



The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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No. 5 Autumn Term 2024

Friday 4th October 2024

Parents' Meetings

It was a pleasure to welcome many of you to our Parents' Meetings this week. I hope that you found them useful.

There will be two further meetings next week:

Classes 8, 9, 10 and 12 - Wednesday 9th October - For new starters in the staffroom at 2.30 p.m.

Classes 7 and 11 - Thursday 10th October - For new starters in the staffroom at 2.30 p.m.

The meeting for parents and carers of children in Class Two will take place after Mrs. Fearon's return.

Some new school year reminders

In this morning's assembly children were reminded of four important school rules:

- Nail varnish must not be worn to school. Children who come to school wearing nail varnish will be given a nail polish remover pad to remove it.
- Breaktime snacks must be fruit only.
- Water bottles must contain still water only - no fizzy or flavoured drinks.
- Only small, spherical ear studs can be worn to school on non-swimming days - no hoops or shaped ear jewellery.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that these rules are followed.

Clubs Next Week

Monday - Playcourt Football - Yrs. 3 & 4 - on the playcourt

Monday - Choir - Yrs. 3 - 6 - Hall

Tuesday - Table Top Games - Yrs. 5 & 6 - Class Six

Thursday - Lego and Construction Kit - Yrs. 3 & 4 - Class Three

Please collect your child from the front of the school at 4.15 p.m.

Harvest donations

Thank you to those of you who have already donated. Please keep gifts of non-perishable foods (tins, packets etc.) coming into the entrance foyer. All donations will be donated to Netherton's Community Pantry on Friday 11th October when we will hold our harvest assembly.

The football season in underway!

Our school team opened their 2024 - 2025 league campaign with an impressive 6 - 0 victory at OLO Walsingham Catholic Primary School on Wednesday and were very narrowly defeated (1 - 0) by a strong St. Benedict's team yesterday.

Our girls team were defeated by a similarly strong team from St. Elizabeth's in their opening game.

Celebrating Good Attendance

The winner of the 100% Attendance Prize for the term to date (100% attendance and prompt arrival) was Alfie Fagan in Class Five and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class Eight - Well done Alfie and Class Eight!

It's been a busy week and we are record breakers!

Our younger children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in drama workshops on Tuesday. Older children will have their workshops at a later date.

Children in Classes Three and Four took part in a live, interactive poetry writing session with the children's poet: Laura Mucha on Thursday in an attempt to break a Guinness World Record for the world's largest poetry lesson. More than 200,000 children took part from over 1,200 schools under the vigilant scrutiny of Guinness World Record officials. The record was broken!

Children contributed to writing one collective poem with the theme of what they think counts and what is important in life. The poem entitled, *What do you think counts?* can be found on the National Literacy Trust's website and will be shared across billboards up and down the country.

Keeping your children safe in school

Thank you for following the guidance issues at the start of this term that the entrance foyer is not be used as a waiting area for parents/carers collecting their children. Parents, drivers, escorts etc. collecting children in Classes 7 - 12 are asked to wait in the hall from approximately 3.05 p.m. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding on this matter.

I am also grateful to those parents/carers who made me aware of a man in a Halloween mask approaching them outside the main gates to the school before getting back into a car and being driven off. The police have been informed.

Flu immunisation - a message from the School Health Team

Flu vaccinations will take place on Monday 2nd December

Your Child's flu immunisation is due this term. It's important that all parents/carers read and respond to this message to avoid receiving further telephone calls, texts and letters from our service.

Please visit <https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/> and complete your Childs flu form with a yes or no by the 13/09/24, you can select the nasal spray for the best protection or the alternative injectable flu if required. Any forms completed late may result in your child not receiving their flu immunisation at the school session. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will help to protect them as well as more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu this year.

If you require any further support, please contact the Sefton school immunisation team on 0151 247 6130 who will be happy to help.

Applying for a Place at High School

The window for applying for a High School place in September 2025 is now open. If you have a child in Year Six, you must follow the instructions on the letter posted on our website today or visit

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

Parents/carers of ALL Year Six aged children MUST apply for a mainstream high school place, this includes children in Classes 8, 9, 10 and 12 who are unlikely to attend a mainstream school. We appreciate that this may appear to be an unnecessary exercise but it remains the only way of your child being in the system to gain a place in a special school or similar.

The closing date for registering for a high school place is 31st October 2024.

Free Legal Advice Drop-In Service

I am very grateful to MSB Solicitors for their continued generosity in offering free legal advice to Grange families. Please see the flyer with this newsletter and, if you need to, make an appointment to meet with MSB legal advisors on Wednesday 20th November from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon when they will be visiting our school.

With this newsletter ...

Please see on the website details of a Parent/Carer Coffee Morning for Early Years children (age 2 - 5) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The most local meeting for you is likely to be at Cambridge Well-being Centre, Bootle from 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon on Thursday 28th November.

The Golden Table

Congratulations to the following children in Class Six who have been nominated by Miss Wright, Miss Turpin and Miss Hunt-Jones to eat at the Golden Table today due to the effort and enthusiasm they have been showing this term: Ellie, Jessica, Hazel, Thomas, Frankie, Evie, David, Charlie, Oliver and Freya.

Do you have a child born between 01.09.2020 and 31.08.2021?

Applying for a Reception Class place in 2024

Application for Reception Class places must be submitted by 15th January 2025. Please visit

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

Information is also available on posters around the school and from the school office.

Please remember, if your child attends The Grange Nursery and you would like him/her to attend our Reception Class next year you must apply. A Nursery place does not guarantee a Reception place.

Dates for your diary - Autumn Term 2024

Wednesday 9 th October	Parents meeting - Classes 8, 9, 10 & 12 (see above)
Thursday 10 th October	Parents meeting - Classes 7 & 11 (see above)
Thursday 24 th October	Half-term starts
Friday 25 th October	Staff training day
Monday 4 th November	Term re-starts
	Book Fair this week
Wednesday 13 th November	Parents' Open Afternoon
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 20 th November	Free legal advice - drop-in session
Wednesday 27 th November	Year Five residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust
Thursday 28 th November	Year Five residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust
Friday 29 th November	Year Five residential trip to Crosby Hall Educational Trust
Monday 2 nd December	Flu vaccinations
	After-school clubs finish this week
Tuesday 10 th December	Christmas service - St. Oswald's Church - 10.00 a.m.
	Reception - Year Two Christmas performances - a.m. and p.m.
Wednesday 11 th December	Nursery nativity
Friday 13 th December	Santa Dash
Tuesday 17 th December	Years Three - Six Christmas performances - p.m. and evening
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas lunch
Friday 20 th December	Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend!

Daniel Hains - Headteacher

EARLY YEARS SEND TEAM

Parent / Carer Coffee Morning



Has your child got Special Educational Needs/Disabilities?

Do you want to know more about SEND processes and the support available in Sefton?

Do you want to meet other parents/carers of children with SEND?

South Sefton

Cambridge
Well-being Centre,
Bootle

10am-12pm
28/11/2024

North Sefton

First Steps Family Well-
being Centre,
Farnborough Road
Infant School

10am-12pm
14/02/2025

Central Sefton

Formby Library,
Formby

10am-12pm
09/05/2025



0-16 yrs

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October Half Term Guide

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Bootle / Crosby / Litherland / Maghull / Netherton / Southport



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October Half term Sport Camps **drop off at 9am and pick up at 3pm**

Dear Parents/Guardians

Community Multi Sports Coaching are delighted to announce our October half term sports camp.

Our camps are £60 or £15 per day.

Camp 1: Multi Sports 28th October - 1st November at Our Lady of Lourdes primary school, Birkdale - enter via gate on Grantham Road.

Camp 2: Multi Sports 28th October - 1st November at Linacre primary school, Bootle - enter via gate on Lydiate Road.

To reserve a place please send a text to 07725189965 including your child's name, school, current year group, camp 1 or 2 and the days that you want to attend.

If you require any further information please give me a call on 07725189965.

A confirmation text will be sent once booking is received.

Please bring the following:

- Suitable Footwear/Clothing to play on the playground or in the school hall.
- Packed lunch and drinks
- Completed reply slip below to give to our coaches

Kind Regards,

Neil
Community Multi
Sports Coaching Ltd

Name..... Age.....

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 1

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 2

Any medical condition to be aware of?

Signed.....Date.....