

Welcome to...Grange Federation Newsletter

December 2017

"Being the best I can be, learning together,
thinking for myself"

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Dear Parents, Friends and the Community of Grange Federation

Where did 2017 go?

What a busy term we have had. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the fireworks evening. A special thank you to our fabulous FOGs committee for their hard work. The Federation raised an amazing

£2,366.87.

The next FOGs meeting is on 10th January at the Dockle Farmhouse at 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome!

The children at the Infant school enjoyed the launch of their golden mile initiative with a sponsored run. Despite the rain everyone had a great time and raised £2700 towards our sports enrichment. It was lovely to have this event covered by the local paper too.

They also really enjoyed their spooky disco and dress up day which helped bring their writing alive!

A theatre company recently visited the Infants, the children watched the show Beauty and Beast and have enjoyed completing lots of different activities about the story.

Safety

We are experiencing a number of complaints from local residents about how parents park in the roads at the beginning and end of the day. Can we ask that you all park respectfully and avoid the yellow lines and roundabout?

We have also received several complaints about how the children are playing on the football pitch next to the community centre, first thing in the morning. Can you please remind your children to be respectful and show consideration to others when playing outside school?

Road safety reminder

A reminder about road safety to keep our children safe in the winter months. If riding or walking please 'be seen' by other road users. If you're wearing dark clothing it is harder to be spotted - brighten yourself up, put lights on bikes and please remember to check the roads before you are crossing.

Christmas Shopping

Thanks to FOGS for yet another fantastic Christmas shopping Day at the Junior school. The children thought it was brilliant and really enjoyed choosing their gifts!!



Values

Our value for Term 3 is

Perseverance

This is one of the most important learning behaviours and values that the children can develop. To be able to keep going and trying again to improve ourselves sets us up well for life. The children will be discussing their 'Growth Mindset' and editing and improving their work and skills in all areas of the curriculum. We will talk to them about the power of 'yet'. When they find something hard instead of saying 'I can't do it'. We will encourage a change of mind set. 'You can't do it yet!' Try this at home when they approach new challenges

'If you try,try,try, you can,can,can!'



After an aborted mission on Nov 29th we are pleased to announce that the science dome visited the Junior school again on Wednesday 6th Dec and launched Year 5 into space to explore the Solar system and beyond! In the afternoon on Thursday 7th Dec they also made Moon landers for their Eggstronauts

We'll let you know in the next newsletter if they make it back safely.



Thank you to everyone who donated towards Children in Need. The Federation raised £900 by selling cakes and creating Pudsey Bears out of pennies at the Infants and Junior schools

ART WEEK



We had a great art week. At the Infants each year group chose an artist and created fire work art work after attending the firework display. They learnt about the artist and practised skills all week. They then completed a final piece of art. This art was sent off to be professionally framed so we could sell it at our Art Exhibition. The children wrote their own invitations and are very excited to see how much money their art will make.

At the Juniors the children honed their skills throughout the week challenging themselves to create different pieces of work inspired by their chosen artist ready for display in their classrooms.

Shout out to our Grange parents and staff

Mrs Rutherford and Mrs Knight would like to say a huge thank you to our lovely parents and staff, who donated some fabulous furniture to our Rainbow room. It is much appreciated.

We are now hoping to get the room painted and looking its best next term.

Any volunteers please contact the junior school office and ask to speak to Mrs Rutherford.

Stay and Play



On Wednesday mornings at the Infants and on published days at the Juniors we have been holding Stay and Play sessions. Parents, babies and toddlers have enjoyed socialising in informal surroundings. It's a great way to meet other parents and see our Children's Champions and different staff members. Not only do we get to meet the next generation of Grange children but we get to hear feedback from parents.

Please do come and join us.

Federation Choir

On Thursday 16th November the Federation Choirs sang with other Swindon Schools at the Wyvern Theatre in their Christmas show. Thank you to the teachers and helpers who gave up their time to make this happen and to the parents for providing the lovely pantomime costumes.

They also performed at Grange Leisure on Friday 1st December and made everyone proud with their wonderful contribution to the events.

Wands at the ready!!

Y4 thought their trip to Harry Potter World was magical and a great culmination to the work the children have done this term.



Cinema Trip

Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their trip to see The Star at the Empire cinema, while Year 5 and 6 got a sneak preview showing of Ferdinand. Fun was had by all!

With Christmas around the corner we are enjoying all the Christmas performances, Nativity and carol concerts. Please can we remind parents that photos taken at these events must not be shared on social media due to safeguarding.

Swimming Lessons Year 3

Class 3L (Mr Lacey's) will start a swimming course at Cricklade Leisure Centre beginning Monday 8th January. If you would like to help and have a DBS clearance for the Junior school, we would love to hear from you.

Premier Sports After School Clubs

There are details for term 3 clubs available on the school website.

Please book on-line only at

www.premiersport.org

For more information please contact
aturner@premier-education.com



Diary Dates 2018

Tuesday 2 nd January	Children return to School for Term 3
Thursday 4 th January	Rock and Pop Road show at the Junior school
Monday 8 th January	8.45-9.30am maths morning at the Junior School. Come to a maths presentation in the hall and then visit your child's class to see some maths in action
Monday 8 th January	3L start swimming lessons
Tuesday 9 th January	8.30-9.15am maths morning at the Infant School. Come to a maths presentation in the hall and then visit your child's class to see some maths in action
Wednesday 10 th January	8.45am and 2.30pm SATs Meeting Year 6 parents- Junior School Hall
Wednesday 10 th January	2.30pm and 5.30pm Phonics Screener Meeting Year 1 parents- Infant Hall
Wednesday 17 th January	2.30pm and 5.30pm SATs Meeting Year 2 parents- Infant Hall
Monday 22 nd January	Science week across the Federation- any parent expertise welcomed! Please let the office know as soon as possible
w/b 29 th January	National storytelling week- details to follow
Tuesday 30 th January	2.30pm EYFS Sharing session- come in and share our books
w/c 5 th February	Year 1 class assemblies 2.30pm infant hall Tuesday 1S/Wednesday 1O/Thursday 1C
Friday 9 th February	Term Ends
Monday 19 th February	Teacher Training Day- School Closed
Tuesday 20 th February	Children return to school for Term 4
Tuesday 20 th - Thursday 22 nd February	Book fair in Junior school - details to follow
Tuesday 20 th February	Parents evening - details to follow
Wednesday 21 st February	Parents evening - details to follow
w/b 26 th February	FairTrade Fortnight starts - details to follow
Thursday 1 st March	World Book Day - details to follow
Tuesday 6 th March	FOGS Mother's Day Event at Infants- details to follow
Wednesday 7 th March	FOGS Mother's Day Event at Juniors- details to follow
Monday 12 th March	3F start swimming lessons
Tuesday 20 th March	8.30-9.00am Wow morning at Infant school

Tuesday 20 th March	2.45-3.15pm Wow afternoon at the Junior school
Wednesday 21 st March	8.45-9.15am Wow morning at Junior school
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Thursday 29 th March	Term ends

Other forthcoming events - further details to follow

Year 1 Trip to Bird Land

EYFS magic Show

Y3 and 4 Disco

Y5 and 6 Disco