

NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2017

Book Fair & Hot Chocolate Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair. Book sales were £549 which helped to raise an amazing £269 worth of books for school, these helped to filled our new book browsers located in each year group.

The hot chocolate and biscuit night on the final day of the fair, organised by Mrs Rowley, had a fabulous turn out and received fabulous feedback – so thank you for your support.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who helped their child celebrate World Book day, it was lovely to see the children dressed as their favourite story character and we really appreciate the effort everyone put in to make the day special.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed the dance workshop, it was lovely to see all the nursery children dancing 2 by 2 as little animals heading to the Ark!

30 Hours' Provision – Nursery

As from September, the Government will be offering 30 hours' nursery provision for families who meet the eligibility criteria. We have sent information out to families who have already applied for a nursery place in September or to those whose child will be continuing in our nursery provision. The information pack also contained a questionnaire asking for parent input on how they would like the provision to be set up and the anticipated use of the 30 hours' provision. If you have not yet completed and returned this form, please could you do so as we want to ensure that this provision meets the needs of all our families.

If your child is not of nursery age just yet but you would like more information, please call by the office or visit Doncaster Councils website <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/schools/30-hour-free-entitlement>



With Spring, officially here its seems as though those winter colds have finally been banished and attendance is slowly on the up, which is great news! As good attendance is judged by Ofsted and the local authority we have enrolled the help of Doncaster Councils Educational Welfare Officer. The new EWO will be able to help alongside staff at Grange Lane with any attendance issue or concern.

May I take the opportunity to thank all families for their continued effort in ensuring their child comes to school regularly and on time and in instances of medical appointments providing the office with the appropriate documentation to verify the absence.

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all who completed the parent questionnaire at the recent parents evening, we will provide the results of this shortly. If you have yet to complete the questionnaire, there's still time and your opinion is highly valued, so please pop the completed form into school to ensure we include you in the evaluation of how we can improve and support your children further.



Twitter



@GLIAcademy1

We are continuing to post on our Twitter page despite only having 20 or so followers. We have added this social media account as another way of keeping families informed, so please do add us to your following list.

Remember you can change your child's image consent permissions at any time, just ask for another authorisation form from the office.



Read Write Inc. Parents Workshop

Our Reception and most recently our Nursery children have been enjoying and doing really well in our reading and writing learning scheme called Read Write Inc. We know this scheme maybe quite new to many people, so we have parent's workshop on Tuesday 14th March at 9am. Parents will be able to find out how letter sounds are taught, how we implement it in the classroom and watch a lesson being taught. Although we have invited parents of reception and nursery, if you are a parent of a year 1 or 2 child and you missed the workshop before or would like a refresher you are most welcome to join us. It would however, be appreciated if you could let your teacher or the office know of your intention to join us so we can ensure we plan for the correct number of guests.



Little Grangers – 2-Year-Old Provision

We are so pleased with the growth of our Little Grangers provision, we started with just 7 children and now we have 21! If you are interested in a place details of how to apply for the funding are on our website or you may call by the office for more details!

Nursery Admissions

Children born between 01.09.13-31.08.14 can already apply for September 2017. We do already have details of those who have applied already and will be in contact soon.

Children born between 01.09.2014-31.08.2015 can apply from August 2017, the council will send you details.



Bingo Night

It was a huge shame that the planned family Bingo night needed to be cancelled due to insufficient ticket sales. They are planning on holding the event later in the month as they have many prizes which need winning! We do hope that you would be able to join us on the next date.

CCTV – Parent Consultation

Thank you to the 12 parents who completed the CCTV consultation regarding the funds raised and how to use it. The results were 10 replies to save the money for CCTV regardless of the length of time and 2 to spend it on maintaining premise security. We will therefore save the £86.69 for CCTV regardless of the length of time it takes to raise the remaining funds.

When you can, please support the PTFA group who are doing their best to provide events and activities for fun and fund raising for the school and the children. Fund raising could include the CCTV project if you wish and new members are always very welcome.

**The next PTFA – Grown Up Grangers meeting is
Wednesday 15th March at 8.45am**

School Admissions

We have had a couple of enquires by the office for confirmation of whether children have been accepted into our reception. Unfortunately, we do not get advance notice of the names or quantity of students we are to welcome in September.

If you applied for a reception or junior place in time for the council closing date of the 15th January, the decisions of which school your child has been allocated will be released on the 18th April.

If you made a late application and the form was received by the council by the 18th April then you will receive the decision of which school your child has been allocated on the 29th April.

If you made an even later application, then unfortunately you will need to wait until the 31st May for the decision of which school your child has been allocated.

We will receive a full list of confirmed places around these dates.

If you do not believe you have made a school admission application for your child, then you can apply via the Doncaster council website. It is very important that you apply for a school place, if you need any help in doing this please do not hesitate to ask.



or your mobile phone!

Please jot them down as a handy reminder



- Tuesday 14th March Read Write Inc. Parents Workshop for Reception and Nursery parents 9am
- Wednesday 15th March PTFA Grown Up Grangers Meeting at 8.45am. New members welcome!
- Friday 24th March Year 2's trip to York's Chocolate Story please ensure you have sent payment and your consent form by Monday 20th March please.
- Friday 24th March Is Red Nose day for Comic Relief – further details to follow
- Tuesday 28th March Reception (Ladybirds & Butterflies) family stay and make mornings 9am
- Wednesday 29th March Main nursery family stay and make sessions 8.30am and 12.15pm
- Thursday 30th March Year 2 (Lions & Tigers) family stay and make sessions 9am
- Friday 31st March Year 1 (Owls & Penguins) family stay and make morning 9am
- Friday 7th April Easter Day including the judging of the Easter bonnet/ hat competition!
- Monday 10th April until Friday 21st April is the Easter break!
- Thursday 4th May Little Grangers 2-year-old provision will be closed due to the council using the building for poling day.



Training Days:

- 1st September 2016
- 2nd September 2016
- 21st October 2016
- 17th February 2017
- 5th June 2017

Christmas Break

19th December – 2nd January 2017

Half Terms

- 24th October – 28th October 2016
- 20th February – 24th February 2017
- 29th May – 2nd June 2017

Easter Break

10th April – 21st April 2017

May Bank Holiday

1st May 2017