



*Where Children Come First*

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Hello all

In the words of the great Barry Manilow, "Looks like we made it"; we have reached the end of term one triumphantly everyone and the smiles this morning said it all.

I was asked this week about what lessons I have learnt about our school this term and I asked our leaders in learning the same question this morning. Without any hesitation or deep diving, our children and you, our parents, were at the forefront of that discussion:

- We have continued to learn and appreciate that we can never underestimate our children and what they can do; they have been incredible this term and really embraced their learning and valued the opportunities they have at school.
- We have learnt that you have been successful in helping us to keep the children safe and our school COVID-free. Your dedication to the safety of our community has been unrivalled and your patience and support; immeasurable.
- As a staff, we are a close bunch and we have learnt that we value each other immensely and miss our colleagues in the other bubbles.
- I have been reminded that we have the most dedicated, hard-working staff at The Grange. We have been strong, resilient, flexible, and willing to put our hand to anything.
- We have learnt that lockdown and COVID19 have had a huge impact on the well-being and progress of some of our children but that is something we are on top of and know about and something that we will work towards next term.

Talking to the Year 5/6s this morning was insightful, emotional, and inspiring. Although the children could list the cons of being at school during COVID, they were far outweighed by the pros with the overwhelming consensus being the enjoyment and gratitude of being back at school for all sorts of different reasons.

We have come to the end of a mammoth eight week stretch under the most difficult and challenging of circumstances. We have been at a school whose community has kept together whilst being separated and isolated.

The work and dedication of staff and governors coupled with your support and determination has been faultless and I cannot thank you all enough for your commitment and good humour at this time. It has been hard but my, it has been rewarding.

**Attendance:** Our termly attendance stands at **97.84%** - congratulations everyone; I am very happy with that!

#### **Congratulations to all our achievers:**

**10 CBGs:** Dylan W, Fern B-T, Marnie S, Milan G, Maggie W, Charlotte-Rose B, Emily M, Laurel B, Seth P, Joel F, Noah O, Sammie McG

**40 CBGs:** Ted G, Logan S

**50 CBGs:** Henry C, Jemima G, Ronnie J, Barney N

**Silver:** Roman S, Aurora H, Amelia H, Faith A, Jack C

**70 CBGs:** Dylan R, Millie H, James W, Summer H, Zuzanna B, Tilly B

**80 CBGs:** Benjamin D, Faith B

**Gold:** Aysa K, Georgia S

**100 CBGs:** Oliver D, Oscar B, Finley McF, Reenie B

**110 CBGs:** Benjamin T, Lilly H

**Platinum:** Samuel H, Patryk M

**130 CBGs:** Dawson H, Harry W, Sam K



**140 CBGs:** Abdou Allah D, Timmy R

**160 CBGs:** Aaron Smith, Anna P

**170 CBGs:** Ruby G, Alfie G

**190 CBGs:** Sophie P, Kirsty W

**Topaz:** Aiden G, Jacob L

**230 CBGs:** Mark B

**290 CBGs:** Lauren B

### **Grange Pens:**

Wiktor B, Oliver D, Mia K, Finlay P, Amandine S

### **Well done to:**

Lara P... for receiving her Level 2 certificate from the Learn to Swim programme

Faith F-B ... for passing her Ballet Preparatory Grade exam with distinction and receiving a Ballet Pre-Juvenile award.

Scarlett H for her Ballet PreJuvenile award as well!

### **Congratulations to our 2020-21 Anti-Bullying and Mental Health ambassadors:**

**Anti-bullying ambassadors:** Noah C, Xanthe G, Sian H, Sophie Q

**Mental Health Ambassadors:** Max H, Krissa H, Iris P, Juhitha D, Gemma S

Our Anti-bullying ambassadors provide support and advice for their peers who may have worries around bullying. They create action plans to raise the profile of anti-bullying at The Grange.

Our Mental Health Ambassadors are dedicated to promoting good mental health and the importance of looking after your mental health as you would do your physical health.

### **Just Giving: Our Grange Just Giving page is finally live again.**

The Grange CP School PTFA raises money to support the education and wellbeing of our pupils. We aim to enhance the pupils' learning experiences and help to provide exciting opportunities that will inspire and motivate our whole school community. Please donate at <https://justgiving.com/grangeschoolptfa>

**READ, READ, READ, READ, READ:** Remember you can buy from our Scholastic bookshop whilst also gaining rewards for The Grange until Sunday 15/11. For each pound spent by you, 20p will be given back to our school.

Follow the link below to access the bookshop.

[schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-grange-ox16/digital-book-club](https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/the-grange-ox16/digital-book-club)

You can have your order delivered to our school for free.

**School meals:** The new menu is on ParentPay ready for you to book your child's school dinners for after half-term and up until Christmas.

**Competition:** Please take part in The Secret Garden / RHS Campaign for School Gardening [schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk](https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk). It is a lovely holiday activity for next week. Take a look at <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/Competitions/The-Secret-Garden>

**Next term:** I am dusting off my chalkboard and will be teaching in Year 6 every morning; helping to get our children prepared for secondary school after months out of school. Mr Duffy will also be joining the team to deliver a 'Catch-up' programme financed by government. I can't wait to work with the children.

A special mention to our **Foundation beauties** – congratulations children and mams and dads; you have been such an asset to our school already. We expected small steps from this cohort – they proved us wrong; they are bounding through their Foundation year with alacrity and purpose...amazing.



**Farewell** to our lovely Finlay P today; good luck pal, we will miss you immensely.

**The future:** I firmly believe that next term will be disrupted and tricky. As I said last week, I am hellbent on keeping our school as safe as possible. Control measures will continue to be the same and I will expect you all to carry on the protocols that have kept us in the clear this term.

That's it for now then folks. Have a great week's break. Keep safe and keep as isolated as much possible please. Continue to wear masks and maintain hand hygiene.

We will see you all on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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Fondest Regards to you all.

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