

Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing together; Achieving together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting our Harvest collection last week – there was a fabulous display of food for our special assembly! The food will be delivered to our local Foodbank by our School Council.

Thank you to our PTA for organising the Halloween cake sale and Hot Chocolate sale recently. Your support is very much appreciated. In preparation for our Christmas Fair, there will be **Mufti days** on Friday, 28th November and Friday, 5th December. **Children may wear their own clothes to school in exchange for bringing in an item for the Christmas Fair.**

It was good to see so many of you at our parents' evenings this week. If you weren't able to attend, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a time to meet with them. Our Base parents' evening appointments are taking place next week (Ash class's parents' evening will take place on Thursday, 27th November). We look forward to seeing you then.

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

Did you know that children under 18 receive free dental treatment?

To sign your child up for a dentist, find a local NHS or private dentist and contact them to register.

For NHS services, use the [NHS website's dentist search tool](#) or call the [NHS 111 service](#) if you have trouble finding one. You should aim to book an appointment for your child when their first tooth appears, or before they turn one year old.

The importance of toothbrushing

It is important for young children to brush their teeth twice a day. Not brushing baby teeth can lead to severe tooth decay, which causes pain, difficulty eating and sleeping, and infections that can affect overall health. It can also impact the development of permanent teeth, as missing baby teeth can cause adult teeth to come in crooked, sometimes necessitating braces later on.

Starting a routine early ensures children are used to the process and helps them avoid painful oral health issues as they grow.



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Why brushing is crucial

Prevents tooth decay: Plaque, a film of bacteria, forms on teeth and can cause decay and cavities. Brushing removes this plaque, protecting teeth from the acid that leads to holes.

Protects baby teeth: Baby teeth are vital for proper chewing, speech development, and holding space for permanent adult teeth. Keeping them healthy prevents early issues.

Establishes lifelong habits: Introducing a brushing routine from the very start helps children get used to the process and fosters a lifelong commitment to good oral hygiene.

Supports overall health: Good oral health is linked to overall health. Untreated dental problems can lead to more serious health conditions.

How to get started

Start early: Begin brushing as soon as the first tooth appears, using a soft toothbrush and water or a smear of fluoride toothpaste (from age 3, use a pea-sized amount).

Establish a routine: Brush twice a day - in the morning and before bed - to make it a consistent part of the daily schedule.

Supervise and help: Parents should help or supervise brushing until a child is at least seven years old to ensure they are cleaning all surfaces properly and not swallowing too much toothpaste.



Well done to our amazing School Council for leading an assembly about donating food and

for collecting an enormous amount of food, which will be donated to local foodbank. Thank you to all that donated to our very important cause.



4B DAHL

On Wednesday, 11th November, we observed the two-minute silence which was held across the UK at 11:00 GMT to commemorate the exact time an agreement to end the fighting in World War One came about on 11th November 1918.



RM ROSEN

Reception have been busy learning about the Hindu festival, Diwali. They used clay to make Diya Lamps. They took time and care to press their thumb into the middle of the clay to help them make a small pot shape. Next, they used a range of tools to decorate their diya lamps. They used wooden sticks to make dots and lines and intricate patterns around the edge. After that, the clay pots had to dry which took a few days. Finally, the children got to paint and decorate their diya lamps using paint, glitter and sequins. The best bit was going to show Miss Beckford, Miss Bell and 4B their wonderful masterpieces.



In addition to this, they have been learning about Bonfire Night. They used a range of materials such as paint, glitter, glue and ribbon to make their own firework pictures.



5F MORPURGO

Last week Friday, we had a visit from Nabhi. He led our whole school assembly, teaching us about the Hindu faith and one of the most important festivals, Diwali.

The main message Nabhi taught us about Diwali, was that good triumphs over evil and we should always try to do our best in life.

The children enjoyed Nabhi's presentation, and we look forward to welcoming him back in January, when he will be telling us about the Holi festival.



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class are making lovely progress in their learning. They are retaining what they have learned in the last half term and are focusing for longer periods of time!



ASH CLASS

Ash Class have enjoyed learning all about Remembrance Day and made some poppies using collage. They also showed their work in assembly!



2S FOREMAN

It's been a busy start to Autumn 2 in Year 2! We have been sharing our holiday homework about different types of transport as our new history topic is 'Travel and Transport'. Some of us made 3D projects such as planes and buses. Some of us made information posters about a mode of transport we like to use. Logan even shared his trip to the London Transport Museum with us. We're even more excited to visit there now! We can't wait to look at how transport has changed over the years and what it may look like in the future.



4M LEWIS

Today Year 4 made their own settlements! They needed to ensure they included a water source, fuel source and local materials for building shelters. Some children were very creative with their use of materials!



NURSERY

In Nursery we have been learning about the Japanese artist, Yayoi Kusama. We found out that she loves spots and we enjoyed looking at her spotty art. We particularly liked her pumpkin art. We had a go at making our own Yayoi Kusama style pumpkins.

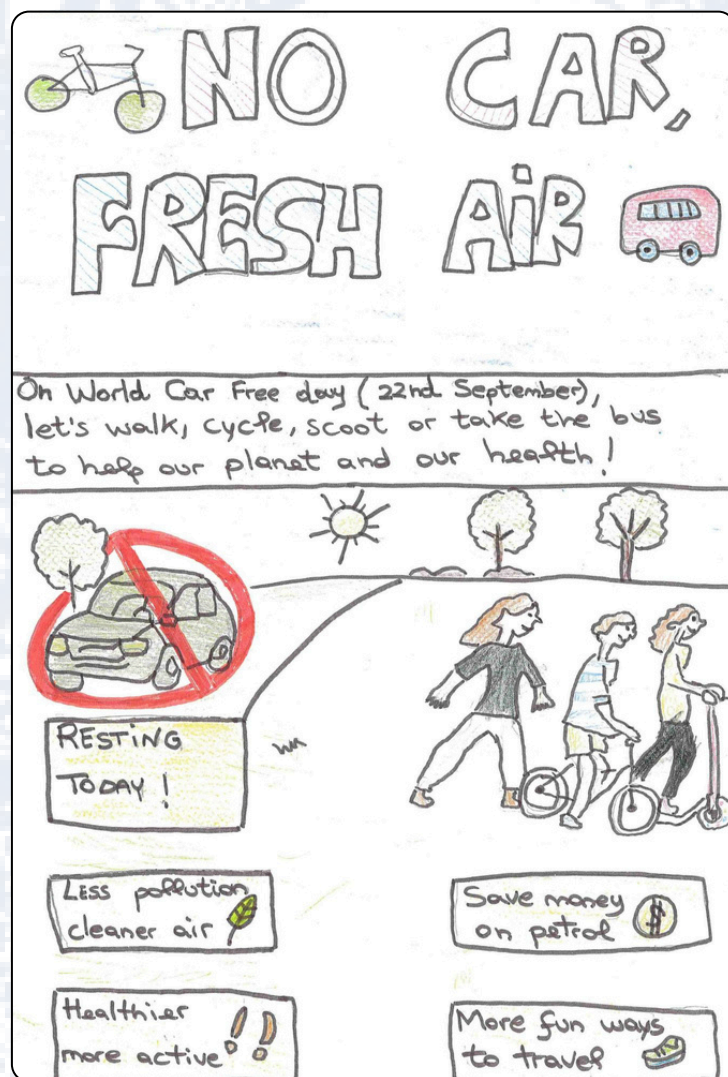


WORLD CAR FREE DAY POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS!

To celebrate World Car Free Day in September, Wandsworth ran a poster competition and the children designed a poster with the theme 'give your car a day off!'

We are very proud to announce that Isabelle (5F) won first place and Seya (4M) won second place in Wandsworth's World Car Free Day poster competition, and we had lots of runners up, too! The runners up all received goody bags with prizes. First and second place received prizes, a football and a voucher. They'll also have their posters put up on air-monitoring stations around Wandsworth, so be on the lookout!

The winning and runner-up posters are attached, enjoy!



WORLD CAR FREE DAY!

What is World Car Free Day?
World Car Day celebrated on the 2nd of September each year is a day in which people ditch their cars and improve in the environmental and health benefits of having cars on roads. Many schools in London also participate in it to raise awareness of how much cars globally impact our lives.



Other modes of transport to use:
Cars are only one of many different types of transport and we can use walking, cycling and buses as a more greener alternative. These are great since they do not produce any harmful gases which cars do. Also, it will be more exciting to see all the other people who will use?



Why should we take part?
Many more activities can take place if we did not have so many cars. For example, socialising would be easier without traffic and other modes of transport are proven to actually improve your mood. On top of this, we would not have worry about road injuries.



World CARS FREE DAY

Bad CARS

cars are not good so you can walk, run, train, bus, scooter, bike, etc.



Good ELECTRIC

electric cars are good for the environment because they don't make smoke from the engine.



Electric car



TEFS

BIKES



Let's are all so bad for the environment because it will turn into a bad world and it will get all away to bad.

bikes are good for the environment because it's not bad.

DAY CAR FREE



Cars make harmful gas for the environment.

Electric vehicles are better for the environment.



Cars make harmful oxygen for the planet because...

Plants need oxygen like us. If the plants don't have it, they will die. We would die too.

World car free Day!!!

On world car free day...

we don't use cars...

because cars are bad...

they have chemicals with...

is not good for the environment...

so ever had cars...

scooter, train or bus...

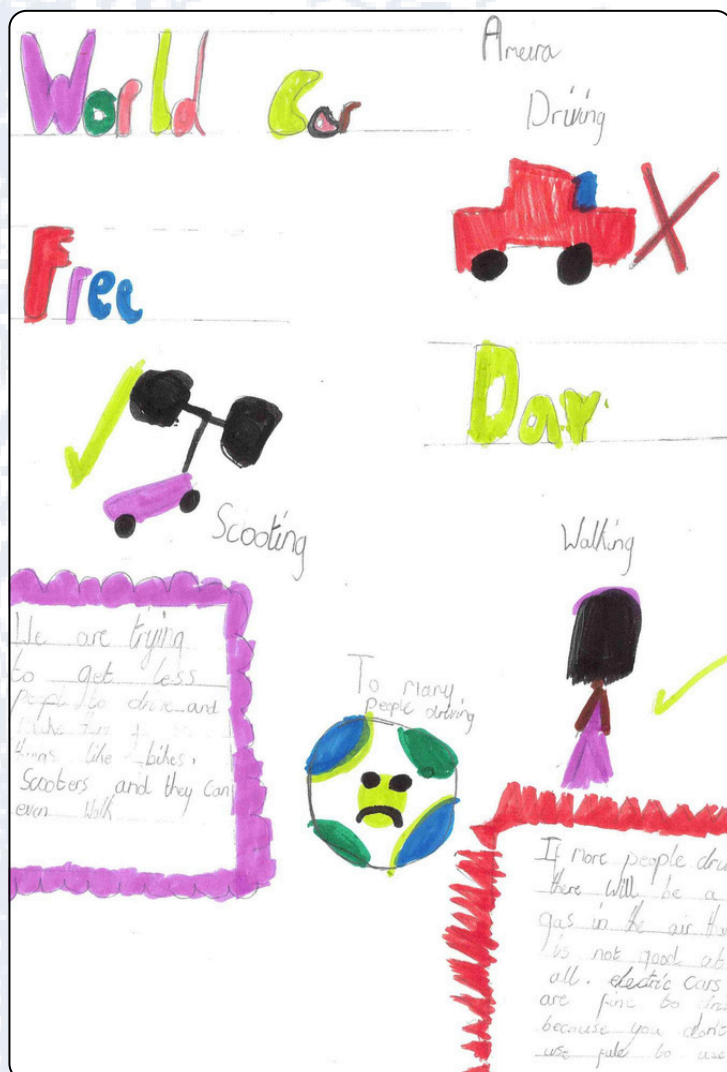
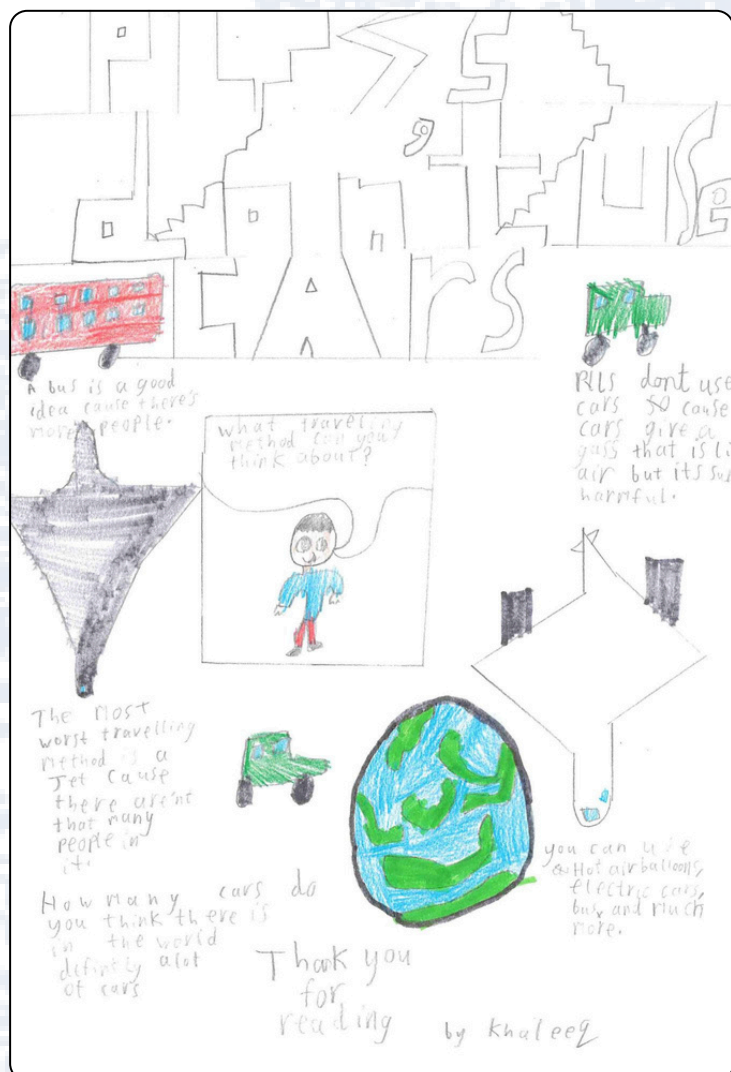
this is why cars...

have had gas but scooter don't have...

gas.



Scooter



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

✓ Mon 17 th Nov	9.15 a.m.	Open Morning
✓ Tues 18 th Nov	3.30–6p.m.	Base Parents' Evening Base Drumming workshop
✓ Wed 19 th Nov		Year 3 Poetry workshop at Wandsworth Civic Suite
✓ Thurs 20 th Nov		Year 5 trip to Town Hall for author event – <i>David Walliams</i>
✓ Fri 21 st Nov	p.m. 2.45 p.m.	Eco Warriors planting on Putney Heath 5F Morpurgo class assembly – parents invited
✓ Mon 24 th Nov		Year 5 Cycling proficiency training
✓ Tues 25 th Nov	9 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 2 p.m.	Year 6 Cycling proficiency training Blackland Farm meeting with Year 6 parents in KS1 Hall Reception and Year 6 Heights and weights checks Base Parent workshop – <i>'Implementing Therapeutic Principles at Home'</i>
✓ Wed 26 th Nov		Year 6 Cycling proficiency training
✓ Thurs 27 th Nov		Year 6 Cycling proficiency training Ash class Parents' Evening
✓ Fri 28 th Nov		Flu immunisations Year 6 Cycling proficiency training Mufti Day (<i>please bring in donations for Christmas Fair</i>)

DECEMBER

✓ Tuesday 2 nd Dec	12.30 p.m.	SOS feeding principles (session for Base parents) – <i>online</i>
✓ Wed 3 rd Dec	9–11 a.m. 11.30 a.m.	ADHD talk/question time with Educational Psychologists – all parents welcome Brass concert: Year 4 Brass players and Year 5 and 6 continuers
✓ Thurs 4 th	9.15 a.m. 4–5 p.m. 5.15–6.15 p.m.	Open Morning Children's Christmas discos after school: EY/KS1/Base KS2
✓ Friday 5 th	9.45 a.m.	Cedar Base Winter assembly in KS1 Hall Year 4 Egyptian workshop Mufti Day (<i>please bring in donations for Christmas Fair</i>) Santa Dash – Daily mile
✓ Tues 9 th Dec		Year 3 trip to Natural History Museum
✓ Wed 10 th		Year 2 trip to London Transport Museum
✓ Friday 12 th		Christmas Fair after school
✓ Monday 15 th	2.20 p.m.	KS1 Nativity
✓ Tuesday 16 th	9.30 a.m.	KS1 Nativity Christmas Lunch Day After School Care Christmas party
✓ Wed 17 th	9.15 a.m. 2.45 p.m.	Christmas Jumper Day Nursery Winter Concert Reception Winter Songs
✓ Thursday 18 th	10 a.m.	Carol Service at St Margaret's Church Reception – eye tests
✓ Friday 19 th	1.30 p.m.	Children finish – break up for the Christmas holidays