Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing Together; Achieving Together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was good to see a number of our Base parents at our parent workshop this week. The renovation work in the school is starting to take shape and the Base children should be able to move into the refurbished building along Westleigh Avenue in the new year.

I have noticed that a number of children seem to have lost their jumpers recently. Please do make sure that your child's name is clearly marked in all items of clothing. There is a lost property container in the Dining Hall – please ask your child to check there if their jumpers are missing. Thank you.

We have recently uploaded our 'Curriculum Overviews' for our mainstream classes onto our school website. These give you an overview of the different topics that your children will be studying this year. They can be found under the '*Teaching and Learning*' tab, in the '*Curriculum*' section. I hope that you find these helpful.

In discussion with the school Safeguarding Team this week, we thought it may be useful to give a regular safeguarding update in our newsletter. Please see below the new '*Safeguarding segment*'.

Safeguarding Segment

Since 2015-2016, it has been illegal in the UK to smoke in private vehicles with anyone under the age of 18 present. Both the smoker and the driver can receive a fine for this offence in England.

The legislation is in place to protect children, who are particularly vulnerable to the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. Children breathe more pollutants per pound of body weight than adults, and there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke. Second-hand smoke exposure in cars is linked to increased risks of childhood asthma and other respiratory illnesses and children exposed to smoking in cars are also more likely to start smoking themselves.

If you or family members are smokers, please also try to refrain from smoking around your children in your home or other enclosed spaces, due to the impact this might have on their health and well-being.

Just a reminder that the children break up for half term at
1.30 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd October.

CHERRY CLASS

A Wonderful Day at Putney Heath

On Monday, we went to Putney Heath, one of our favourite places to visit. On the way there, we enjoyed climbing the walls and showing off our jumping and climbing skills.

Once we arrived, we began by cleaning the area and sweeping the ground to get it ready for our activity.

This week, we created a beautiful mandala using sticks, stones, and leaves. We worked together to make a lovely round pattern, and everyone enjoyed taking part.

Alfie even made a special resting area for us out of logs, where we sat and enjoyed our snacks. The weather was sunny and bright, a perfect day for learning and fun outdoors!







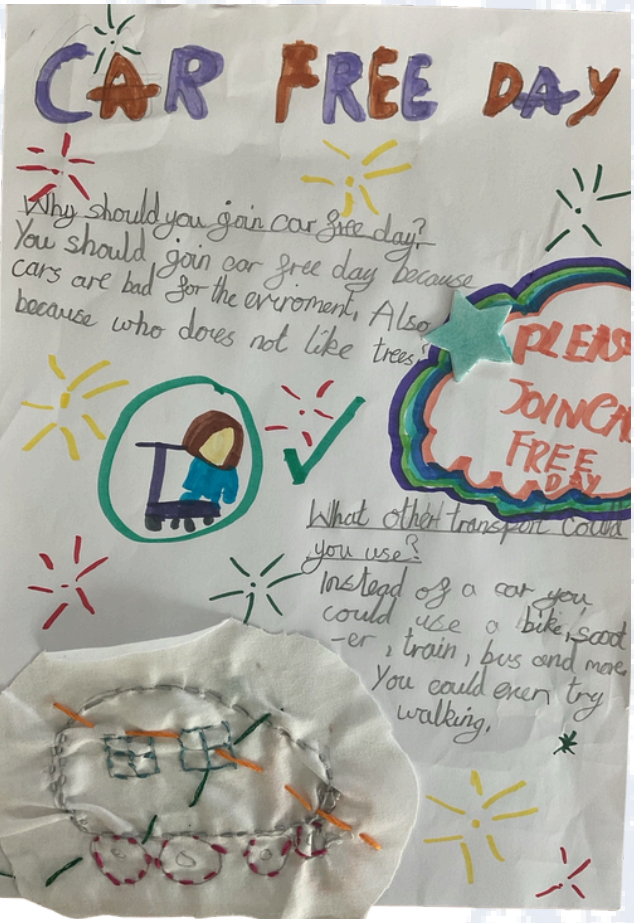
5F MORPURGO

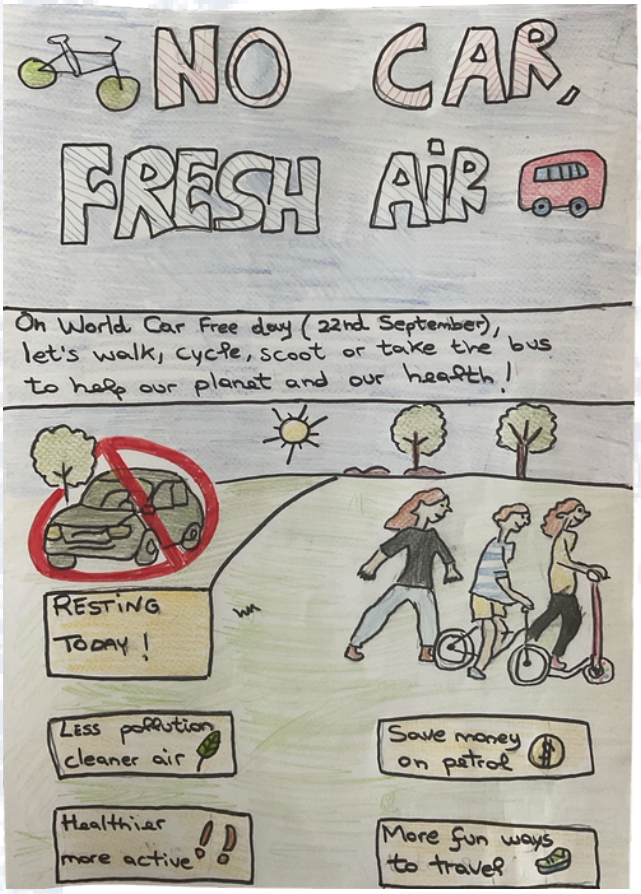
We were lucky to have visitors from Apple. They were impressed to see the children in Year 5 using the iPads to create their own Black History Month raps and Christmas cards.





The children in Year 5 created posters to encourage people to leave their cars at home and use alternative, sustainable ways of travelling. Great posters Mira and Isabelle.





3G MURPHY



In Science, our topic this term in Year 3 is **Rocks and Soil**! We have been learning about types of rocks and their differences.
This week we did an experiment to test the durability, permeability and density of different rocks and had fun doing so!

NURSERY

The children in Nursery have been busy in the Granard Animal Hospital, looking after the animals and administering first aid.



GRANARD SCHOOL COUNCILLORS 2025 - 2026

Our pupils have spoken and made their voices heard, and we are excited to announce our **School Councillors for 2025–2026**. We are very much looking forward to getting down to business.

School Councillors Slides

6B PULLMAN

In 6B, we have been learning about Evolution and Inheritance.
We investigated how darker and lighter moths have advantages or disadvantages when in lighter and darker surroundings.

We had to pretend to be predators and find up to 180 white or black pieces of paper on the playground. We found it much easier to find the white paper because the black paper was camouflaged on the dark playground.



ASH CLASS

During the 'Food Lab' session the children in Ash class have been experimenting with toast. The children used a toaster to toast their bread and then had a choice of spreading butter, jam or both on their toast. It was an enjoyable sensory experience for everyone.



RM ROSEN

Reception have been busy learning their sounds in phonics!

They enjoy listening to Fred say his sounds and they love trying to jump in with what word he is saying. For example, Fred might say b/e/d and the children will say 'bed'.

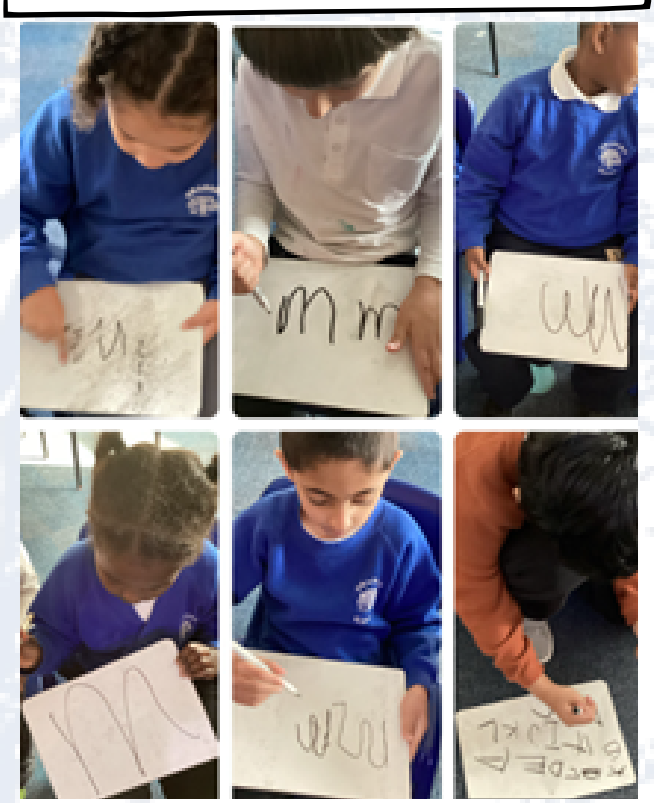
Throughout choosing time, the children have enjoyed playing schools and teaching each other the sounds and blending sounds together to read words.
Fantastic phonics - keep up the AMAZING work, Reception!





WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have been practising their independent writing. They have been trying hard to hold their pens tight and write slowly! Well done.



RACKETS CUBED IS HIRING

Rackets Cubed is a charity making a real impact in Roehampton, and they are hiring! If you are passionate about community work and want to make a difference locally, check out their latest vacancy. **Now live on Rackets Cubed socials and LinkedIn.**

Apply here

LSU

In the LSU, we have been using iPads more and more in our daily learning. They have become a great tool for practising our spellings and helping us with maths activities.
We really enjoy using the iPads, they make learning fun and interactive. Sometimes we are even quicker than Mrs Ovakimian, who is learning new tricks right alongside us!



SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS



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

Year 6 parents can now apply for a secondary school place for entry in **September 2026.**

For application information and to make an application follow this link: **Apply for a secondary school place**

Some schools will require you to submit a supplementary application form.

Your application must be submitted by **31 October 2025.**

FLU COMMUNITY CATCH-UP CLINIC SCHEDULE

The NHS South London Children and Young People's Immunisation Team is running **flu catch-up clinics** across Wandsworth this autumn for children aged 4–11 **(Reception to Year 6).**





ANGEL SWIM LONDON – OCTOBER CRASH COURSES



Angel Swim London is offering a special week of swimming crash courses this half term at **Granard Primary School (SW15 6XA).**

It is designed for babies, children, and children with special needs. Their fun, supportive approach helps build water confidence and teaches vital safety skills.

Limited spaces available – early booking recommended.

Parents can enquire here:
Website:
https://angelswim.london/crash-courses
Email: putney@angelswim.london

HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS AND PERFORMANCES







DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Fri 10th	2.45 p.m.	6B Assembly
Wed 15th	9.15 a.m.	Open Morning
Fri 17th	2.45 p.m.	6R Assembly Year 5 trip to Burntwood to see author, *Cressida Cowell*
Sat 18th	a.m.	KS2 PPSSA Cross Country running event
Tues 21st	p.m.	Year 5 Loudmouth workshop
Wed 22nd		Halloween Themed Cake Sale **after school**
Thurs 23rd	1.30 p.m.	**Children finish**
Fri 24th		**INSET day**
		Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October **HALF TERM**

NOVEMBER

Mon 3rd		**Children return**
Wed 5th Nov		Whole School Harvest assembly
Thurs 6th Nov		LSU trip to Barbican
Friday 7th Nov		Diwali assemblies in school Hot Chocolate Sale **after school**
Tues 11th Nov	1.30 p.m. 1.45 p.m.	Mainstream children leave Mainstream Parents' Evening
Wed 12th Nov	3.30 p.m.	Mainstream Parents' Evening
Thurs 13th Nov	a.m.	Year 1 'Out of the Woods' day Whole School Anti-bullying assembly
Mon 17th Nov	9.15 a.m.	Open Morning
Tues 18th Nov	3.30-6p.m.	Base Parents' Evening
Thurs 20th Nov		Year 5 trip to Town Hall for author event – *David Walliams*
Fri 21st Nov	p.m. 2.45 p.m.	Eco Warriors planting on Putney Heath 5F Morpurgo class assembly – parents invited
Mon 24th Nov		Year 5 Cycling proficiency training
Tues 25th Nov	2 p.m.	Year 6 Cycling proficiency training Base Parent workshop – *Implementing therapeutic principles at home*
Wed 26th Nov		Year 6 Cycling proficiency training
Thurs 27th Nov		Year 6 Cycling proficiency training
Fri 28th Nov		Flu immunisations Year 6 Cycling proficiency training **Mufti Day** (*bring in items for Christmas Fair*)