

7th February 2025



The Grange Times



On January 28th, Cedar class went to the Preparing for Adulthood Festival at the University of Bedfordshire. They

visited lots of stalls and found out about what is available to them as they get older.

Reece: I got a really cool free water bottle that I use for school. We collected a lot of freebies, like pens and keyrings. When I am older, I want to be a mechanic.

Kieran: I collected so many pens and went to so many stalls, but I don't know what to do in the future but I'm sure I can think of something.

Ray: We talked about lots of interesting things such as what we wanted to do for our future. We saw people that even got the golden buzzer from Britain's Got Talent and we gotten a lot of freebies such as water bottles, a notebook and a lot of pens and pencils. I even got a chocolate bar from one stall and I also got a ball. We were in groups - I was with two other people and we talked to a lot of people and it was all so interesting.

Steven: Last week I went to the University of Bedfordshire, where I met my old friend Jess who used to come to Grange Academy. I was with the school and my dad came; we walked around different stalls. I stopped at an animal care stall which I liked as that is

what I want to do when I get older. They gave me a leaflet. I also went to a stall about aeroplanes - they showed us

aeroplanes and they gave me a leaflet. I went to different stalls - at one stall I got a little flashlight and some sweets. I really enjoyed the day.

Rodney: We were going around the place exploring stuff and we went to the University of Bedfordshire, and we went there to see what we wanted to do in the future. I got a lot of treats and freebies such as pens and torches.

Ollie: We went to the University of Bedfordshire, and we went around some stalls. There were people there from the police and fire service etc. They talked about how we can work with them etc. They gave us free stuff like fidget toys, bottles, flashlights, alarms for when we are out just in case someone tries to attack one of us, stress balls, pens, candies, leaflets, key chains, and Christmas tree things that hang off your tree. It was a lot of fun, there was gift bags too but the most fun was getting free stuff.



Ash

Last week, in Topic, Ash class explored the big question "How can we stay safe when we travel?" We talked about the equipment we should have when we travel with different transport, highlighting the fact that we should put our seat belts on every time we are in a bus, a car or a taxi. Pupils, also practised a lot on the road signs, using the zebra crossing in our small play area! They used their words, saying:

Aneyk: "Lollipop lady", "Stop!"

Carter: "Go!", "Let's go!"

Alex: "Says, Go!"

Ella-Rose: "Go!", "Stop!"

Olivia: "Stop!"



Willow



Last week on Friday Willow class went to the park with Maple class to reward their great behaviour and for filling up their star jar. On our way to the park, we practised road safety and spoke about how to be safe at all times when we are outside of school. All of Willow held hands with a partner and walked very sensibly. At the park Willow practised their turn taking skills and worked together to play games. Willow had a great time!

Robert: The park was fun I want to go again.

Larissa: I liked the spinny chair it was relaxing.

Phoebe: The swing was my favourite.

Robin: Playing with Jordan at the park was good.

Keyaan: The slide funny.

Jake: The basket swing was fun getting pushed.

Jordan: Running around with Robin.

Dejon: I like the swing.

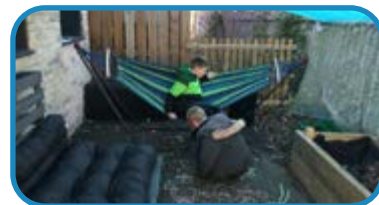
Teddy: playing all together and chasing teachers.



Redwood



Redwood's Garden is finally finished. We have built flower beds, pallet sofas and a hammock and raised the money to buy the finishing touches and WE LOVE IT! Our enormous sail keeps us dry and allows the space to be calm and relaxing. In the summer we can't wait to plant some tortoise safe plants on the flower bed so that Hattie the tortoise can enjoy our garden once she has come out of hibernation!



Freddie: I like the hammock. It makes me feel calm.

Ugne: I liked building the hammock and painting the benches. Its quiet in our garden, I want to spend time in the summer there when it's warmer.

Hope: I enjoyed building and making all the equipment.

Jack: I enjoy chilling in the hammock.

Noah: I liked creating our garden mascot; Gardenzilla and using chalk when we are out there to draw.

Kaleem: I helped Mr Rowley to measure and cut the wood.

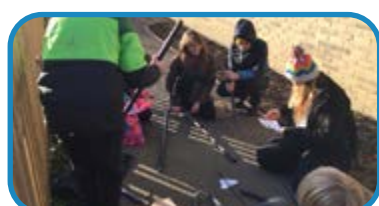
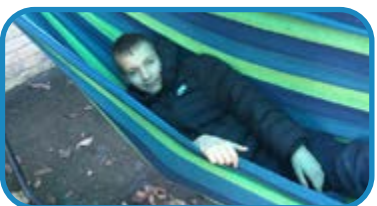
Eva-Louise: I enjoyed building and painting the outside sofa.

Tyler: I really like drawing on the ground with chalk.

Nevaeha: We got to paint the pallets and now the sofas are very comfortable.

Arthur: I helped build the hammock.

Jason: I like seeing the Redwood garden.



Oak



In Oak Class, we have been learning how to write instructions. We wrote instructions on how to make a fruit pizza!

Alfie: I like fruit pizza. (I put on) strawberry, blueberry, mango and kiwi. Yummy!

Amelia: So, I put some mango, strawberries and blueberries. The blueberries were very sharp. I didn't enjoy the wrap, but I love fruit!

Cody: I put my favourite fruits on like strawberries and blueberries. Then I folded it together and ate it like a taco.

Grace-Lily: I am sitting and watch. I see lots of fruits on the pizza.

Levi: I used yoghurt for the sauce. I put mango on it. It was yummy.

Lilly-Jo: I eat the kiwi, strawberry and mango and orange too.

Marcel: I put strawberries and a chocolate sauce on mine. I ate it and it taste a little bit weird, but I still ate it all.

Samuel: On Friday I bought in my tails toy for show and tell, I told my friends about where I got him, and they asked me lots of questions.

Scarlett: I put chocolate sauce and strawberries on mine. I ate all of it and it was delicious.

Shaan: On my wrap I put chocolate spread, strawberries, blueberries, orange, kiwi, and mango. I ate all of it and it was 100% good. Next time I would try putting grapes on it too.



Elm class have been getting to grips with Commando Joe or COJO. It's a Man's World

Our mission this week was to look at the challenges Woman faced in the 18th and 19th Century focusing on Amelia Airhart, who we are looking at in Topic lessons.

The boys were split into 2 groups "male" and "female", the females wore bibs so the males knew who they were.

The task was to transfer 20 balls from one bucket to another bucket on the other side of the room. To make it unfair for the females, the males were able to put obstacles in the way or change the rules to give them an advantage.

Elm

Once the challenges finished we had a debrief and discussed how the games went and was it fair. We also talked about how things have changed over the past 100 years, looking at roles that Women are now in that wouldn't of been allowed back then.

Everyone had fun and lots of energy was used.

Luca: I didn't realise how much things have changed.
Owen: it was unfair, we (females) didn't stand a chance in the games.

Zach: We had to transfer the balls to a different bucket; I was on the male team and we won.

Harry: The males were always going to win as we could change the rules to make it easier for us.





In Palm class we have had a busy few days. Palm, as well as a lot of the other classes, took part in the RSPB Bird

Watch. We also went to a career fair at The University of Bedfordshire, which had a wide range of companies and services available for young adults. Most classes took part in the Grange mile on Tuesday, which was for Children's Mental Health Week.

Keith: We went to Bedford University to see what we might want to do. When we got to the university we separated in groups to see activities. We got back before lunch time.

Alex: I went to Bedford town and went to B&M, the library and a charity shop. I got myself a comic book from the library.

Tammi: On Tuesday 28th January, I went to the University of Bedford we went to look at different options. I asked couple of questions. We got a lot of different freebies. There was a lot of different stalls there and I found it busy.

Calvin: I really loved the Bedford University workshop because it makes me think of what I want to do when I go to college and what options I can do. The best bit I liked about it I got a notebook and some sweets, and

Palm

I took some interesting books and information back home.

Matthew: Last week the Year 10s and Year 11's went on the Bedford University trip. At the university I saw a lot of stalls and I saw things that I was interested in. There were police, fire & rescue service and also there was a lot of NHS stalls as well.

Baron: I went to Uni to see college staff and I saw different jobs and there were so many people. I am interested in studying the football course from Bedford College.

Malachi: Last week we went on a trip to university of Bedfordshire with Palm, Cedar, Sycamore and Walnut. I got some goodies, a key chain, pens, books and sweets.

Alfie: I went to University of Bedfordshire. It was amazing and I learned so many different types of jobs like, being a firefighter, being a member of the police department and so much more.

Mariah: Bedford University is huge compared to Grange. There are so many departments and different subjects to learn. The stalls had lots of free information for us to take away as well as free pens and stuff. My Favourite stall was the police, because they have a wide range of options, something that I may be interested in as a career option.

Kyle: We went to Bedford University to see what we might want to do when we leave Grange. When we got to the university we separated in groups to see the activities.

Hazel

Last Monday, the students in Hazel class visited some of the nearby charity shops to buy useful, suitable items that they could use for their coffee morning at the end of half term. The pupils were given a list of things to search for and some cash to use in the shops. As we have been learning about money in our maths lessons, Hazel class were able to use their new skills and knowledge to work out how many coins they would need and whether they would get any change.

Emilia: I bought a water bottle for myself. It cost £2 and I paid for it with a £5 note, and she gave me 3 pound coins back in change. We bought a cake stand, some jugs for juice and milk, and plates. It was fun. I enjoyed looking for bits for the coffee morning.

Umar: I got a cake stand, it cost £2.50, I paid for it with £3 coins, and a 50p change, and it was fun.

Hannah: Last Monday we went to the charity shops to get some teacups and some jugs and something for a cake and we brought money to buy them for the coffee morning. I had a real look around at the toys and the clothes and the DVDs and I enjoyed the charity shop because there's lots of things to have a look around.

Dylan: last Monday me and team Treble went to the charity shops to buy some items for Grange coffee morning. I purchased some keyrings and pointed out many cups and jugs we can use in the Grange coffee morning also helped with our maths we are doing

money skills, so the trip was to help with understanding with money skills.

Justine: It was scary and exciting at the same time. It was scary going up to pay, it was exciting because there were lots of new things everywhere and we went to loads of different shops in one day. I paid for the mug and the plates. I think it was £1.50, and £1 coin and two 20ps and 10 pence.

Amber: We walked down to the shops next to Tesco and we went into the shops looking for stuff for the coffee morning. I bought two cat keyrings and an ornament dog. The keyrings were £1, and the dog was £1.50. I paid for it with 20ps and a 50p and 5ps. It was fun going out to the shops with my class and I like to pay for the stuff I got.

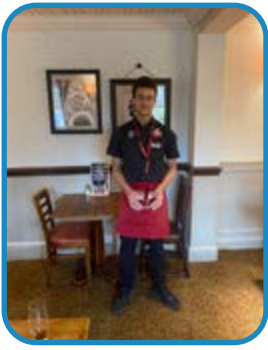
Eva: It was really fun because it was looking at things and buying things you like. I bought a green, fluffy bag. For the coffee morning, I bought a jug. For the bag, it was £4 and I used 4 £1 coins.

Tyrese: I went to the charity shop and we were looking for coffee morning stuff. I found a cup, and I bought it. It was fun because we got out of school. Tristan: I found a jug for the coffee morning. I didn't buy anything, but I enjoyed exploring and having fun.

Ruby: I bought a set of teacups and saucers for the coffee morning. I paid £2.50 using a £2 coin and a 50p. It was a little bit scary, but I enjoyed looking at all the stuff the shops had.



Careers



This term the careers team have been working hard to secure some external work experience placements for our Year 11 pupils. Moving forward ensuring that all year 11 pupils get to experience an external work placement.

This has had its challenges but with success.

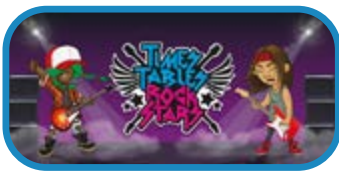
I am pleased to announce that our first young person has been out on placement at the Toby Carvery in Bedford.

Kade was visited on his third day at his placement and said that "I felt comfortable speaking with the customer's, I have been shown lots of different jobs, I have learned the company standards"

Kade informed us that he had the opportunity to learn the till and take breakfast orders, show customers to the table and take drinks orders.

Kade was happy to share the perks of his placement "I get to take home a piece of Fudge cake everyday"

All our young people are going to get the opportunity to experience a work placement in preparation for the future.



TT Rockstars Challenge

Kestrels Nest have been competing in their own TT Rockstars Challenge. Each month, Walnut, Hazel, and Beech will participate in a Times Tables Rock Stars competition. TTRockstars is an online platform that enables students to practice their times tables knowledge.

Each month, classes will go head-to-head, the winning class will be the one with the highest number of correct answers. The winning class will be rewarded with a mufti day.

The three highest scorers in Walnut are: Ibrahim, Amna and Megan



Qualifications

Well done to Mya, Kade, Harry and Jasmine from Sycamore and Lucas from Pine class for completing all of their Food Tech coursework for their qualification.

They have also achieved the level 1 and 2 food safety and hygiene certificates.

Schools of Tomorrow



Ambassadors of Tomorrow: Inspiring Change at Grange Academy & Goldington Green Academy

Last week, the Ambassadors of Tomorrow programme visited Grange Academy and Goldington Green Academy, where we worked with:

- 4 Grange Ambassadors
- 8 Goldington Green Ambassadors

Grange Academy: Environmental Impact & Leadership

The Grange ambassadors impressed us with their incredible progress from their first year. Their projects focused on:

- Creating bird boxes to support local wildlife
- Collaborating with local MPs & the council on environmental initiatives
- Expanding meadow areas, utilizing rainwater, building ponds, and implementing Terracycling as part of a pupil-led climate change response

Together, we achieved key outcomes:

1. Reflect & Celebrate – Ambassadors engaged in activities to reflect on their progress and understand project evaluation.
2. Prepare for Collaboration – Getting ready to share their work with Goldington Green ambassadors.
3. Capture Key Content – Documenting their journey and skills development.

Goldington Green Academy: Building Connections & Creativity

To top it off, Aron and Bradley gave a live presentation to Goldington Green ambassadors, offering valuable tips for launching their own projects. And, of course, we had a fantastic time with the animals at Grange Academy!

Diary Dates

Mufti for Mental Health Week - Friday 7th February 2025

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Kestrels Coffee Morning - Friday 14th February 2025
only Hazel, Beech and Walnut Parents

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Half Term - Monday 17th February 2025 to Friday 21st February 2025

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Pupils Return to School - Monday 24th February 2025