

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 prospective parents this week for our Open Morning. If you have any family or friends who would like to come and view our school (either the mainstream or our Base), our next Open Morning is at 9.15 a.m. on Wednesday, 15th October.

At the start of each year, the children decorate their classroom doors to reflect the author/tree that their classes are named after. This year, to include our youngest children, we have named our Nursery after the author, Lucy Cousins. On Friday, we announced the winners of the mainstream classes (Cedar Base will be announced next week). It was a very difficult decision to make because the children and staff have put so much effort into their displays, but I am thrilled to announce the winners for the four phases:

Early Years: Nursery Cousins



LKS2: 4M Lewis

KS1: 2S Foreman



UKS2: 6R Rowling

The winners received a selection of books for their class.

Following our school social worker, Verity, going on maternity leave last term, we are really pleased to have been allocated a new social worker, Colombe, who will be working with our families over the next few months.



I am also really pleased to let you know that Lesley-Ann will be returning to Granard next week to lead our UP Therapy. She will be with us one day each week to provide support for our children and to oversee the other therapists who work with them.

Mrs Grigg
Headteacher



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ASH CLASS

The children in Ash Class went for a walk around the school and used the iPad to take pictures of familiar places as part of their topic learning about 'Our School'. Here are some of their amazing clicks.



The Ash Class children enjoyed some sensory play by washing dinosaurs and sea animals with foamy water.



CHERRY CLASS

On Muddy Monday we went to the allotments. On the way, we spotted shiny conkers hiding in the grass and filled our pockets with them. The following week, we used a real hand drill (with a bit of help!) to make holes in the conkers. Then we turned them into autumn treasures. We made jangly necklaces, bracelets, and even hanging decorations for our doors. It was muddy, messy and so much fun!

RM ROSEN

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Reception early reading workshop. The children loved you joining them for their speed sound lesson. The children learned how to read and write 'p' and enjoyed introducing their parents to Fred the frog, who can only speak in sounds. It was great to see so many parents supporting their children's reading journey. Thank you again!



6R ROWLING

Year 6 really enjoyed **Google's Internet Legends assembly** this week. The assembly was a fantastic tool for empowering children to use the web safely and wisely so they can be confident explorers of the online world.

Thank you to Miss Smith for organising this!



6R had a great time on Wednesday celebrating **World Fitness Day**.

They followed along to a variety of fun exercise videos and worked on their balance, strength and agility.

Thank you to Miss Greenwell for organising this!

To celebrate **World Car Free Day**, the children in 6R Rowling learned about the impact of car use on the environment.

They then created posters to encourage people to use different types of sustainable transport.

Well done to Raheem and Salma for their beautiful, eye-catching posters!



1A MCKEE

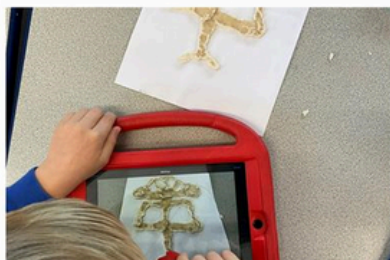
1A have been learning about artist Piet Mondrian. We have learned that he enjoyed painting using the primary colours and we looked at some examples of his work.

We tried recreating our own works of art. Aren't they great?



2S FOREMAN

In Year 2, we have been reading 'Beegu'. She is an alien who crash lands on Earth and struggles to communicate with others and find friends. Luckily for Beegu, we were on hand to create the perfect friend! First, we made her friend out of playdough and then, we used the iPads to design our character and give them features. We learnt how to take a photo on the ipad and use the 'markup' feature to add lots of colour and details. Finally, we wrote character descriptions for Beegu's new friend. We hope Beegu likes them!



WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class have been working on their fine motor skills and letter formation since coming back to school. They are making great progress and we can't wait to see how their writing progresses in the next few weeks!



APPLE CLASS

Apple Class have been learning about apples: printing with apples, counting them, tasting them and learning how to make 'Apple Pigs' linked to an old picture book of the same name.



WHAT'S ON IN WANDSWORTH: OCTOBER

The London Borough of Culture celebrations are in full swing and October is bursting with unmissable events across Wandsworth!

[Click here for more](#)

TFL TRAVEL FOR LIFE ACCREDITATION

We are proud to announce that our school has achieved the Tfl Travel for Life Gold accreditation.

This marks a huge milestone in our commitment to safer streets, cleaner air and active travel. We are now part of a city-wide network of over 1,000 Gold schools working to improve the daily lives of more than 600,000 children. Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible.

**WE HAVE
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DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY – FREE BOOKS FOR UNDER 5S



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a free programme that gifts books to children. It was started by Dolly Parton in 1995. She was inspired by her father, who couldn't read or write. The programme's goal is to help children everywhere love reading. Once your child is registered, they will receive a free high-quality, age-appropriate book addressed to them in the post each month, until their 5th birthday, completely free of charge.

The selection of books is refreshed regularly so families with multiple children will receive new books to enjoy.

Any child aged under five living in Wandsworth can register. If you have more than one child under five, each child may participate.

Please click the link [here](#) to register.

WANDSWORTH AUTISM ADVISORY SERVICE: AUTUMN TERM 2025 PARENT EVENTS



Scan QR code or click on the sign-up link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/wjDFqnxhYY>



Events	September	October	November	December
Parent Workshops Online via Microsoft Teams (unless otherwise stated)	Exploring the Female Presentation of Autism Tuesday 30 September 10am-11:30am  With Charlotte Richardson (Family Support Worker)	Introduction to Lego Therapy (IN PERSON at the SEND and Inclusion Hub, 1 Siward Road, SW17 0LA) Monday 13 October 10:30am-12pm  With Barbora Slosarikova (Speech and Language Therapist)	Managing Anxiety Thursday 13 November 9:30am-11am  With Dr Sarah Taylor-Whiteway (Educational Psychologist)	Supporting Your Child's Sleep Schedule Wednesday 03 December 12-1:30pm  With Emma Dreyer (Occupational Therapist)
Coffee Mornings IN PERSON at the SEND and Inclusion Hub (1 Siward Road, SW17 0LA)	Autism Parent Support Group Wednesday 24 September 10:30am-12	Autism Parent Support Group Wednesday 29 October 10:30am-12	Autism Parent Support Group Wednesday 26 November 10:30am-12	Autism Parent Support Group Wednesday 17 December 10:30am-12

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER

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**.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Looking for swimming lessons for your children? Come and join our afterschool lessons at **Granard Primary School!**

We have spaces available this term - Autumn 2025 - for beginners and improvers.

Lessons are for children aged 4 years and upwards and held at **Granard swimming pool on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.**

Lessons are great fun, full of exercises to encourage children to enjoy the water and gain confidence while learning the formal swimming strokes.

There are 10 lessons in every term, and they are very competitively priced, a term of **10 lessons costs £90.**

If you join during the term, you will only pay for the remaining lessons.

We also have some spaces in our Adult and Child and **Baby lessons on Friday mornings at 10.30 a.m. too.**

For more information please text or call Karan on **07934 382584.**

We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you. Karan





Putney Crash Course
27th - 31st October
3pm - 6pm



30 minute lessons
putney@angelswim.london

£65 for the week
07435278910

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- ✓ Fri 26th Wandsworth test for Year 6
- ✓ Mon 29th Wandsworth test for Year 6 (and Saturday 27th)

October

- ✓ Wed 1st p.m. Year 6 Transport workshop
- ✓ Thurs 2nd Strive and Thrive start at WHS
- ✓ Tues 7th 9.30 a.m. Base Parent workshop - 'Beyond the Curriculum' – includes information about the annual review process and how therapies are embedded into the school day
- ✓ Fri 10th 2.45 p.m. 6B Assembly
- ✓ Wed 15th 9.15 a.m. Open Morning
- ✓ Fri 17th 2.45 p.m. 6R Assembly
- ✓ Sat 18th a.m. KS2 PPSSA cross country running event
- ✓ Tues 21st p.m. Year 5 Loudmouth workshop
- ✓ 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**

TERM DATES

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

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