

15th July 2024



The Grange Times

Sycamore Residential



Sycamore have been on their end of term trip to Kingswood. They left on Friday 12th July in the afternoon and returned on Saturday afternoon. Thank you to all the staff who went with Sycamore to ensure they had lots of memories of their weekend away.



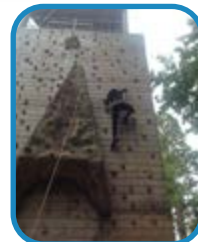
Kade: I enjoyed running for half an hour to escape being captured so that they could not put charcoal on my face. Unfortunately, I was caught and felt a little upset that I had been caught.

Miss Williams: It was a joy to take the young people away on the residential. It was a delight to see how they all got along and supported each other with the blindfolded games as they had to work as a team.

Ethan: I enjoyed the rock climbing especially when I did it blindfolded and got to the top.

Mya: I had a good time it was fun.

Amy: I enjoyed watching Kade getting chased across the field so that he would not get charcoalled.



Year 10 and 11 Prom



On Friday 5th July 2024 Year 10 and 11 pupils had their end of term prom. Pupils changed into their prom clothes and had a lovely evening of dancing, photos with friends and food. Thank you to all staff who organised and stayed to give the year 10's and 11's a great time.



Jasmine: The music was good, and the decorations were nice, and I liked dancing with my friends.

Kailey: They played my favourite song and I got to see all of my friends dressed up.

Amy: The decorations were nice, the hall looked lovely.

Mya: I really enjoyed being there with all of my friends and getting dressed up.

Dawid: I liked dressing up for the day and I thought I looked like a love island model.

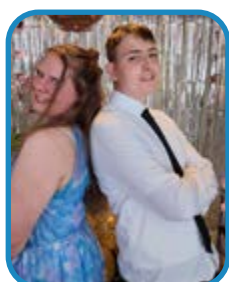
Kade: I liked having my picture taken with my mates.

Malachi: I enjoyed the prom. I dressed up in a new black and gold suit, I felt very smart. The music was great and we had pizza and snacks and juice. We also were dancing and I asked Ashmit to dance with me. It was fun.

Scarlett: I enjoyed the snacks at the prom. I had a chocolate cake, it tasted lovely. I had a drink and some pizza.

Kyle: I enjoyed the pizza at the prom and also the music, it was very good.

Alexis: My sister came into school and put my hair up with little pearl hair pieces. I wore cream coloured suit with a lovely shiny blue nail polish. I enjoyed the music, it was



nice being with my friends.

Oskar: I really enjoyed going to Ninja warrior in Milton Keynes. It was fun racing with my friends. The prom was also marvellous, the food was scrumptious, it was so scrumptious I had to have a second piece. I enjoyed being with my friends. I had a lot photos taken with my friends so I will be able to remember this time forever.

Alfie: The prom was really good. I enjoyed the dancing and also having pictures taken with my friends in the photo booth. I would love to do it again, but will have some really good memories with my friends and pictures of them.

Tamsin: I liked when I was trying to climb different obstacles at Ninja Warrior and Oskar and Alfie helped me when I was struggling. I really like the Prom, I had a memorable time and had lots of pictures taken.

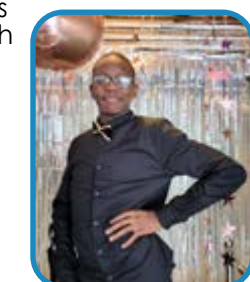
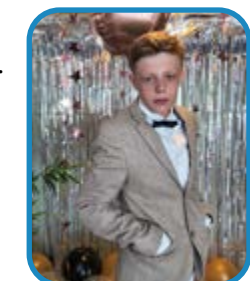
Tammi: I really enjoyed the prom, I liked dancing with my friends. The dress I wore was blue and it had spots on the arms.

Logan: The Prom was fun. I had a lovely pink suit, with a turquoise lining. I enjoyed the dancing and the music choice was excellent.

Mariah: We had a Prom, it was nicely decorated and the food was great. I had lots of fun dancing with my friend.

Mayson: The Prom was good, Malachi sat with me and I enjoyed the music.

Baron: The Prom was really good and I hung out with my friends for the last time. There was lots to eat and I got really full.



Maple



Maple Class have been reflecting on the past year, what they enjoyed the most and how it made them feel. They touched upon science lessons, maths and PE. In addition, some also enjoyed the out of school events such as Sportability and of course, they all really enjoyed having an ice cream sundae station as a reward for earning lots and lots of dojo's.



Jerome: I feel inspired when I go to radio club.
Ugne: I liked the Betsy Buglove story in English.
Jack: I really enjoyed doing the long jump on sports day.
Riley: I liked when we did a practical lesson about the different parts of soil in science.
Aneesa: I loved jumping on the trampoline in the sport ability event.
Luca: I enjoyed being rewarded for having lots of dojo's with an ice cream station.
Eva-Louise: I felt calm when I helped to paint the flower beds in the sensory garden.



Ash



Ash class have had a wonderful time on BILTT Fun Day & Carnival this week. They did truly enjoy looking at the big bubbles and chasing them. The pupils recognised the animals at the grange farm. They also loved playing football on the football dartboard as well as jumping inside the Disco Dome!



Carter: "sheep", "bouncy castle", "Big bubbles"
Ella-Rose: "sheep", "pigs", "bouncy castle", "bubbles"
Alex: "ghost-bubbles"
Aneyk: "disco bouncy castle", "bubbles"
Olivia: "Castle"

Acer



Over the last couple of weeks, we have been celebrating our friends Harry and Josh who are both leaving us this week. We have planned and raised money to take them on some trips that we knew they would love. First, we went to Riverside Hub in Northampton. We loved climbing, sliding and spending time in the ball pool. We then took them to Shepreth Wildlife Park, we saw lots of animals, the capybaras were our favourites.



Alex: I had a great time at Riverside Hub and Shepreth. Harry and Josh loved it too! The little Pygmy marmosets jumped at Mrs Cowell and made her jump. I went in the bat cave. I was scared but I did it!

Arthur: I helped to plan the visits. I researched prices on the internet and planned things to sell to make money to pay for it. I liked running and climbing at Riverside Hub. I played with my friends in the ball pool and went down the slide.

Aaron: I liked Riverside Hub. I was climbing and running with my friends.

Josh: I liked the lights in the disco room. I saw the animals. I went to the shop.

Louis: I liked the Capybaras. They were so cute. I bought a keyring and a postcard with capybaras on. I liked the zoo.

Harry: _____

We want to wish Josh and Harry the best of luck at their Post 16 placements. We will miss you a lot but know you will be amazing!

We have had a fantastic year. Well done Acer Class, you have worked so hard, and we are very proud of you all. Have a great summer!



Choir



Grange Choir have had a wonderful year with many achievements. We have performed at the local care home, achieved great things and praise at the Bedfordshire festival of music. We have also had many other performances and practices which have grown our choirs confidence and developed our singing ability. We look forward to having many more

achievements next year.

Kai: I love choir and I like getting to choose songs.

Freddie: I am good at the singing and signing. I love going on choir trips.

Summer: I love choir its fun and we get to go on trips.

Ruby: The best thing about choir is getting to go on trips and practice at lunch times.



Share Shack

The Food Share scheme from the Share Shack has had another great term with over 600 bags given out! We have also had a tea party for some lovely members of Kempston East Methodist Church who came for a tour of the school and to see what the Share Shack is all about. We discussed how we could possibly work together - so watch this space.

Many thanks to all the staff who give up their time to collect food every morning, and to the lovely staff and students who give up their time to help make up and distribute food bags across the school. Food bags generally consist of some bread, sweet treats and assorted fruits and vegetables as they become available, the things that come in vary from day to day, so it really is a lucky dip as to what you could get! If you would like to receive a Food Share bag next term, please let your child's form teacher know or contact me in the office. **Carol Gallagher**

Pine

Pine class have been very busy now that we are drawing ever closer to the end of term, and they would like to share with you their thoughts for this year.

Ben: I think I have had a good year because I have enjoyed making a bird house in DT and I have been using a bus to go to Bedford Town. I enjoyed going to Bedford and buying my slinky and eating ice cream at Gallone's. I have been visiting Youth Inspired and I saw my old friends Ewan and Allen and I am looking forward to starting there in September.

Connor: I have enjoyed being in Pine class ever since I arrived, and I love the fun activities I have done. My favourite subject has been Animal Care because I could feed the animals and refill the water troughs and give them lots of love and attention. I enjoy PE and I have also joined the fitness club and go twice a week. I

Lucas: This year I have been visiting Bedford Town; I went on the bus and used my bus pass. I enjoyed going to Gallone's and eating ice cream and I met an old student. I got a certificate for my Sports Leadership from Mr Kilcoyne for helping children in primary with sports. I had some music lessons with Miss Tomkins, and I learnt to play 'Let it Go' and I played at the school concert.

Emmanuel: I have had a mixed year; I wasn't quite sure what to expect when I moved into Pine class and it felt very different from my old class, but that was to be expected. I feel happy and I have tried my best; I have moved up to the middle group in maths because I work hard, and it is better than being in the

lower group.

Marcus: I have had a great year and I have read loads and loads of books. My favourite being history books because I am interested in the smaller details about history in general. I have enjoyed Animal Care and I have learnt that goats have multiple stomachs and dogs are actually faster than the cheetah. I also enjoyed Forest School because it is calm being outside in the fresh air.

Alfie: This year I have improved my reading, and I can now read with more confidence now. I have worked hard at all my subjects and my best work has been my topic work; I can remember all the key facts and I have tried hard not to answer all the questions if I know them so that I give the other students a chance to answer.

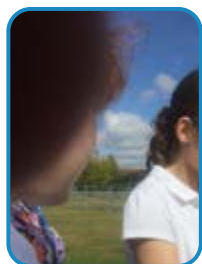
Rowan: I have just joined Grange Academy and I think it's a good school and all the staff are friendly. I have enjoyed learning about Buddhism and Children in History.

Max: I have been in Pine class for a whole year, and it is great, and I feel safe in here.

I like helping with the food share and I like cooking. I have worked well in maths, and I can work independently sometimes. I loved sports day and I like running.



Elm



Elm Class! What a year! Whether we have been working hard writing stories, fact files or instructions or honing our Maths skills we have had fun! We have been on walks, with the occasional café visit, we have been swimming, we have been to the cinema, twice! We have visited an iron age camp; we have shared so many good times!

Amber: At school this year I have enjoyed Maths with Mrs Pacey. I have learned dominators, numerators and fractions. I learned 1 whole is the same as 2 halves, 4 quarters and 3 thirds.

Hannah: I have enjoyed swimming. We went to Kempston pool. We walked there through the park. I liked doing a handstand in the pool. Swimming in the water, trying to sit of the floor! I am a good swimmer!

Nevaeaha: I love doing jobs. Grange Academy is more comfortable for me. It's been easier for me to understand because people explain things to me. I loved the Whipsnade Zoo; I loved the animals.

Tyrese: I loved swimming, I done floating, I nearly fell

asleep. I raised money in a cake sale to pay for swimming. Malakai: This year I liked Maths. I learned about 3D shapes and measuring. I learned about a cone. I learned in a fun way!

Justine: I have liked Elm class because Mrs Pacey is the best teacher ever! We have been on lots of trips, like Zoo, cinema and the park. I get to understand what division and multiplication is.

Eva: I have settled well in Elm class. I have made good friends. I have taught them dances and yoga. I loved all the trips I've been on.

Tristan: I have loved Maths. It's been like- I have learned about right angles and angles, acute and obtuse. I learned about shapes. I completed two huge puzzles over the year- they were a thousand pieces.

Ruby: I enjoyed spending time with my teacher Mrs Pacey. I like the trips to the Zoo and Kempston pool, the stone age trip and going to the park, I loved it!

Kaiden: I loved camp out, learning the Wind in the Willows'- I liked the actions!



Beech



It has been a very busy but fun term. We have had lots of exciting things to look forward to and work towards like; End of year assessments, transition day, Sports

Day, Quidditch Festival, our Summer Concert, visit to the café, the reward trip to Gullivers and our Carnival Day. Beech Class have continued to make excellent progress in all of their learning additionally in social and emotional areas. They have been a pleasure to teach this year Beech pupils explain their highlight of the term in the comments below.

Calvin: I liked transition day because I am going to be in Palm class. I liked spending time with my new friends. I liked Gullivers Land especially the water slide and the Drop Tower. Caoimhe's reaction made me laugh.

Tulicia: I enjoyed Gullivers Land playing with Connie and seeing my friends having fun. I went on the ship ride about 9 times!

Keith: I enjoyed Gullivers land. I enjoyed the rides like the water flume and Dragon Seige. The sweets were good too. I enjoyed the café trip because the hot chocolate and fizzy drinks were lovely. I have also enjoyed completing maths assessments, the summer concert, Food Tech and PE. A good term all round.

Caoimhe: Gullivers was

exciting and fun because I got to spend the day with my friends the rides were great especially the Dragon Seige. I felt mortified and screamed my head off going upside down!

Ryan: I liked Gullivers because I enjoyed the Drop Tower. It made me laugh because Mr Seago wanted to get off!

Cayden: I enjoyed Gullivers Land going on all the rides, having fun with my friends. I went on the drop tower even though I am scared of heights!

Courtney: I liked Gullivers Land because I liked all of the rides. My favourite was the Runaway Train because it was really fast!

Connie: I liked Gullivers Land because I was able to go on lots of rides with Tulicia and Naomi. I liked going to the café. I was able to be confident and order by myself.

Aarnav: I liked all the rides especially the pirate ship at Gullivers. I liked the trip to the café because I could order different things that I wanted.

Cameron: I enjoyed going to Gullivers Land. The dragon ride was very scary but I survived!

Holly: I liked the Jungle River ride at Gullivers because it was fun went it dropped down into the water making a splash. I am excited for the Carnival. It will be time to have fun and celebrate the end of term.



On Friday we were invited to a 5 team tournament at Kempston Rovers F.C. on behalf of Biggleswade Town.

We entered two teams and each team had 4 games to play and a team penalty shootout.

The games were played in the correct spirit and all the players seemed to enjoy the day, we finished 2nd and 3rd in the tournament and

runners up in the penalty shootout.

Thanks to all the players who took part, you were a credit to Grange Academy.

Football News



Willow class have had an amazing year with many achievements. We are all so proud of how hard we have worked and have had so many exciting things to do.

Freddie: I have worked hard and my favourite part was the trip to the zoo.

Jordan: I am proud I can look after Mikey and Elvis. I am not scared of them anymore.

Robert: I liked meeting the baby dinosaur and going to the zoo.

Jeffrey: I am so glad we went to the cinema and we have done lots of fun things.

Summer: I have written some good stories this year.

Toby: I liked playing outside with my friends and getting good at writing.

Max: I am so proud of my writing and doing lots of fun things in Willow class.

Robin: I have liked doing maths and doing arts and crafts in class.

Miss Jones: I am so proud of all of Willow class. They have achieved some amazing things and have all worked incredibly hard, all year. I hope they all have an amazing, well deserved summer!

Willow

ICT Achievements

EdTech Learning Platform - Certificates achieved.



This academic year pupils across the school have worked hard to complete online learning courses specifically aimed at developing and improving their digital knowledge and skills.

Below are the courses and names of the pupils that have completed each. Well done, and congratulations on your achievements.

	Jungle Junior focuses on letter recognition, finger dexterity, and associating fingers with letters on the keyboard.	• Arthur J, Acer • Louis K, Acer
	Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy Level 1 Pupils learn how the internet works, use hardware and software, deal with cyberbullies, and stay safe online.	• Cayden B, Beech • Connie C, Beech • Keith C, Beech • Ollie B, Cedar • Ray I, Cedar • Harrison M, Cedar • Matthew T, Cedar • Logan AW, Palm • Tammi C, Palm • Malachi C, Palm • Kyle F, Palm • Alfie M, Palm • Mayson S, Palm • Kirsty S, Palm • Oskar S, Palm • Alexis YW, Palm • Scarlett GB, Palm • Mariah Q, Palm • Marcus C, Pine • Ben F, Pine • Connor T, Pine • Max G, Pine • Lucas H, Pine • Alfie M, Pine • Jasmine F, Sycamore • Kade KB, Sycamore • Amy W, Sycamore • Mya W, Sycamore • Dawid Z, Sycamore
	Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy Level 2 Pupils continue to develop their knowledge of how the Internet works, how to use hardware and software, how to participate in online and offline communities, and how to stay safe online.	• Ollie B, Cedar • Harrison M, Cedar • Matthew T, Cedar • Tammi C, Palm • Malachi C, Palm • Mayson S, Palm • Kirsty S, Palm • Oskar S, Palm • Alexis YW, Palm • Ben F, Pine • Alfie M, Pine • Jasmine F, Sycamore • Kade KB, Sycamore • Amy W, Sycamore • Dawid Z, Sycamore
	Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy Level 3 Pupils continue to develop their knowledge of how the Internet works, using hardware and software, binary, being part of online and offline communities, and staying safe online.	• Harrison M, Cedar • Mayson S, Palm • Kirsty S, Palm • Oskar S, Palm • Alfie M, Pine
	Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy Level 4 Pupils continue to develop their knowledge of how the Internet works, using hardware and software, creating accounts, participating in online and offline communities, and staying safe online.	• Harrison M, Cedar
	Digital Citizenship and Digital Literacy Level 5 Pupils continue to develop their knowledge of how the Internet works, using hardware and software, creating accounts, participating in online and offline communities, and staying safe online.	

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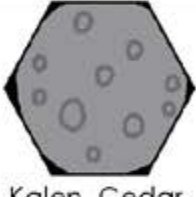


Purple Mash - Euro's Football Design Competition



Pupils across the school participated in Purple Mash's competition to design a football. The winners have not yet been announced in this worldwide competition as entrants are still being judged.

Below is a selection of the designs created by pupils at Grange Academy.

 Harry, Cedar	 Justine, Elm	 Reece, Cedar
 Jerome, Maple	 Levi, Oak	 Aishah, Redwood
 Kayden, Rowan	 Kailey, Sycamore	 Connie, Beech
 Harrison, Cedar	 Kalen, Cedar	 Amber, Elm
 Mariah, Palm	 Amy, Sycamore	 Megan, Walnut

Diary Dates

End of Summer Term - Friday 19th July 2024 - 1 pm finish

Pupils Return - Wednesday 4th September 2024