying learning about the insects in meadows and drawing different types of insects in Art.

Freddie: I have enjoyed drawing different types

of meadows in DT and learning about the different types of plants that you can find in meadows.

Stephen: I enjoyed making the bee models that we made in science and learning how they collect pollen from plants.

Kaleem: I liked looking at the flowers in science.

Emilia: I loved looking at the different types of flowers and I have enjoyed drawing the different types of meadows and flowers.

Kajetan: I liked looking at the fact files of trees in English.

Asia: I liked drawing the meadows in DT, I done poppies it was really fun.



Walnut

I scream you scream we all scream for ice cream

It is ice too meet you
Ice cream £1.00 per scoop
Ice poll for 50p



Walnut class have been working hard to prepare for 'The Big Lunch'. In class we have been planning our stalls, ordering supplies, and creating adverts.

We are looking forward to eating a picnic lunch with the whole school and then selling some delicious sweet treats! Please see some of the amazing adverts that we have made.

THE BIG LUNCH

- We are selling ice cream for £1. And we are also selling drinks for the same and every drink has a sweet treat inside.
- Buy some and share with £1 for 1 tub of ice cream, pick and mix.
- It is also with a sweet treat for £1.



the big lunch

Coming to Grange Academy on **Thursday 23rd May 12.00-1.00pm**

Time to celebrate.

Have fun.

Eat with your friends and teachers.

If you want bring a teddy or soft toy to join too!

Be part of the school community.

Ignite new friendships.

Get to know new people.

Laugh.

Unite.

Natter.

Chew!

Have a lovely picnic.

Don't forget to organise as a class:

- Picnic blankets
- Bring your packed lunch. (Pupils who have school dinners will be given a packed lunch.)
- Some food to share like biscuits or fruit for example.



Ash

Carter: I see flowers!

Aneyk: I can find the stem!

Alex: The stem.

Olivia: Flower.

Ella-Rose: Branches!

This week in Science Ash class have been learning about the parts of a plant e.g. the stem, the branches, the flower.

They listened to the song "Parts of a plant", they identified the parts of our plants in the school's garden.

They did also complete a sorting and a matching activity and made some wonderful sentences! Most of the pupils used their words when looking for the parts of a plant outside.



This week in Hazel class we made pizza in food tech. We made our own dough and then added the toppings that we chose.

Jacob: I chose to put ham and sweetcorn on my pizza and I ate it for dinner.

JP: I made my pizza cheese crust! Then add put on the tomato base then after that I done cheese then ham then sweetcorn then peppers".

This week Hazel class were also lucky enough to be

Hazel

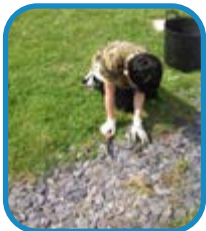
asked by Mrs Gallagher to help with the good share bag. We visited the Share Shack and packed 10 bags of food for pupils around the school. We all had our own stations and passed the bags around to fill them up. We then loaded the trolley and delivered the bags.

In PE, Hazel have been going to Addison Park Tennis Courts to practice our tennis skills.

Dylan: I like going to play tennis.

Reece: I like playing tennis with Rodney.

Jake has been playing tennis with Mr Kilcoyne and is quickly learning good skills.



Alex: We made a ladybird house. We went to get some leaves and twigs. We also cut stems. We put the stem in a little pot of water. We put 3 ladybirds in the tank. We also got some stinging nettles. We got aphids to feed the ladybirds. It was a bit difficult because we couldn't touch the stinging nettles. I enjoyed it!

Acer

Acer Class have been planting sunflower seeds and tidying up the sensory garden for our Meadow song topic. We have set up a worm world in the classroom so we can watch them make tunnels through the soil.

Louis: We got some worms under the soil. We put them in the worm house. We put some soil in the worm house. We put in some dried leaves for them.

Aaron: I put seeds in the pot, and I put water on the plant. The seeds grew and we planted them in the sensory garden. We used sticks to keep them upright.

Josh: I wore garden gloves. I pulled the weed out of the soil. I pulled the weeds out of the path. It was easy!



Harry



Hamza

Careers



What is careers education information, advice, and guidance?

Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) service is a team/ person specially trained who offer advice and guidance one to one or to a group of

young people between 13 and 19 (or up to 25 for those with SEND)

A Careers Advisor is part of the school team who will be trained to help pupils to make realistic choices

about their education, training, and work.

This process starts by listening to the students' ideas then working with them in partnership with their teacher, parent / carer plus any professional who has working contact with the student to providing the right advice, information, and guidance. From this a working plan can be developed and put in place, part of the plan will include workable targets.

If you would like to speak with any member of the team, please email Mrs Church, Mrs William, Mrs Gallagher or Mrs Morris or make an appointment

Elm



the base of their mazes in a Mondrian style. We think they are fab!

Tyrese: I made a dog maze. I have to cut it with the saws and then sand the wood. I liked playing with it and I can't wait to take it home.

Tristan: It was my best design I made. It took me a very long time to make it. I had to put the wood in it and know how many cm it was.

Ruby: I made a butterfly maze, I cut the wood with a saw, and I measured the wood and my favourite thing about the maze is I can play with it.

Eva: I liked did different places and it looks good. My design was brilliant. It was red, blue and black. I used wood, and I had to use a

ruler to measure it out and stick it on.

Nevaeha: I made a box with a cat inside. We had to use wood, we had to use the table and a saw. I am really proud of my work. I made sure it was good and when I used the saw, I was doing it very gently and I really loved it.

Hannah: My maze was made in wood, to saw and stick on the picture. My picture was a butterfly. It was pink and blue, red and green. The best thing about it is I like to play with it.

Justine: It was really good because I added lots of jump hills. I drew a colourful cat. I'm glad I made it because it's fun.

Amber: We had to cut the pieces to make it the right size and draw a picture in red, blue and yellow. If I did it again, I'd make more pieces for the inside.

Kaiden: I go to pottery club, it's good, it's calm. I have made a warrior teddy like the Terracotta army figures.



Camp Out



Grange Academy pupils and staff have enjoyed 2 overnight camp stays on the school site in April this year. The pupils had the chance to enjoy outdoor activities and games, cook their meal on the camp fire, explore the Forest School site and spend time with friends and staff. It also gave pupils the opportunity to experience camping in the great outdoors.

Millie: It was good, had lots of fun. The most fun I had was able to eat snacks in the tent. Happy being with friends on a social setting rather than a school environment. I'm looking forward to doing it again in July.

Naomi: I liked everything, football was the best.

Arron: I liked all of it!

Tulicia: I enjoyed all of it. This was my second camp out and it was just as good as the first.

Cameron: I really liked the food. I liked making new friends. It was very cold in the tent but luckily I had my nice comfy Pokemon blanket.



Taylor Swift Evening



On the 19th April some students and staff stayed took part in a Taylor Swift experience where they watched the Eras Tour and took part in Swiftie activities such as making bracelets. All students and staff enjoyed they time especially as it was the release of her new album as well. Everyone let the whole room shimmer that evening.

Naomi: I enjoyed seeing my friends after school.

Sienna: I liked the way we all had bracelets, I loved the movie and we got lots of tattoos.

Tulicia: I loved all of it!

Caoimhe: I enjoyed making the bracelets. It was quite peaceful. I enjoyed talking to different teachers too.

Cayden: I liked talking to the teachers. It was noisy when the popular songs came on! Caoimhe was singing her heart out!

Courtney: I enjoyed it because it was fun to chat with my

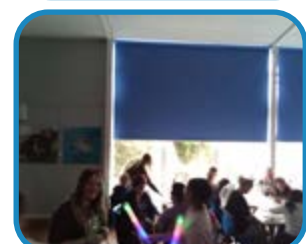
friends.

Ryan: I enjoyed it because I talked to friends and liked singing to the songs. The pizza was delicious. Thank you, Miss Frith, for organising it and Miss Kavanagh, Mrs Floyd, Miss Sheehan and Miss Poll for helping too.

Aarnav: I liked getting my tattoo! I liked Taylor Swifts singing. I danced with my friends. I liked the pizza it was fantastic.

Holly: It was good because I made bracelets. I liked singing to the music.

Ashmit: I loved the songs and the pizza. It made my heart happy.





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The Share Shack

Would you like a free bag of food or a hot drink, given by a friendly face?



If so, come along to Grange Academy's Share Shack run by Carol and Grange pupils.

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30pm-3pm
 Halsey Rd, Kempston, Bedford MK42 8AU
 01234 407100
 grange@bilitt.org



Food Share

The Food Share Scheme at Grange Academy is a scheme where unwanted food from a number of local Sainsburys and Co-op stores every day, sort it, store it and distribute it to pupils at the end of the day. The Scheme has been going from strength to strength, with the opening of The Share Shack at the front of the school and a record number of 737 food bags made up and distributed during the first term of 2024.

We have saved tons of food from going into land fill, and nothing goes to waste; excess bread products are given out at the end of the day to everyone at the gates, fruits and veggies that may be a bit over-ripe go to the farm animals on site and stale bread is given to staff to feed birds at home.

Some Year 10 and 11 pupils have been doing work experience helping with sorting, packing and distribution of food bags, and it has been a joy to see their confidence and skills grow over the weeks.

The Share Shack will now be open to families in need on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons when people from outside of Grange can attend and collect a bag of store cupboard staples and fresh food (when available).



Thank you everyone for your continued support of the Food Share scheme.

Notices

What is on this summer



Mental Health Support Team

The Mental Health Support Team are excited to have created a number of online and face-to-face groups for those attending secondary school in Bedford and who feel they would benefit from accessing support over the summer break.

CREATIVE WELLBEING

This group has been created to help empower and encourage young people to learn strategies to express, explore and learn about themselves in a creative using a range of art materials.

Join us for a creative, interactive and fun session to boost self-esteem and confidence.

This group will be four sessions which will be face-to-face with each session lasting two hours.

KEEPING WELL THIS SUMMER

Focusing on positive mental health can enhance our mood, reduce anxiety, build a positive sense of self and improve our ability to sleep.

Join us online as we undertake different fun and creative activities to promote wellbeing. We will explore activities such as mindfulness, practising gratitude and self-care. (Arts and craft resources will be sent home prior to sessions taking place)

This group will take place online for six weekly one hour sessions

RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Going back to school can bring up lots of different feelings. This group has been developed for those who can find returning to school after a long break particularly difficult.

Join us as we explore different strategies and skills which will allow you to prepare for and manage feelings of worry, fear or anxiety when returning to school.

This group will take place online for four weekly one hour sessions

If you would like to attend any of these groups please email your name, year group and school name

to

ehf.comic.mkt-bedford@nhs.net

Parental consent will be required.



SUMMER TERM EVENTS

WORKSHOPS (ONLINE)

Following your feedback, Bedford Borough Parent Carer Forum has funded these workshops and is working with different Organisations to deliver them to parent carers in Bedford Borough.

Tuesday 4th June-7:00-9:00 pm

Sensory Processing and Sleep

Delivered by: Nikkie Sutton

This workshop will look at strategies to help your child with sensory differences sleep better and understand sensory processing around sleep.

[Book your place here.](#)

Wednesday 5th June- 7:00-9:00 pm

Supporting and Empowering the Anxious Child

Delivered by: The Contented Child

This workshop will introduce you to the current thinking around children's anxiety and move on to exploring ways to support young people to manage their anxiety with realistic support.

[Book your place here.](#)

Wednesday 12th June- 7:00-9:00 pm

Co-sleeping with your SEND child

Delivered by: Nikkie Sutton

Nikkie Sutton, specialist sleep practitioner, and trainer will be hosting this workshop where we look at how SEND affects sleep and practical strategies to help.

[Book your place here.](#)

Tuesday 11th June- 7:00-9:00 pm

Accessing the Public Services Toolkit

Delivered by: Cerebra

This workshop is run by Cerebra which is a charity dedicated to helping families with children with brain conditions discover a better life together. It will be beneficial to parent carers with medically complicated children and young people. For more about Cerebra, visit their website at www.cerebra.org.uk

[Book your place here.](#)

Wednesday 19th June - 7:00-9:00 pm

Supporting a Child's Emotional Regulation

Delivered by: The Contented Child

This workshop is designed for parents of school-aged children with difficulties tolerating and expressing their feelings, leading to outbursts and other displays of overwhelming emotion.

[Book your place here.](#)

Notices

Bedford Borough Family Hub



Family Hubs

As you are aware Bedford Borough Family Hubs have been established within the Borough. The hubs are working to support families, children, young people from 0-19 (25 with SEND).

Each half term the Family Hubs send a newsletter out containing information on parenting support available, activities and other useful information.

Parents and families can sign up on the link below so that they can sign up and receive the newsletter. The next newsletter is due to be sent out before half term and includes information on activities that are available over the school holiday.

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBEDFORD/signup/38470>

School Transport Q & A

**SCHOOL TRANSPORT
Q & A SESSION**

Monday 3rd June
Session 1: 10:00 am-11:30 pm
Session 2: 7:00-8:30 pm
(Online Teams Meeting)



Bedford Borough Council are currently undertaking a significant procurement exercise which involves the retendering of all Home to School transport routes. This is a requirement which they have had to undertake by law. The local Authority are committed to engaging with the parent carer community and ensuring that parents and carers are kept as informed as possible. Alongside BBPCF they will be holding two Q+A sessions for parent/carers on Monday 3rd June 10am – 11.30am & Monday 3rd June 7pm-8pm to discuss the wider project, it's timelines and possible implications. Please note that at this time they are unable to discuss individual transport routes.

Please note. To participate,

- You must live in Bedford Borough or use Bedford Borough Services including schools and Health.
- You must be a member of the Bedford Borough Parent Carer Forum (BBPCF)

Please confirm which session you would like to attend when you email.

Join us at this focus group to share your experiences, insights, and ideas on how we can better support our children. Email us to book your place at communications@bbpcf.org.uk



Thriftathon Event



Click on the image above to see the details of the event.

Steve Young who comes into Grange and SJS to offer music sessions will be performing with his band The Nashville Nights Band from 8 pm.

The whole event is FREE ENTRY to raise money for a worthwhile cause.

Diary Dates

May Half Term 27th - 31st May 2024

Pupils Return to School Monday 3rd June 2024

Year 11 Prom - Friday 5th July 2024 (In the school day)

Year 11 Leavers Assembly - Wednesday 17th July 2024

End of Term - Friday 19th July 2024