Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising our **Christmas Fair.** We made an amazing total of **£1,083.74** which will go towards our mini-bus fund and a special whole school event that we are planning for the end of the summer term (the details will be shared nearer to the time).

It has been great to see a number of parents coming in to school for our recent *'Book share'* sessions with your children. The children really enjoy the opportunity to spend time with you in this way. Our next Book share event is for **Year 2 on Monday, 9th February at 2.45 p.m.**

The children have been busy preparing for our Art Exhibition at Putney Library. Parents of children whose work has been selected will have received invitations to our '*Private viewing.*' All parents and children are invited to go and take a look from **Thursday, 12th February** where the exhibition will be open to the public until **Thursday, 5th March.**

Our *Spring term parents' evenings* are taking place for mainstream parents on **Tuesday, 3rd** and **Wednesday, 4th March**. The mainstream school will close at 1.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd March in order to facilitate this. Information about booking your appointment time with your child's class teacher will be sent out soon. We look forward to seeing you then.

We break up for half term at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, 13th February. We hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing the children in school again at 8.40 a.m. on Monday, 23rd February.

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

For Safeguarding reasons, it is **essential** that you inform us if your child is going to be absent from school. We understand that a number of children walk to school on their own. If your child is not in school and there is no reason given by a parent for their absence, we will be concerned about their whereabouts and their safety. Thank you for your support with this.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY

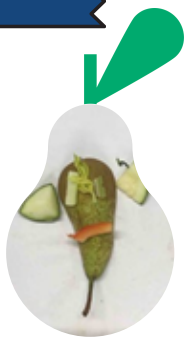
Monday 9th	2.45 p.m.	Year 2 book share in school with parents
Tuesday 10th	9.30 – 11 a.m.	'*Picky Eaters*' Parent workshop - **in school** with parents After School Care Pizza party
Wednesday 11th		Art Exhibition – private viewing
Thursday 12th		Year 4 trip to the London Eye
Friday 13th	 1 p.m. 1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Nursery offers go out Reception curriculum share event with parents in school **Base children leave – end of half term** **Mainstream children leave – end of half term**
Monday 23rd		**Children return to school**
Tuesday 24th		Year 2 – 'Into the Woods' with WHS
Thursday 26th		PPSSA Girls' Football starts – after school at Dover House Road playing fields (weekly)

MARCH

Tuesday 3rd	9.30 a.m. 1.30 p.m. 1.45 p.m.	Parent workshop in school – Introduction to Makaton – **all parents welcome to attend** Mainstream children leave **Parents' Evening – mainstream**
Wednesday 04th	3.30 p.m.	**Parents' Evening – mainstream**
Monday 9th		Year 3 Roman Artifacts – virtual session
Tuesday 10th	9.30 a.m.	Parent workshop in school – Total communication – **all parents welcome** Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens
Thursday 12th	9 a.m.	Coffee morning for parents – **all parents invited** - *Supporting your child's wellbeing with Dr Phoebe Wheeler*
Friday 13th	 2.45 p.m.	Coding Club trip to *Stamford Bridge* Year 3 class assembly
Monday 16th	2.45 p.m.	Year 2 curriculum share with parents
Tuesday 17th		Year 5 trip to Wimbledon Synagogue
Wednesday 18th	9 a.m. 11.45 a.m.	Parent workshop in school about screen time Year 4 Brass concert – **parents invited**
Thursday 19th		ASC Easter party
Friday 20th		**INSET day – school closed for children**
Monday 23rd	2.45 p.m.	Year 1 curriculum share with parents
Wednesday 25th	 6.30 p.m.	Reception trip to the Polka Theatre **Lion King performance**
Thursday 26th	6.30 p.m.	**Lion King performance**
Friday 27th	1.10 p.m. 1.15 p.m. 1.30 p.m.	Reception Book share with parents **Base children leave – Break up for Easter holidays** **Mainstream children leave – Break up for Easter holidays**

NURSERY

We have been learning about an artist called *Giuseppe Arcimboldo*.
He specialised in **portraits** made entirely from **fruit and vegetables.**





We enjoyed looking at some of his paintings and then made our own portraits using real fruit and vegetables.





We were lucky to have a visitor who talked to us about **road safety**. We discussed how to cross the road safely and practised using our Makaton signs for stop, wait and go.
The children also enjoyed listening to a story about Teddy keeping safe near the road.



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have enjoyed learning about where they live. We have made our own maps and created rainbow flats like we saw in our circle time!



TERM DATES

Scan this QR code for the **term dates** for **this year** and **next academic year.**

Or click here

PARENTS MENU

Scan this QR code to go straight to the **Parents Menu** on our school website.

Or click here

HOLI ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 27th January, we invited *Nabhi* to Granard. He led a lovely assembly telling us all about the Hindu festival, Holi.



Holi, also known as '*the festival of colours*' or '*festival of spring*', is celebrated every year around March. It marks the end of winter and the beginning of spring. It is also a time to make new friends, forget old arguments and spread love.

Nabhi told us the popular story, remembered by Hindus during this time, which reminds us that good always triumphs over evil.

He also invited some of our pupils to playfully throw vibrant colours at each other, representing how Hindus celebrate this special festival.



We would like to thank ***Nabhi*** *for visiting and sharing his expertise with us.*

5F MORPURGO

Year 5 are lucky to have **Active Kids** working with them this term. In the sessions, we will be learning about keeping fit and eating healthy. The sessions will also equip children, with the ability to run 2km at Battersea Park, later in the year.



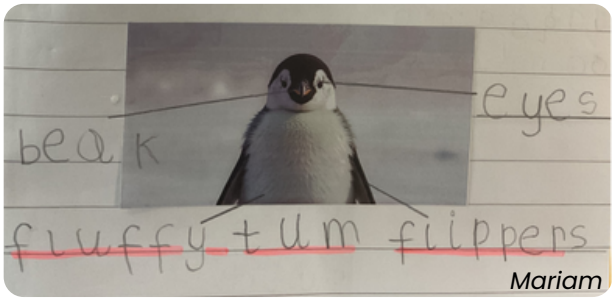
Book Share

Year 5 enjoyed shared reading on Wednesday 4th February. It was lovely to see a few of our parents, who were able to join us.

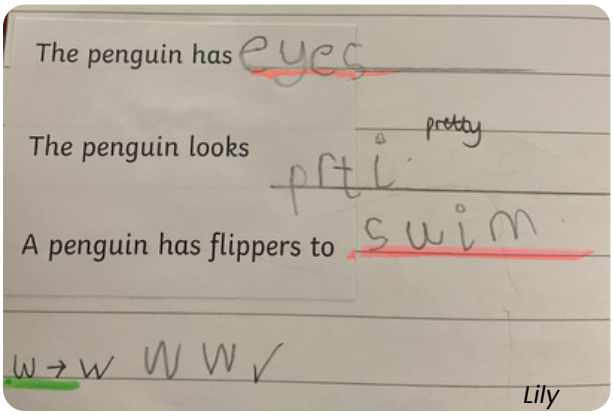


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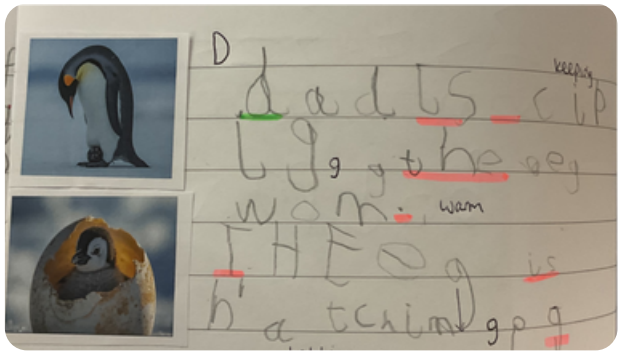
In Reception, our topic is '*Frozen World*' and we have been learning about Antarctica. In our writing books, we have been labelling a penguin with key words such as '*beak*' and '*flippers*' and we have used adjectives such as soft and fluffy to describe them.



One of our core texts has been '*The Emperor's Egg*' and we have been learning about the life cycle of a penguin. In our writing groups, we sequenced the pictures of the lifecycle and wrote captions.

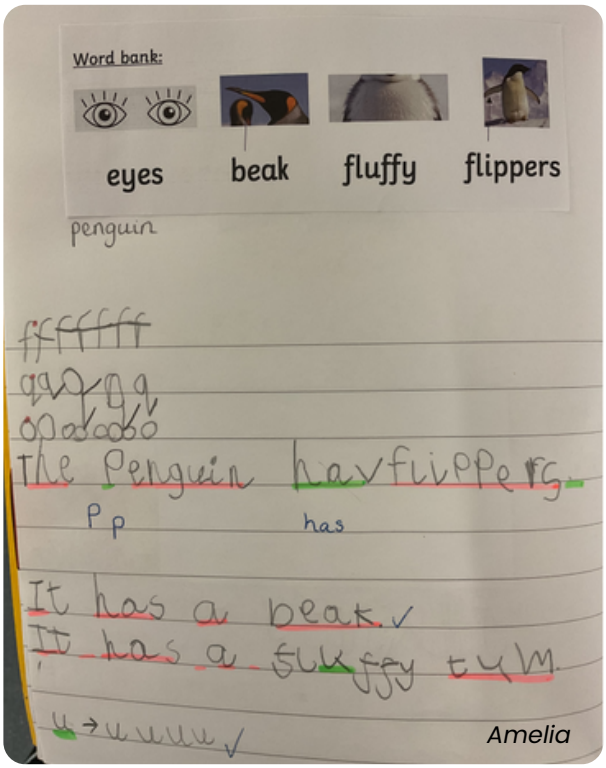


Ibrahim wrote 'Dad is keeping the egg warm' and 'The egg is hatching.'



In addition to this, the children have been using their cutting and sticking skills to make their own penguins. Amelia made a family of penguins and even created 'Nanny Penguin' wearing a chef's hat of course!





HOLLY CLASS

Holly Class have been exploring new textures and different types of surfaces. We investigated soft, rough, and shiny sensory materials and created textured tiles for our classroom display. Holly Class have really enjoyed this hands-on sensory activity and showed great curiosity while exploring the materials.



APPLE CLASS

This week *Amir, Oscar* and others have been enjoying playing with Tower Bridge inspired by Amir's favourite programme, 'Go Jetters, Tower Bridge' (*which you can watch on BBC iPlayer*).



ASH CLASS

Ash class have been learning about animals that live in different parts of the world as part of our topic 'What a wonderful world'. They used collage to make some stripy tigers. **Very cute. Well done Ash Class!**



3G MURPHY

Year 3 have been loving learning how to use Spheros in our computing lessons! We have been learning to code and input instructions into the iPad which tells the Sphero what to do. We have even managed to add multiple instructions, so it goes round an obstacle course!



YEAR 4 BOOK SHARE

Year 4's book share with parents went wonderfully! We were fortunate to have lots of parents come to read with their children in 4M and 4B. It was lovely to have parents reading with children and children reading to parents!









ADHD TIPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF PRIMARY-AGED CHILDREN

Wednesday, 11th February 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. online
SEND Parent Carers in Wandsworth with Claire Burnell, ADHD Advisor and Executive Function Coach) will present an online 90-minute workshop for parents/carers of primary-aged children seeking practical strategies, real-life tools and supportive guidance.

This will be an engaging and friendly parent talk designed to help **parents and carers understand ADHD** and learn simple, effective strategies that they can put into action straight away.

Get tickets from Eventbrite.

SPORTS AT GRANARD

ATHLETICS

An athletics team from Years 5 and 6 went to Battersea Sports Centre for an indoor athletics competition, competing against several different schools across Wandsworth.

There were many different events for both track and field and the children showed resilience and perseverance throughout the afternoon.

Iziah, 6B, interviewed all the children asking them what their favourite part of the day was and they all said the event was great fun. There was a lot of success throughout the afternoon.

Maddy 6R and Tia 6B not only won their 6 lap Paarlauf on the day, but out of the 32 schools competing over the 4 heats, they won across the borough!

A huge achievement and we are very proud of their hard work.

Well done everybody!



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, 29th January there was a football tournament hosted by **Chelsea** which we participated in.

This was held at Southfields Academy and was against many other schools. We played in 4 matches and 2 extra friendly matches. We played our best and did really well and we really enjoyed the day!

~Mohamed 6B~



GIRLS-ONLY FOOTBALL CAMP – FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Dates:
- Tuesday 17th February
- Wednesday 18thFebruary
- Thursday 19th February

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cost:
- £30 per individual per day
- £80 for all 3 days

Southfields Academy
337 Merton Road
London
SW18 5JU

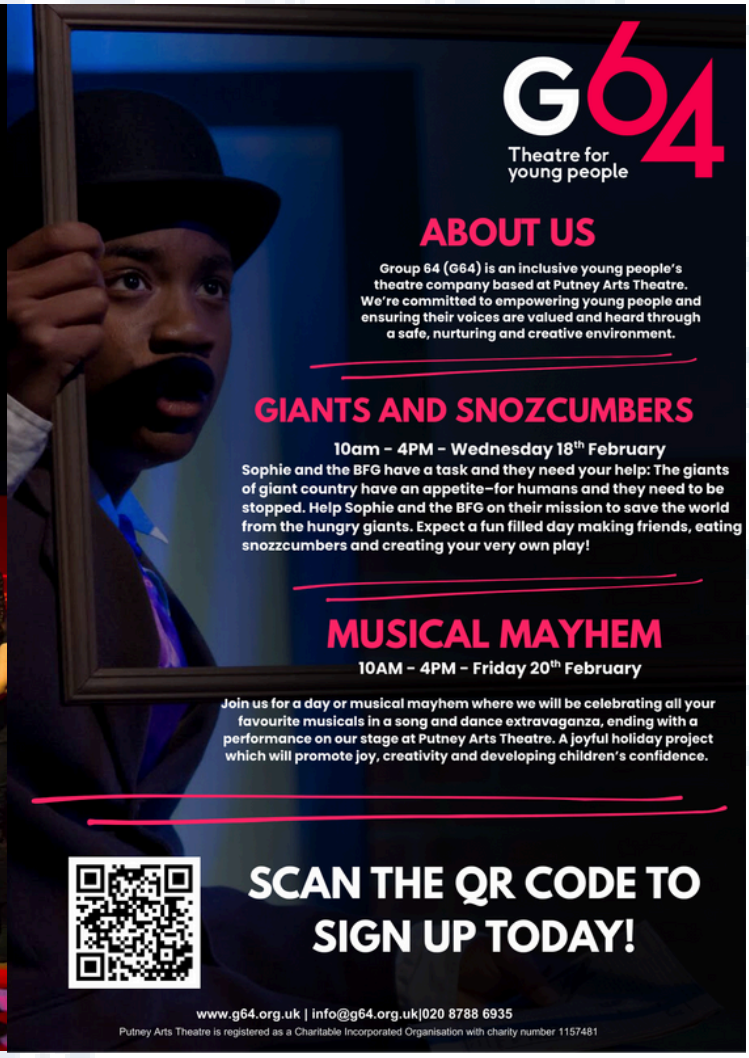


The camp is designed to provide a fun, safe, and engaging environment where girls can develop their football skills, confidence, and enjoyment of the game.

Booking Information
Bookings will go live on 23rd December.
Parents can use the discount code **GIRLSHT10** to receive **£10 off**, valid until **5th January**.

Booking link: Women's and Girls | Shop





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WHAT PARENTS SAY:

*"..really grateful to have the **tools** that have now made home **life a bit more peaceful**"*

*Our practitioner "showed **great empathy** and care, **tailoring the support to the specific needs of our family**"*

*"**we looked forward** to and valued our sessions a great deal"*



HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT:

Speak to your child's school f o r more information

Scan the QR code to sign up directly

SCAN ME

We have an Eventbrite page where parents and carers can **book upcoming workshops and webinars**

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For more information, please go to: https://swlstg.nhs.uk/education-wellbeing-service, or email wandsworthwp@swlstg.nhs.uk

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Understanding and Supporting your Child's Sleep. Online Parent/Carer Group

The topic of sleep is a very common difficulty for many parents/carers and it can impact the whole family. This group will be for parents and carers of children ages 4-8 focusing on the following topics:

- **The Science of Sleep.**
- **Common Sleep Difficulties.**
- **Creating the right environment and routines.**
- **Supporting your child with sleeping independently.**
- **Practical tools and skills to support your child .**



Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child's sleep.

Dates and Times:
Session 1: 27/02/2026 12:30 PM - 13:30 PM
Session 2: 06/03/2026 12:30 PM - 13:30PM
Session 3: 20/03/2026 12:30 PM - 13:30 PM

Optional session: 17/04/2026 at 12:30 PM - 13:30 PM

If you are interested but cannot attend these dates/times please sign up below and we will be in touch.



In many schools, we also provide free 1:1 early support for parents/carers of primary aged children to support their child's common worries and anxietie/s or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to find out more.

Please scan the QR Code or follow the link or click here to sign up.

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Stoke Newington, N16 9EX	Saturdays	13:30-14:30
Wilsden, NW10 3ST	Saturdays	15:30-16:30
Mill Hill, NW71AQ	Sundays	12:00-13:00
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