

1st May 2025



The Grange Times



Redwood

Redwood have been loving the warm weather since being back at school. They enjoyed their first session of Forest School this week.

The class did some digging, climbing, enjoying time in the hammock and lots more. They helped make a fire and had some yummy s'mores too.



Eva-Louise: I enjoyed making s'mores.

Tyler: I played with Noah digging holes with the trucks.

Jason: I liked that we celebrated my birthday out there.

Ugne: The s'mores were good.

Arthur: I helped Miss Williams make the fire, I knew what I needed to do.

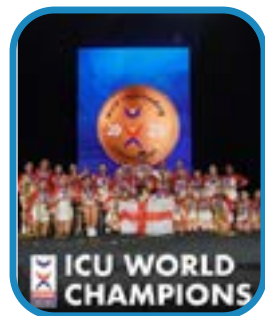
Hope: I like being able to be outside with the whole class.

Freddie: I love Forest School.

Noah: Digging in the hole is the best.

Nevaeha: Jason brought a cake for his birthday which was fun to celebrate.

Kaleem: I relax in the hammock.



Oak

Last week, Oak class enjoyed watching the ICU World Cheerleading Championships, where Team England competed in a variety of categories. We were very excited that Team England Adaptive Abilities (Advanced) secured a back-to-back World Champion title, bringing home the gold. We thought it was cool to see all different types of athletes with wheelchairs and hearing aids. We also watched teams from other countries and tested our flag knowledge!

Alfie: Cheerleading.

Amelia: I love the team uniforms and the sassy performance!

Cody: I like that Miss Sheehan's friends are on the team. Kieran and Dani. Dani is deaf and wears hearing aids.

Grace-Lily: I watch the cheerleading – U-S-A!

Levi: I liked the back flips and the catching. We saw lots of different teams from different countries.

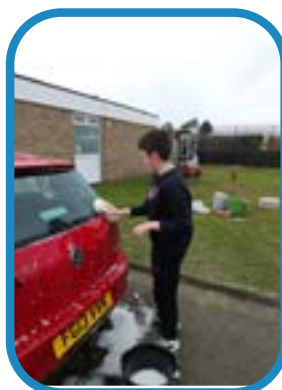
Lilly-Jo: I like flips and Team England.

Marcel: I like the stunting and spinning. I watched Team Poland because I am Polish. I also liked the Japanese one.

Samuel: I liked watching Dani with her hearing aids. It made me happy to see someone with hearing aids like me!

Shaan: I like that they are lifting and twirling the people up! It's very cool.

Scarlett: I liked all the cool flips and backflips. It was really awesome.



Elm

As part of our enterprise Elm class ran a car wash event.

Pupils did posters and asked staff if they wanted their cars washed for a small fee.

On Friday afternoons Elm class got their buckets and sponges and proceeded to clean several of the Grange staff cars, including Miss Assink and Mrs Timms.

Luca: it was fun cleaning the cars.

Martin: I enjoyed the car wash we worked as a team.

Zach: I got to clean cars.

Samuel: We took turns in washing the car and rubbing it down.



Palm

Palm class are having a busy time currently. **Year eleven** are sitting for some qualifications and are looking forward to moving on to their next placement in September. We also have some trips planned next month and hope for some good weather for these.

Mayson: This summer term, I will be sitting assessments and hope to get qualifications by the end of the term. I will be leaving Grange Academy in July and in the future, I would like to do an animal care course.

Alfie: I am starting food share for work experience and it's great. We pack food and deliver the bags to everyone in the school and store some of the food we do not share at that time, in the food shack. We do have to check the food for nuts or any other ingredients that cause an allergic reaction and we have to wear hair nets.

Alex: I attended a meeting given by National Rail. They told us about working for them.

Malachi: This year I have been helping Miss Gallagher with the food share. This was part of my work experience. I really enjoyed it because I felt that we were helping people with their shopping. Also, it saved good food from going to waste.

Calvin: I really loved going to the library and I got a new library card. I also got a new bus pass so I can travel around Bedford town.

Scarlett: At Easter I went to Hopton with my mum and dad and Theo. I went to my Nanny and grandad's house to get my Easter eggs. I'm looking forward to going back to Hopton again because I love swimming in the sea.

Tammi: This summer term I am looking forward to hopefully getting different qualifications. For work experience I am going to be working in a nursery, for a couple of days a week. This will help me because I might want to do this in the future.

Matthew: This week I attended a Network Rail careers talk. I have learnt how it is run and how they work as a team. I also learnt what sort of equipment and uniform they have to wear whilst on the railway.

Baron: I went to the Careers Hub, and I met two British Rail mentors there. I asked a lot of questions about working on the trains. One of the questions I asked was about trees over growing near the train tracks and overhead electricity lines.

Mariah: I became a mental health champion before the holidays. I was excited for school to end so I can go on holiday and surf and horse ride on the beach.



Cedar have been raising money for their Enterprise Fund car washing for staff at Grange Academy.

Steven: We raised money by doing a car wash so that we could go to town and get McDonalds: it was fun. We all went, we walked to the bus stop and got on a bus. We planned it all.

Reece: We all worked really hard to do the car wash. We designed a poster to advertise the car washing service around the school. The teachers paid us £5 to wash

their cars.

Kieran: We all applied for our bus pass so we could travel on the bus into town for free. We went to McDonalds and had some delicious food.

Ray: I was Project Manager for the car wash. I kept a record of the bookings, invoices and payments.

Rodney: We washed a lot of cars and raised money so we could organise a trip into town on the bus. We all used a bus pass to travel into town.

Ryan: I worked really hard washing cars. We used buckets and sponges. We went to McDonalds in town with the money that we raised.

Ollie: Washing the cars was hard work but good fun. I really enjoyed the trip into town with Cedar class. We all caught the bus together.



rubbing the colourful bath foam.

They did also play with the water beads practicing their fine motor skills as they were trying to squeeze them with their fingertips.

Carter: "It is shiny red"

Alex: "Blue glitter"

Ella-Rose: "soft" "Foam"

Thabo: "I want the blue foam"

Ash

This week, Ash class had a wonderful time in our little garden during our Interception session. They did really enjoy the lovely, sunny weather playing with the water tray, exploring their senses, e.g. touching, and



Hazel



In DT this term, Hazel class have been designing and making stationery caddy. They have been sketching their initial designs, outlining their desired shapes onto pieces of wood and using equipment safely to cut out their shapes and create a functional item.

Tristan: So, we're making a desk holder. We had to make our wood and we had to use the saw so we can make it. I'm making a circle and a gear. We used a sander so we can smooth out the edges. It's a bit tricky but I might get there.

Amber: I used a sander to sand my cat design out. It made the sides smooth. My design is a cat and a sun. Before Easter, we cut out the designs we wanted with a saw. It was half tricky, and half alright.

Ruby: I was cutting wood using a coping saw. I'm trying to make a desk tidy. I followed the lines on the wood that I designed. My desk tidy is a just a curve.

Dylan: We used a coping saw to create edges in unique patterns on our designs. I'm just making a regular stationary holder. My sides are a curve. I'm excited for my final design because I need a place to put my pens!

Jack: My favourite bit in DT is sawing stuff and looking after the machinery. I enjoy doing the work there as well. I like the fact that I'm getting to work all the time. I am making a pencil holder. My design is a triangle kind of shape. It's good, and I'm getting better at working in class.



Country Days



During the Easter holiday, some pupils had a day out with the Country Days Charity and some volunteers from Grange Academy.

We had the best time doing pond dipping, playing games, arts and crafts and making some amazing dens.

We had a busy day and ended it with a feast from a local pizzeria who very kindly donated us a tasty lunch. We had the best day out and had so much fun spending time outdoors.

Jordan: I loved it, I love country days with Miss Jones and Tim.

Freddie: I had so much fun, and the pizza was yummy.

Emmanuel: we had the best day! I liked everything, I liked pond dipping and it was entertaining making the dens. It was fun. I want to go again!

Luca: I can't wait to go again next time!

Lucas: I did a sport thing and I did den buildings.

Jack: I liked the sports best it was funny!



Careers



This month we were visited by Network Rail who ran a careers session for Year 11 pupils.

They talked about careers within Network Rail, the role of people working on the railway lines and safety and all the various jobs within the organisation.

They have an apprentice scheme which they can join at 18 - which they get paid for and learn on the job.



Other Notices



Diary Dates

Get together for parents & teenagers with SEN

Rachel Deimer has organised a get together for families. Taking place in **Marston Moretaine on Sunday 11th May from 1pm at the Community Centre Playing Fields,**

This event is open to families with teenagers age 13 - 18 years old.

Bring a game, bring a chair, bring yourselves for a casual, relaxed get together.



Diary Dates

Monday 5th May 2025 - May Bank Holiday (No pupils in school)

Tuesday 6th May 2025 - Pupils Return to School

Friday 9th May 2025 - VE Day Celebrations

Thursday 15th May 2025 - Wear it Green Day

Monday 26th to Friday 30th May 2025 - Half Term

Monday 2nd June 2025 - Pupils Return to School



FARM OPEN DAY

SATURDAY 14TH JUNE 10AM - 2PM



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