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Grange First Weekly News



Dear families

We hope you all had a lovely half term holiday and managed to get out and enjoy the wonderful sunny weather!

I have hardly seen the staff or children at Grange this week as I've been busy with Mrs Kidd-Scannell and Iain Ross (one of our parent governors) interviewing for 3 days. We had 163 applications for two teacher posts. We shortlisted 20 candidates who came to school to teach a short lesson and to complete a variety of other tasks on Monday and Tuesday. The teachers, support staff and children of Grange were all brilliant throughout this process and certainly showed candidates what a fabulous school Grange is. We invited 9 candidates to attend a formal interview on Wednesday and we appointed two new teachers. One of them you may know- Lindsey Gardner. Mrs Gardner has been working at Grange on a part time basis since September and has proved to be a fantastic teacher and we are delighted that she will be joining the Grange family on a full time basis from September. We also appointed Peter MacDermott, who previously worked as a behaviour specialist at Ravenswood Primary. He moved to London this year to complete his teacher training and is very excited to be moving back to Newcastle in the summer. Mr MacDermott will be a great addition to our fabulous teaching team.

While we are very excited to be welcoming two new teachers to Grange, we are also very sad to be losing one of our talented teachers, Mr Carr. He is moving back to Ireland this summer to be near his family and friends. He will be missed by everyone at Grange.



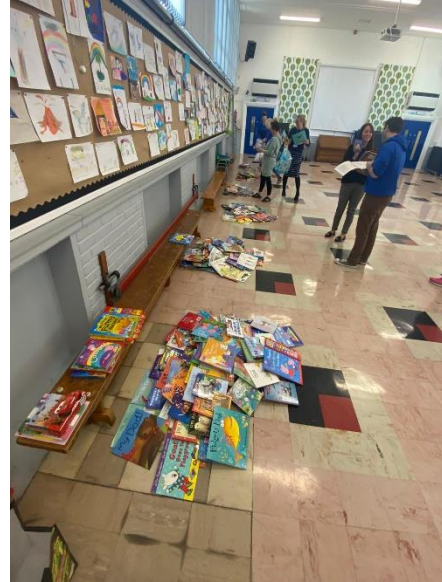
PTFA

The PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to all the children, parents and teachers for supporting the two events we organised last half term. We are also excited that we have been able to choose our very own Grange School PTFA logo from the excellent Art Competition entries.

We are pleased to let you know that the Art Competition raised £110 and the Book Sale raised an enormous £479.50!

These funds will go towards upcoming PTFA events and resources for school. Keep a close eye out for updates from us with more information about the exciting events we have planned for this half term. We share information through this newsletter, ParentMail, a school PTFA Facebook page (Grange First School PTFA) and a new Grange First School PTFA (<https://twitter.com/GrangeFirstPTFA>). Please join or follow to keep updated with information.

Book Sale - from donating....to sorting into year groups.....to being sold in classes – THANK YOU!



On Saturday June 12th, one of our Grange parents is cycling 188 miles across the country and back in under 20 hours to raise money for Grange PTFA. This is incredibly kind as well as being very ambitious! If you would like to sponsor him, please click on the link below. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

[Fundraiser by Jack Crane : C2C2C 4 GFS PTFA \(gofundme.com\)](https://gofundme.com)



Bees

We have two bee nests in the yard outside the Year 1 classrooms. These are protected so we cannot remove them. Please be aware of this and make sure children stay with their adult on the yard at drop off and pick up times. We are talking to the children about bees and how to behave around them.

