



# The Grange Primary School and Nursery NEWSLETTER

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No. 19 Spring Term 2025

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

## Good Luck to the Choir!

Our school choir will be performing in the Young Voices Concert at the Co-Op Live Arena in Manchester on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

Under the expert guidance of Mrs. Carol Minton-Allen and Miss Jennifer Butler, they have been practising very hard for several months. I am sure that the event will be a great success.

I am delighted to see that many parents and carers of choir members will be in the audience on Thursday. I am also pleased to announce that the suggestion that, like many other schools attending, we have a Grange banner to help identify us in the enormous seating area occupied by hundreds of school choirs, has been followed up. The Lydiat Learning Trust have kindly commissioned a large red banner which should make it easy for those of you attending to spot our choir from your seats.

At 3.00 p.m. on Thursday the choir will be part of a unique tribute to mark what would have been the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Bob Marley. They will be singing a compilation of his songs. Unfortunately, the timing of this means that it won't be possible to watch this live in school but I'm sure it will be possible to view it at another time.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Minton-Allen, Miss Butler and Miss Higgins for accompanying the children next Thursday.

## Forthcoming Special Days

### Number Day - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February

A day of special maths activities, challenges and an exciting assembly to celebrate numbers will be held on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

### World Book Day - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a word - we are giving you prior warning of this today. There is absolutely no expectation that children will wear an elaborate costume, but we'd love to see some creative ideas on coming to school dressed as a word - we can't wait to guess what the words are!

As always, my grateful thanks to Miss Beverley Wright for her brilliant co-ordination of all of these events.

## Handwriting Competition

Miss Wright presented prizes and certificates to the many winners of our Handwriting Competition in this morning's assembly. Well done to all who took part.

## After-School Clubs Next Week

The following after school clubs will run next week:

Monday - Playcourt Football - Years Four, Five and Six

Monday - Young Voices Choir - Existing members

Tuesday - Table Top Games - Year Two and Three

Thursday - Lego and Construction Kit - Years Four, Five and Six

Thursday - Oracy - Years Three - Six

**EARLY WARNING:** There will be no Oracy Club or School Ambassadors' meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February as several members of both will be in the Year Six residential trip (as will Mr. Hains.)

### **This Friday's Reminders**

School uniform: There are a small number of children for whom exceptions to our school uniform expectations have been agreed. At a school such as The Grange, this is not uncommon.

Unless an agreement (following a discussion) has been made, you are reminded that:

Children's hair must be tied back out of their faces\*

Shoes should be black

Children should wear trousers or skirts - not leggings or jogging bottoms

Socks should be of a plain, dark colour

Children must wear coats when outside in winter

Polo shirts should be yellow

\*If your child's hair obstructs their vision, he/she will be loaned a hairband so that their ability to see a book, the interactive whiteboard and what they are writing is not obscured.

### **Individual and Family Group Photography**

You should have received proof copies of the individual and family group photographs taken on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Details of how to order copies can be found with the proof copy.

### **What's going on in the local community?**

Please see details on the website of a 12-week football course being held at King's Leadership Academy Hawthornes in Bootle starting on 29<sup>th</sup> January.

With this newsletter you will find details of stay and play sessions run by Aiming High at Jake's Sensory World at the Netherton Activity Centre from January to April. Your child will need to be referred to the Aiming High Team to access these sessions.

Our partners at Community Multi-Sports and Coaching are running a Half-term Sports Camp at Linacre Primary School, Bootle - details accompany this newsletter.

*Please note: We are happy to share information that we receive about events going on for children and parents in the local community. This should not be viewed as an endorsement from the school.*

### **Celebrating Good Attendance**

Today's winner of the 100% Attendance Prize for the term to date (100% attendance and no late arrivals) is Harry Smith in Class Twelve and the Class Attendance Award for the week was won by Class Eleven - Well done Harry and Class Eleven!

*You can't teach an empty chair!*

### **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. If you need to, make an appointment to meet with MSB legal advisors, they will be visiting our school from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Alternatively, please make me or a member of the office staff aware that you would like an appointment.

### **Breakfast time activities in the Rocket Room**

On Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays children who come to school early can enjoy some fabulous reading activities in the Rocket Room.

### **We're Record Breakers!**

You may recall that Classes Three and Four took part in a world record breaking attempt to hold the world's largest poetry lesson last term - it has been approved! More than 125,000 children in over 1,000 schools took part.

### **Mental Health Support Team - Parent/Carer Workshops**

The following workshop for parents and carers will be taking place in the staffroom, places can be booked at the school office: Screen Time - Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2.15 p.m.

**A message from a local pharmacist – Rightdose Pharmacy Ltd.**

It has come to our attention at Rightdose Pharmacy that quite a substantial amount of people are not aware of the scheme 'Pharmacy first' and what children can now be treated for without needing to see a GP. Children may now be given treatment over the counter for minor conditions such as:

Ear infections  
Impetigo  
Infected insect bites  
Sinusitis (over 12 years)  
Sore throat (over 5 years)  
UTI (16 years +)

Here is the link for further information on this should you require it:

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/pharmacies/how-pharmacies-can-help/>

The pharmacy first service can be provided at ANY pharmacy should the pharmacist be willing to provide treatment. Feel free to contact us if you need any more information, we are always eager to help!

Thanks!

Joy Blacklock - A.C.D  
Rightdose Pharmacy Ltd  
87 - 89 Liverpool Road South, L31 7AD  
0151520 3042

**Dates for your diary - Spring Term 2025**

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir to perform at Young Voices Concert, Co-op Live Arena, Manchester
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Number Day
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Six residential visit to the Lake District
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Six residential visit to the Lake District
	Half-term starts
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Six residential visit to the Lake District returns
	Staff Training Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Term re-starts
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Open Afternoon
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lydiat Learning Trust - Official Launch - details to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Term ends at 3.15 p.m.
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Summer term starts
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year Six SATs Week
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Half-term starts
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term re-starts
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends at 1.30 p.m.

Wishing you all a very pleasant weekend,

Daniel Hains - Headteacher



## **February 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 February half term sport camps.

Our camps are £60 or £15 per day.

**Camp 1: Multi Sports 17th February - 21st February at Our Lady of Lourdes primary school, Birkdale - enter via gate on Grantham Road.**

**Camp 2: Multi Sports 17th February - 21st February at Linacre primary school, Bootle - enter via main gate on Litherland 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.

You will then need to make a BACS payment to:

Community Multi Sports Coaching LTD

Sort code: 09-01-28

Account No:04800863

Please put your child's name and camp 1 or 2 as a payment reference so I know who has made the payment.

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

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

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 1 .....

Parent Name & Emergency Contact Number 2 .....

Any medical condition to be aware of? .....

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



## **Aiming High Short Breaks for Disabled Children**

### **Early Years Stay and Play Sessions**

**Where:** Jakes Sensory World, Netherton Activity Centre, Glovers Lane, Netherton, L30 3TL

**When:** 9:30am-11am

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Cost:** £2 per child (carers are free)

Your child will need to be referred into the team to access these sessions and more.

Due to venue capacity places are limited, please contact the team on 0151 288 6811 for more information and to book your place.