Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

"Growing Together; Achieving Together"

NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our PTA are doing a fabulous job in organising a number of events for our children – thank you to everyone involved! They will be meeting again from **8.45 a.m**. on the following **Wednesdays: 4th November, 18th November and 2nd December**. Do come along for a cup of tea or coffee and find out how you might be able to help out!

In preparation for the Christmas Fair, we are asking for teddy/soft toy donations. Please drop these off at the main reception where there will be a donation box. In addition, we are having **two mufti days** on **Friday, 13th November and Friday, 27th November**. In exchange for children wearing their own clothes to school on these days, we are asking for **donations for the tombola** such as: chocolate selection boxes, unopened sweets, small pocket-money toys, new stationery, books, boxes of biscuits, gift sets, smellies/toiletries, or bottles (wine, spirits, soft drinks, or luxury bubble baths).

To ensure all prizes are safe, hygienic, and ready to be won, please ensure all donations are completely sealed and unopened. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept any items that have been previously opened or partially used. Please also ensure that any food or drink items are well within their best-before dates.

After half term, the PTA will be holding regular hot chocolate and cookie sales on Fridays, starting from Friday, 6th November.

This week, mainstream parents will have received correspondence from us about booking your appointment for your child's **parents' evening**. Please do book your appointment as soon as possible to avoid any disappointment!

Base parents' evening is taking place on Wednesday, 18th November and you will receive information about booking your appointments in due course.

After half term, we will be having our Harvest festival on Wednesday, 4th November. We are supporting the local foodbank again, so please send in any food donations from Monday, 2nd November (please see page 13 for suggestions). Thank you.

It was lovely to see so many children dressed up today for our 'Spooky' dress up day. Again, thank you to the PTA for providing us with the prizes for the best dressed children!



I hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable half term and we look forward to seeing you and your children back in school again on **Monday, 2nd November**.

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

Electric scooters – CP

Just a reminder that it is illegal to ride privately owned e-scooters on public roads, pavements, cycle lanes or parks, in the UK. Electric scooters carry significant safety risks. They have a higher rate of traumatic brain injury, severe falls and hospital admissions than traditional bikes. **E-scooters are not permitted to be ridden on school grounds.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

Friday 23rd		**INSET day – school closed**
Monday 26th – Friday 30th		**Half term holiday**

NOVEMBER

Monday 2nd		**Children return to school**
Tuesday 3rd		ASC Halloween party
Wednesday 4th		Harvest **(children to bring in food contributions)**
Friday 6th	2.45 p.m.	6B's class assembly
Monday 9th		Chelsea tournament – **selected girls**
Tuesday 10th	1.30 p.m. 1.45 p.m.	Mainstream children **leave** **Mainstream Parents' evening**
Wednesday 11th	 3.30 p.m.	Oak class Boccia event **Mainstream Parents' evening**
Friday 13th	 2.45 p.m.	**Mufti Day – tombola items for Christmas Fair** 5D's class assembly
Monday 16th	9.15 a.m.	**Open Morning** Chelsea tournament – **selected boys**
Tuesday 17th		Year 3 – 'Into the Woods' with Wimbledon High School
Wednesday 18th	 3.30 p.m.	Year 5 – trip to Wandsworth Cineworld **Base parents' evening**
Friday 20th	2.45 p.m.	5F's class assembly
Monday 23rd		Dinosaur workshop – Year 3 and Year 6
Friday 27th		Flu Immunisations **Mufti Day – tombola items for Christmas Fair**

DECEMBER

Thursday 3rd	9.15 a.m.	**Open Morning**
Friday 4th	2.45 p.m.	4B's class assembly
Monday 7th	1.30 p.m.	**KS1 Nativity**
Wednesday 9th	7 p.m.	Year 3 Vocal Project performance at Fairfield Halls

DECEMBER

Thursday 10th	9.30 a.m.	**KS1 Nativity**
Friday 11th		Coding Club trip to Stamford Bridge
	3.30 p.m.	**Christmas Fair**
Tuesday 15th		**Christmas Lunch Day**
		ASC Christmas party
Wednesday 16th		**Christmas Jumper Day & Class parties**
		Base Christmas event
	2.45 p.m.	**Reception sing Christmas songs to parents**
Thursday 17th	10 a.m.	**Carol Service at St Margaret's**
Friday 18th		**Break up for Christmas Holidays**
	1.15 p.m.	**Base children finish**
	1.30 p.m.	**Mainstream children finish**

JANUARY

Monday 4th		**Children return to school**

SCHOOL COUNCIL PARTNERSHIP WITH WIMBLEDON HIGH SCHOOL

PUTNEY HEATH PLANTING



On Tuesday, 13th October, our School Council representatives enjoyed a fantastic opportunity working with Wimbledon High School as part of the Meadow Planting Partnership at Putney Heath.



The children took part in planting a variety of spring bulbs and seeds to help improve the local environment and create more colourful spaces.

Through this hands-on experience, the children learnt about the important role that flowering plants play in supporting bees and other pollinating insects.



They developed a greater understanding of how pollination helps plants grow and why protecting our natural environment is so important.

Both schools enjoyed the experience and were proud to contribute positively to their local community. This partnership provided a valuable opportunity for our School Council representatives to work collaboratively with other pupils, develop their environmental awareness and make a meaningful difference to the world around them.





WILLOW CLASS

This week Willow Class have been busy making lots of fun spooky arts and crafts and doing a lot of sensory exploration.

In maths we have been working on identifying our shapes and have used them to build some impressive structures. We have demonstrated some very good team skills.

WELL DONE WILLOW CLASS!



3M MURPHY

In science in Year 3, the children have been learning about fossils and how they are formed. We spoke about the process as a whole class and then the children worked in partners to order the process correctly.

Then, the children pretended to be paleontologists. They searched through sand, brushed off dust from the fossils, identified what they were and analysed them under magnifying glasses.
The coprolite (dino poo) definitely got everyone's attention!



YEAR 5

loudmouth
education & training through theatre

Both of our Year 5 classes enjoyed performances from Loudmouth Theatre Company, who delivered engaging and thought-provoking sessions exploring sensitive topics.



The performances encouraged pupils to think carefully about important issues, recognise when they or others may need support, and understand where to seek help.



Through relatable scenarios and discussions, pupils were reminded of the importance of speaking up, sharing their concerns with a trusted adult and knowing that support is available when they need it.







HOLLY CLASS

Holly Class have been exploring our five senses through a range of sensory activities, using different materials to develop our senses of touch, taste, smell, hearing and sight.



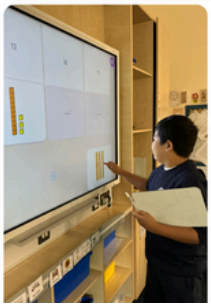





OAK CLASS

Oak Class have been learning about 'Place value' in Maths. The children practised their learning by matching pictures to numbers on the interactive white board.







HARVEST FESTIVAL

We were very proud of Oak Class doing their first assembly for this year on Friday. We celebrated the Harvest festival by learning and singing our harvest song in front of the Base children and teachers.




2G FOREMAN

Break the rules day was thoroughly enjoyed by 2G! The children loved having the chance to bend the usual rules and enjoyed showing off their mischievous sides.



The children are settling into Year 2 life and we can't wait to see what fun and adventures are still to come!

MINIBEAST HUNT

2G loved our minibeast hunt! For our unit 'living things and their habitats' we first looked at different habitats around the world and now we are looking at those closer to home.



In our playground we found many microhabitats under logs, in holes and by the trees - all home to spiders, woodlice, ants, worms and many more!







CHERRY CLASS

We had a wonderful time visiting our local allotments for an exciting autumn "I spy" activity! We explored the allotments, looking for autumn vegetables and other interesting objects.

We spotted tomatoes, pumpkins, lots of squash and even a scarecrow! The friendly allotment holders helped us to find some of the trickier items on our list.

We were also delighted to see Jackie, one of our former governors, who kindly showed us around her allotment. We had great fun exploring and discovering the signs of autumn!













GRANARD PRIMARY SCHOOL & 'CEDAR' ASD BASE

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Join us for an Open Morning!

IQM FLAGSHIP SCHOOL IQM AWARD



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Taking place at **9.15 a.m.** on:

Wednesday, 21st September 2026
Tuesday, 20th October 2026
Monday, 16th November 2026
Thursday, 3rd December 2026
Thursday, 7th January 2027

Granard Primary School,
Cortis Road, London
SW15 6AX

Granard Primary School and 'Cedar' ASD Base is a friendly, caring and inclusive school that strives to provide learning and social opportunities for each child to enable them to succeed academically and socially. We have a wonderful community spirit that celebrates our vibrant and diverse multi-cultural community.

Open Morning Highlights:

Meet our teachers: Mrs Grigg, Headteacher, and Miss Marsh, Early Years Leader.

Tours: Have a look at our wonderful facilities, including our swimming pool.

Information: Please come along to find out about the excellent teaching we provide and the support we offer.

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Please contact the school office on 0208 788 3606 to book a place.

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HARVEST
FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED
We are collecting food donations on
2nd, 3rd and 4th November
to support those in need.
Please bring in donations of
long-life, non-perishable food items,
such as:
CEREAL
TOMATO SOUP
PASTA
BEANS
RICE
PEAS
FRUIT
UHT MILK
TEA
COFFEE
BISCUITS
Please do not bring fresh food or items that need to be refrigerated.
Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping us support our community!


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ROYAL ALBERT HALL



RELAXED PERFORMANCE

Friendship Matinee: Matilda in Concert (PG)

Friday 30 October 2026, 2pm
All tickets are £5 (including booking fees)

Book Matilda tickets



Friendship Matinees offer a relaxed attitude to movement and sound in the auditorium, plus chill-out spaces around the building – you can move about, dance, sing or just listen! These relaxed performances welcome people of all ages who may engage with a charity or community group. **See all relaxed performances at the Hall**

South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust

Education Wellbeing Service



Goodbyes and Goodnights Online Parent/Carer Group

Do you find it hard to get your child through the school/nursery gate?
Does your child struggle to separate from you?
Are you worried that your child might find it difficult to settle back into a routine after the school holidays?



Join our 4-session online group to connect with other parents/carers and learn new ways to support your child towards their independence.

Dates and Times:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays - 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd October 2026 12:30pm-1:30pm. Please click here to sign up.

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

If you are interested but cannot attend these dates/times please sign up 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 anxieties or support children's tricky or challenging behaviours. Please speak to your school to find out more.

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

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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 3-8 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:

Groups will be delivered online on the following Fridays Nov 13, Nov 20, Dec 7 between 12:30-1:30PM. with a follow up session on Jan 8th. Please click here to sign up.

Further groups will be offered throughout the year.

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Education Wellbeing Service Webinar

Understanding and Supporting Your Child's Sleep



The topic of sleep comes up a lot during our discussions with parents and carers and it's something that can impact the whole family.

During this webinar we'll look at why sleep is so important for our children, how to create the right environment and routine to aid high quality sleep, the importance of independent settling, and some common sleep challenges for families.

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 10th November
12.30-1.30pm

Scan the QR code or click here

LOCATION

Online - Hosted on Teams

Sign up to either event for free on Eventbrite by scanning the QR Code.

You can also check out our other events by clicking here

wellbeinginschoolsevents@swlstg.nhs.uk

DATE / TIME

Tuesday 10th November
7.00-8.00pm

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MON 26TH OCT – FRI 30TH OCT
MONDAY – FRIDAY
DURING OCTOBER HALF TERM
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BOYS & GIRLS
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