

15th November 2024



The Grange Times

Beech



Beech class enjoyed taking part in the Remembrance Ceremony on Monday. Mrs. Timms reminded us all of the meaning of Remembrance and the sacrifices made for others by people in the armed forces from the past and today. We were lucky to have a bugle player to play the Last Post which created a memorable and solemn atmosphere. Caoimhe and Tulicia made our classes wreath and laid it down in the ceremony.



Caoimhe: I designed the wreath with Tulicia. We used our fingerprints to make the poppies and then added glitter. It was a simple and beautiful design.

Oliver: Soldiers are there to save our country.

Courtney: The wreaths were so cool, they were all completely different but all beautiful.

Connie: It reminded me of the people that got killed protecting the country.

Aarnav: It was amazing and made me tearful thinking about the soldiers that died.

Ryan: I really enjoyed the bugle player. Thinking about the soldiers almost made me cry.

Cayden: The bugle player was very good and calming to listen to.

Tulicia: I had fun making the wreath with Caoimhe and laying it down in the ceremony.

Holly: I loved the ceremony because the man played the bugle beautifully.

Cameron: The ceremony was beautiful I almost shed a tear because when soldiers die it is very upsetting.

Acer

In DT, Acer class have been learning how to sew. We used string to practice sewing around a poppy. We also started to sew our Christmas stockings using different stitches. We enjoyed using the sensory bags and guessing what was inside.

Alex: I was sewing a stocking. I used white thread.

Arthur: I learnt how to do a blanket stitch. I used the stitch to sew a stocking.

Harrison: The needle went up and down around the poppy.

Jack L: I put my hand inside the bag. I felt a stuffed animal, scarves and wool.

Lewis: I was sewing using some thread and a needle. The needle went in and out.

Louis: I was making a stocking. I used white string.



Birch

Birch class are enjoying Animal Care this half term.

They are helping to clean out the different areas of the Grange farm and feeding all the animals!

Ayaan: Goat eating hay!

Arya: I love the goats!

Dominik: I feed the chickens with grass

Gabriel: Rabbits, soft

Henry: I like the sheep

James: I like the sheep, they need hay

Olo: I am feeding strawberry with an apple to the rabbits

Phoebe: Phoebe stroke rabbits

Sidney: I like the rabbits especially Smoky because he is fluffy!

Thabo: The rabbits like carrots and cabbage.





Pine class have been celebrating Remembrance Day and learning about the sacrifices made by people in times of war and the symbolism of the poppy.

Max: I went to Nottingham to see my sister Lexie march in the University Air Squadron Remembrance service. I saw a band playing lots of instruments. I have replicas of my grandfathers' war medals from Australia, they are so special to me. I would like to thank Mrs Jill for my lovely book she gave me about Luton airport.

Rowan: Today we learnt about why we celebrate Remembrance Day; soldiers fought in wars to protect our country and people. The conditions the soldiers fought in were horrible and tough, I would never want to be a soldier because I do not have the guts to do it, and I do not want to die. There must be other ways to solving conflict between countries than having to go to war.

Connor: Today in Forest School, Pine class made poppies out of conkers, sticks and red wool. Miss Frith drilled four holes in each conker, and we put the sticks in, weaved the wool through them, and made it look like a poppy. We made them because it is Remembrance Day, and we were remembering the soldiers who fought for our country.

Lucas: At half-term I went to New York City with Grandma. I went on a boat to see the Statue of

Pine

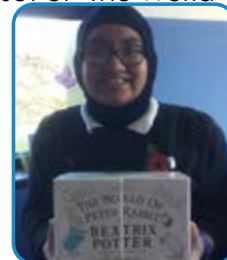
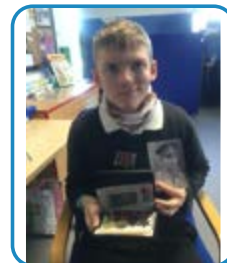
Liberty and I went to see the Empire State Building. I also went on the observation deck of The Top of the Rocks building. I would like to go again, it was fun.

Aaron: My favourite lesson at school is maths and I did very well in my test. I played money games with Miss Beedle, and I beat her! I like playing in the Pine class shop because it helps me learn how to count money.

Emmanuel: I have a new school hobby, every lunchtime I play football with my fellow students on the playing field, and I look forward to it every day. I have also joined clubs' afterschool, and I look forward to them too.

Marcus: I did my maths 'The Four Operations' and Addition & Subtraction' practise test and I got 100% and I feel great; I also got a gold certificate! I must practise so that I know what I need to improve on so that I can get good results in my exams.

Aishah: I have been reading the box set of 'The World of Peter Rabbit;' it has twenty-three books inside and I have read twelve books so far for my homework. I got a gold certificate for enjoyable reading. I have also started reading 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse;' this book is about kindness and all people should be kind to each other.



Walnut



Walnut class have recently caught the bus into Bedford Town for an art project. Students sketched an old building, St Pauls Church, and a new building, The Vue. Students used their life skills lesson to plan their route on the bus. They have used their art lessons to practice their sketching skills.



Arron: I enjoyed all of the trip and would like to catch the bus again.

Sienna: I liked going into town because we had so much fun and I would like to do it again because sketching the buildings was fun.

Ibrahim: I enjoyed walking around town.

Chibunna: I enjoyed going on the buses, walking around and drawing the buildings.

Amna: My favourite part was walking around town.

Megan: I enjoyed doing the drawings.

Skye: I enjoyed going to town because I like sketching buildings. It is fun to go to town.

Kaiden: I like Walnut.

Adam: I liked the bus, walking to the church and sitting at the bus stop. I also liked drawing the buildings.



Sycamore

On Tuesday 12th November, Sycamore and Cedar class went to the Careers Fair at the NEC in Birmingham.

This was a great opportunity to explore a range of career options for when we leave school.

There were lots of companies that told us about opportunities in their businesses and how we could apply.

We all loved being given lots of freebies from pens to water bottles, squishies to sun glasses. It was a great day out and important for us to find out about options for our futures.



Maple



Maple Class had a 'wellbeing' week to help discover ways to relax and do different things that are good for their wellbeing, they took part in lots of fun and calming activities and had some class discussions about what wellbeing is and things they can do to help their wellbeing.

Riley: On Friday we watched a movie in comfy clothes, it made me feel happy.

Summer: We decorated cupcakes with icing, doing that made me feel joyful.

Jerome: Wellbeing is about looking after your mind and doing things that make you feel good.

Alex: We had some chicken nuggets and chips; this made me feel calm.

Jack: We painted moneyboxes, I use mine at home to save money, it made me feel excited.

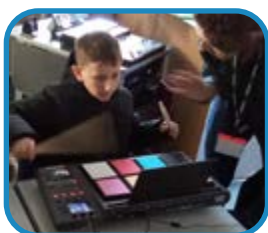
Seth: We made flower bunches, to give to someone we care about.

Jeffrey: My favourite part was having chips and chicken nuggets, it made me feel happy.

Alfie: I liked doing the flowers for someone we love, that made me feel good.



Rowan



Since coming back from half term Rowan class has had lots of amazing opportunities that they have loved being able to take part in. We have been going to music sessions once a week for the last 5 weeks and Rowan class have absolutely loved it and hope that they will be able to take part in this again soon! They have also really enjoyed making Poppy Wreaths for our remembrance

ceremony, they have learnt lots about why we wear Poppies and why we have our 2 minutes of silence. Here are a few things Rowan class have had to say.

Lucy: I enjoy learning Mr Blue Sky on the keyboard in music sessions because it is a good song.

Piotr: I love the music sessions we have had. It is fun to learn new songs with my friends. I kept winning! I am sad its over.

Freddy: I love all the instruments, and I love the music with the words on it and all the cool activities we done.

Stephen: I loved learning the song All Star on the keyboard and it was quite easy. I just loved all the songs we done.

Kai: I like Remembrance Day because we remember all the soldiers and the sacrifices they made for our lives today.

Max: I liked our Poppy Wreath making and the celebration we done, I also liked the music sessions we did because I like the songs we done.

Asia: I like the music sessions we do because I played the keyboard, I played so many songs it was so fun and amazing.

Kajetan: Making poppies was good. We must be quiet. Be respectful.

Toby: I like music on the piano, but it was hard.

Kayden: I like the music lessons because they are really fun. I lie learning new things it was literally amazing, even though sometimes it was a bit tricky



Fundraising

Grange Academy would like to say a massive thank you to all families and staff who bought our Memorial Raffle Tickets.

We raised an amazing £1265.

The money raised will be used to buy a permanent memorial to William who was a past student of Grange who sadly passed in December 2021.

Well done to all the winners.



Dunelm

Dunelm are donating a Christmas gift for each member of our school. Pupils have made suggestions about what they would like. Grange Academy would like to say a huge thank you to Dunelm and Sue Worthington-Ellis for arranging this.



Christmas Fayre



Friends of Grange are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November 2024 at 12pm – 2pm. It will be a great afternoon for all the family. There will be a great selection of things to do for everyone. There will certainly be enough to keep you entertained for the afternoon.

We are looking for the following items for the Christmas fayre:

- Items for the white elephant stall.
- Unwanted gift items that could be sold on our nearly new stall.
- Cakes for our cake stall (to be sent into school on Friday 29th November).

If you are able to help with any of the above, please send them into school as soon as possible.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us on the day between 11.30pm and 3pm. If you are able to help at the fayre, please contact the school office.

Christmas Fayre Mufti Day

Friday 22nd November:

Grange Academy Christmas Fayre Mufti Day.

Bring in a £1 to wear mufti or bring in a donation for the tombola stall.

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Other Notices

Diary Dates

Christmas Fayre Mufti Day - Friday 22nd November 2024

Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 1 pm - End of Term

Thursday 19th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2025 - Pupils Return