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# Grange First Weekly News



Dear families

Can you believe it is May? We've had frost and hail! I hope things are going to warm up before too much longer! We've had a busy working week at Grange; I've had a wonderful time visiting classrooms with Mrs Kidd-Scannell to see how hard all the teachers and children are working. Hawthorn, Hazel, Sycamore and the nursery have all blown my socks off with their brilliant mathematical skills and knowledge. Some of our children were faster to spot mathematical patterns than I was! Juniper and Willow classes showed off their reading and writing skills. I'm waiting for Willow class to send me their persuasive letters about why we should have a therapy pet at Grange.

What is very clear from observing these lessons, is how well the staff at Grange know each and every child. They are planning exciting and engaging lessons that support and challenge all our learners. Quality feedback is given in each lesson so that the children know what they are doing well and what their next steps in learning are. I am looking forward to spending time in more classes next week.

## Swimming

Our Year 4 children have impressed the instructors at Gosforth Pool so much that they've asked us to go swimming next week as well. They have also been very impressed with the behaviour of our pupils which is fantastic news. Year 4, remember you will need swimming kits at school every day next week apart from Thursday. On Thursday, a teacher from Gosforth central Middle School is coming to spend some time in your classrooms so we need to stay in school for this.



If any parents have any spare swimming trunks or swimsuits that are aged 8 – 11 years, we would really appreciate any donations. These can be handed in at the school office.

## Governor Elections

We have had two nominations for parent governor elections. I will be in touch next week with more information about this.

## Attendance

Can you believe it? Willow Class did it again and got 100% attendance last week! Incredible work Willow!

## PTFA



Grange First School PTFA

Art Competition!

Don't forget.....there's one more week for children to bring in their art competition entries!

Children should bring their art work in on A4 paper with a £1 entry fee (this money will go towards PTFA fundraising). Art work and money can be given to class teachers to collect. Please make sure you add your child's name and class on the back of the entry. The theme is my favourite thing..... so far we've had space, unicorns, rainbows, Grange First School, wild animals, cars, bees.....

Mrs Clougher (with the help of some other teachers) will judge the competition and chose a winner from each key stage group. The winners will see their artwork framed and in pride of place in Mrs Clougher's office.