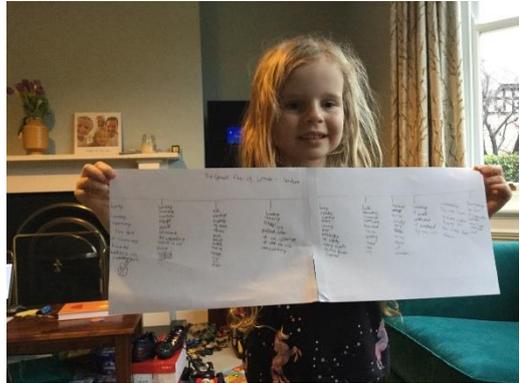


Dear families

We have all survived another week of lock down; that is an achievement! You are all doing a great job with home learning and we are so impressed with the work being produced by your children. The children who are attending school do the same work as we upload on to Seesaw and Tapestry each day. We know that the one thing children working at home miss the most is the interaction with their teacher and friends. This afternoon, Mrs Tingle, Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Gregory are all hosting a short Zoom session with a group of children from their class who are not attending school. The focus of this session is to have fun and to enjoy talking to each other. If these Zoom sessions are successful, we will roll this out to all other classes next week. The Zoom sessions are not a 'lesson' and are optional. Your child does not have to attend them but we know the vast majority of our children will be eager to.



### **Lateral Flow Tests**

Our staff have started regular lateral flow COVID-19 testing this week along with all other primary and first school staff across the country. This will help us to ensure that none of the staff in the building are asymptomatic and will add to our risk assessment to make Grange as safe as possible.

### **Friday Challenge**

Thank you to all the children who took part in the Rainbow Running Challenge; I loved looking at your photos. Annie had a great idea and turned it into a Rainbow Bike Ride Challenge so if you haven't had the chance to go for a run, you might prefer Annie's idea of doing it on your bike!

This week's Friday Challenge is to make us all smile. I felt miserable on Wednesday night when Boris announced schools wouldn't open until 8<sup>th</sup> March at the earliest. I'm also fed up with the dark mornings and dark evenings. This lockdown is hard work and we all need something to cheer us up. I hope the children take part in the Challenge; hopefully, it will make them and you smile. I'd love to see some photos and videos on Tapestry or Seesaw. I know they will make me smile.



### **Certificate Winners**

Star Award certificates will be posted out again to our Achievement Winners. Watch the video on Tapestry or Seesaw to find out who the winners are!

### **Fruit**

Fruit deliveries have resumed their normal service so all children who are coming in to school will be provided with a piece of fruit. Please do not send any more fruit in to school with your child.

### **Grange Nursery**

If you know anyone who is looking for a place in nursery for their child in September, please tell them that we would love them to come to Grange. There is a virtual tour of our school on the website and application

forms can also be downloaded from the 'Prospective Parents' tab. Applications have to be submitted by March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Have a good weekend everyone. I'm hoping for some sunshine so we can all get out for a walk.

Mrs Clougher

## Online Safety

Your children are using screens far more than they would usually at the minute. The internet is a wonderful resource but it is vitally important that we keep our children safe and teach them how to respect and use it safely. Mrs Kidd-Scannell has some excellent resources to share with you. Please take some time to look at them. I was shocked and very concerned this week when I was asked to talk to our Year 4 pupils about playing Grand Theft Auto. This is an extremely violent game which has an age rating of 18. It is totally inappropriate for any of our pupils to be playing or watching it. Some of the pupils in school have been repeating offensive language from this game.



## Online/e-safety Guidance for Parents

As a parent you know how important the internet is to children and young people especially at the moment with so much of their Home Learning and leisure time being on line. The technology children use in their daily lives can seem daunting. You might worry about the risks they can face online, such as bullying, contact from strangers, as well as the possibility of access to inappropriate or illegal content. To help them stay safe, it's important that you understand how your child uses the internet. It can be a bit of a minefield knowing what to do and where to look so we have put together a number of very helpful websites that will help you to support your child with their use of the internet and guidance on how to talk to your children about keeping them safe online.

 Childnet has developed guidance for parents and carers to begin a conversation about online safety, as well as guidance on keeping under-fives safe online.  
<https://www.childnet.com/>

 This is part of the larger NSPCC website which offers a range of support to parents to support children through the Covid 19 pandemic.  
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

The parents' part of the website contains content for parents to read if they are concerned about their child's online activities and how to support safe usage.  
  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

 A very useful and practical guide for parents using social media.  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/490001/Social\\_Media\\_Guidance\\_UKCCIS\\_Final\\_18122015.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/490001/Social_Media_Guidance_UKCCIS_Final_18122015.pdf)

 Step by step guides to set up the right controls and privacy settings on networks, gadgets, apps and sites being used.  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

 UK Safer Internet Centre provides tips and advice for parents and carers to keep children safe online - you can also report any harmful content found online through the UK Safer Internet Centre.  
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>