Granard Primary School and Cedar Base

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NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an extremely hot week this week - well done to all the children who have turned up to school each day...we have had a more relaxed week and have been making the most of the areas in school where we have air conditioning!

Despite the heat, I have had the privilege of seeing two musical performances, one in Roehampton on Tuesday evening, where our Year 5 and 6 Brass continuers performed alongside other Wandsworth schools and musicians, and one in school, where our Year 4 Brass players performed along with our Year 5 and 6 continuers. The children have been practising and working hard on their performances over many weeks. A special thank you goes to Mrs Chapman for all her hard work - and for coming in to school on her days off to practise with the children!
There are more performances coming up next week which you are welcome to attend (please see the school diary for details) as well as a special performance this afternoon at our Summer Fair.

Thank you to all the parents who have given up their time this week to prepare for the fair. Your hard work and support are very much appreciated and we look forward to a fun afternoon!

In preparation for September, next week, the mainstream children will be meeting their new class teachers. I am sure that they will be excited to tell you all about it!

SAFEGUARDING SEGMENT

A number of our KS2 children have been riding their bikes and scooters on the KS2 playground at the end of the school day. Please ensure that they refrain from doing this - there are many young children on the playground at this time and we do not want any avoidable accidents!

Thank you.

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

The school is receiving multiple requests from our mainstream parents to complete forms or write supporting letters for DLA, blue badge, benefits and housing etc. The school do not complete these forms or write letters unless this has been requested directly from other professionals the school is working with.

If your child attends our SEN Base provision, we can offer support in your initial application for transport. However, once the transport is in place, if you have any questions or queries regarding this you will need to contact the transport department directly yourself.

We are also receiving more requests for SEN assessments and EHCPs. While we are happy to discuss any SEN concerns you have about your child with you, we may not be in agreement with your views and our decisions around requesting assessments and EHCPs will be at our discretion.

If you have concerns around your child and how they present at home or in the community, there are a number of services that can offer you support. We are extremely fortunate to have our School Based Social Worker, Verity, whom many of you will know and are already working with, or have been supported by her previously.

We have a Wellbeing service provided to the school by CAMHS, to empower parents with strategies to support their child around anxiety and emotional wellbeing.

In addition, Wandsworth provide Early Help support for families in a number of different ways and we can also signpost parents/carers to services to support their own wellbeing.

Raising children in this climate can pose challenges and we will continue to work with you, to ensure your child has the best possible educational experiences we can provide.

GOVERNOR BLOG

Everyone looks forward to the summer holidays and there are plenty of free and cheap things to do nearby. You could take a picnic to **Richmond Park**. It's open every day and free to all. You're bound to spot one of the 600 deer there but do keep your distance from them (children and grown-ups): they are shy animals and don't like being too close to people.

Across the river in Fulham is **Bishops Park** where the free Splash Pool is open from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. From there you can walk along the river by the new Fulham Stadium (and catch the 430 bus home).

Or you could take part in the Summer Reading Challenge and get books at both **Putney and Roehampton Libraries**. Roehampton also has a quiet hour from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for neurodiverse children.

Why not head to the **Science Museum**? Tickets are free (book online first) and it's an easy 430 bus ride away. There's a new Space Gallery where you can see a real spacesuit and a 3 billion year old piece of the moon.

Or your family could become archaeologists for a day with the **London Museum**. You work with Museum staff to dig down through the centuries in your own trench and unearth real objects made and used centuries ago. There is a small charge and you need to book first (booking opens 26th June). You can also go to the Museum free and explore London Docklands as well.

Closer to home, there is a great **playpark** near Vine Road with a paddling pool and play area for under 13s. Ball games are also allowed and there is a disabled swing seat and basket seat. The 265 and 493 and other buses go near there.

There are plenty more ideas on the School website at
https://www.granardprimary.co.uk/things-to-experience/

Enjoy the summer!

Laura Polglase, **School Governor**

TERM DATES

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

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PARENTS MENU

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JUNE		
Monday 29th		Year 2 trip to the IMAX cinema at the Science Museum
Tuesday 30th		Secondary transfer day 'Meet your new teacher' day in Granard
	6 - 7 p.m.	Roehampton Street Band concert at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton
JULY		
Wednesday 1st	11.30 a.m.	Year 4 brass concert at Holy Trinity Church, Roehampton Year 5 taster day at APA
Thursday 2nd		Additional Secondary transfer day for some schools
Friday 3rd		Eco-Warriors at Stamford Bridge
	2.45 p.m.	Cherry class assembly – **parents invited**
Monday 6th		Year 5 cycling proficiency
	6.30 p.m.	Meeting for Base parents (new and existing)
Tuesday 7th		Mainstream and selected Base classes Sports Day at Roehampton playing fields
Wednesday 8th		Nursery and selected Base classes Sports Day at school
Thursday 9th		Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
Friday 10th	2.30 p.m.	Street Band perform at Heathmere school
	2.45 p.m.	Apple class assembly – **parents invited**
	4.30 p.m.	After School Care **closes at 4.30 p.m.** **School reports sent home to parents**
Saturday 11th		Roehampton Street Band playing at Wandsworth Music Academy Summer Fair (Burntwood School)
Monday 13th		Base summer event **Trip to West Wittering (Mainstream and selected Base children - Reception to Year 6)** Nursery and SEN Nursery closed
Wednesday 15th		ASC summer party
Thursday 16th	10.30 a.m.	Year 6 production – **parents invited**
	4 – 6 p.m.	**Year 6 leaver's party**
Friday 17th	1.15 p.m.	**Base children leave – Break up for Summer holidays**
	1.30 p.m.	**Mainstream children leave – Break up for Summer holidays**

INSETS & HALF TERM DATES

- Monday 20th July 2026 - INSET Day

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Uniform
Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform to school each day:

- Granard Royal blue sweatshirt (navy in Year 6) or cardigan
- Granard white polo shirt
- Grey plain skirt or pinafore dress or blue/white checked dress/playsuit (Summer option)
- Grey school trousers (no jogging bottoms or jeans)
- Black shoes (no heels or boots - plain black trainers may be worn)
- Black, grey or white socks
- Black, grey or blue tights
- Headscarves (if worn) must be plain dark blue or black
- Granard Jacket (not compulsory)
- Book Bag (for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2)
- Rucksack (for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6)

P.E Kit

- Granard white t-shirt
- Black shorts or leggings
- Trainers
- Black or Royal blue jogging bottoms (with no branding)
- P.E Bag

Swimming Kit

- Towel
- Plain, black or navy, tightly fitted trunks or one-piece costume
- Swimming cap

If children have forgotten their swimming kit, they will be expected to use a spare kit supplied by the school.

Please make sure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name, not with sibling names. Clothing will be regularly checked for names.

Stitch Design is the designated uniform shop for the school. Please place your orders by July 31st to guarantee that you receive your uniforms in time for September.

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6R ROWLING

Year 6 enjoyed a special visit to the library to meet author Onjali Rauf, best known for her award-winning novel, The Boy at the Back of the Class. The book tells the story of Ahmet, a young refugee who joins a new school in the UK, and the group of friends determined to help him reunite with his family.

During her visit, Onjali spoke to the children about the experiences of refugees and the many hardships they can face when fleeing their home countries. Pupils listened thoughtfully and asked insightful questions, gaining a deeper understanding of empathy, kindness and the importance of standing up for others.

Some children also had the opportunity to purchase copies of Onjali's books, which she kindly signed for them. We were delighted to learn that a proportion of the proceeds from the book sales will go towards supporting charitable causes.











6R ROWLING

6R celebrated Wellbeing Week by exploring positive mental health habits and emotional resilience.

We launched the week with a reflective gratitude activity where the children took time to write down the things, people and experiences they are most thankful for in their daily lives.

Building on this positive start, the pupils also participated in daily movement challenges, a relaxing yoga session and various creative art activities throughout the week. These diverse sessions provided the children with practical tools to manage stress, express their emotions and keep active.

Thank you to all the staff and pupils who made this restorative week a success, and we encourage families to continue these positive conversations at home by sharing what they are grateful for each day.





ASH CLASS

Continuing with our learning about living things, Ash Class have planted some sunflower seeds. They are learning that plants need the sun, air and water to grow.









They are looking after their plants by watering them regularly. The seeds have made really good progress.



4M LEWIS

Year 4 Science!

In our lesson this week, we studied Hungarian scientist and inventor Maria Telkes. Maria Telkes loved finding ways to use the Sun's energy. She invented and improved solar-powered devices, including a solar oven and the Dover Sun House. She helped show that sunlight could be used to heat homes and cook food.

As a class, we built a solar oven inspired by the Dover Sun House. A solar oven works by trapping the Sun's heat inside, making it hot. This means people can harness the sun's rays to create electricity using clean, free energy from the Sun. We did this using a cardboard box, tin foil and cling film.

We observed the solar oven over the space of 15 minutes and recorded our temperature results. Before recording, the children predicted that the heat would rise to about 30 degrees Celsius inside the box. We were very surprised to watch how much the temperature increased inside the box; all the way up to 44 degrees Celsius!





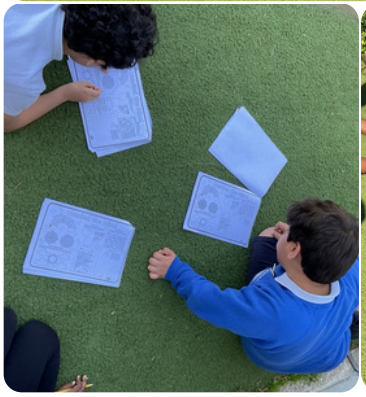


Year 4 explored how Buddhist worship. We looked at special places of worship and how Buddhists meditate.



Then, we tried some meditation ourselves before heading outside to do some reflective mindfulness activities.







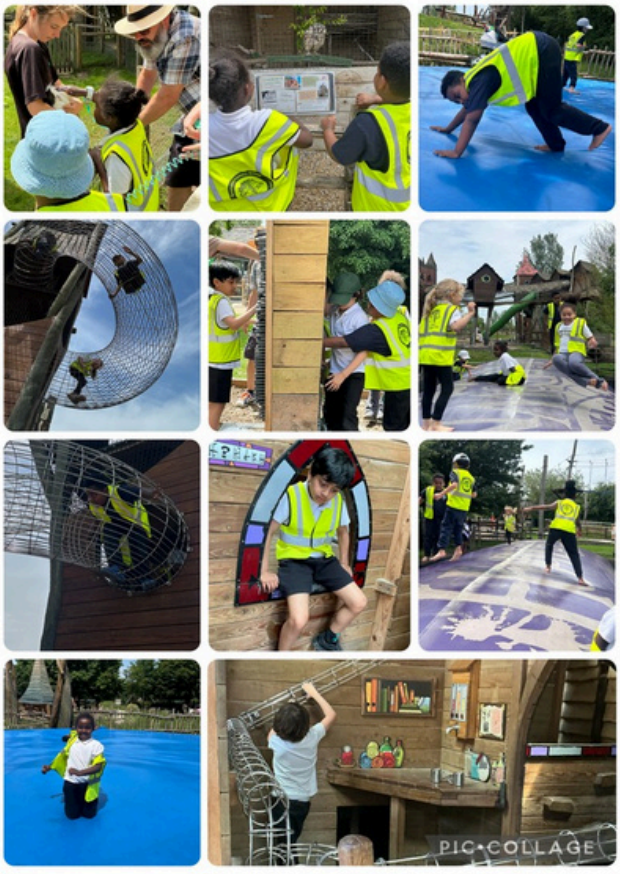
WILLOW CLASS

Willow Class had a fantastic time at Hobbledown Farm!

They were brave and held hissing cockroaches, stick insects, guinea pigs and tortoises!

After lunch, they played in the big playground and climbed up the climbing frame. They used their muscles and tried really hard to climb up to the top of the big slide.

We had so much fun! Thank you to Mr Innes, Mr McGrane, Ms Shazia, Ms Sumera and all the parents who helped us!



5F MORPURGO

During Wellbeing Week, Year 5 had a wonderful time taking part in a yoga session with our UP therapist, Lesley-Ann, helping them to relax and focus on their wellbeing.







6B PULLMAN

6B have been busy doing lots of practical science. They are using prisms to split white light to find the colour spectrum.



As part of Wellbeing Week, 6B had lots of fun doing yoga! We had no idea we were so flexible!



CHERRY CLASS

During our visit to Putney Heath, despite the hot weather, Cherry class and some LSU children enjoyed spending time in the shade of the trees and took part in building a den with our friends.

We cooperatively worked together and engaged well in our learning activity.



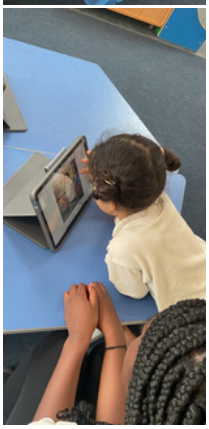
RM ROSEN

Reception have been spending time with the knowledgeable digital leaders who have been teaching them how to take and edit pictures.

They have loved spending time with older children in the school and learning from them.

Thank you to the digital leaders for being so patient and kind to Reception. We can't wait to see you again soon!






WIMBLEDON PARTNERSHIP

As part of our ongoing partnerships with Wimbledon High School, Isabelle, Royah and Alana (5F) have been busy working with students from Wimbledon High Sixth Form.

Every week since February, our girls have been busy designing, creating and testing their own Goblin Car, which they will be racing at Goodwood on 28th June. Good luck, team 'Kapy Kart!'




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9:20 – 10:20 AM FIRST SESSION
10:20 – 10:40 AM SNACK / DRINKS BREAK
10:40 – 11:40 AM SECOND SESSION
11:40 – 12:00 PM SNACK / DRINKS BREAK
12:00 – 1:00 PM THIRD SESSION (FUN GAMES & PLAY TIME)
1:00 – 2:00 PM LUNCH
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