



# Grange Lane Infant Academy Newsletter April 2022

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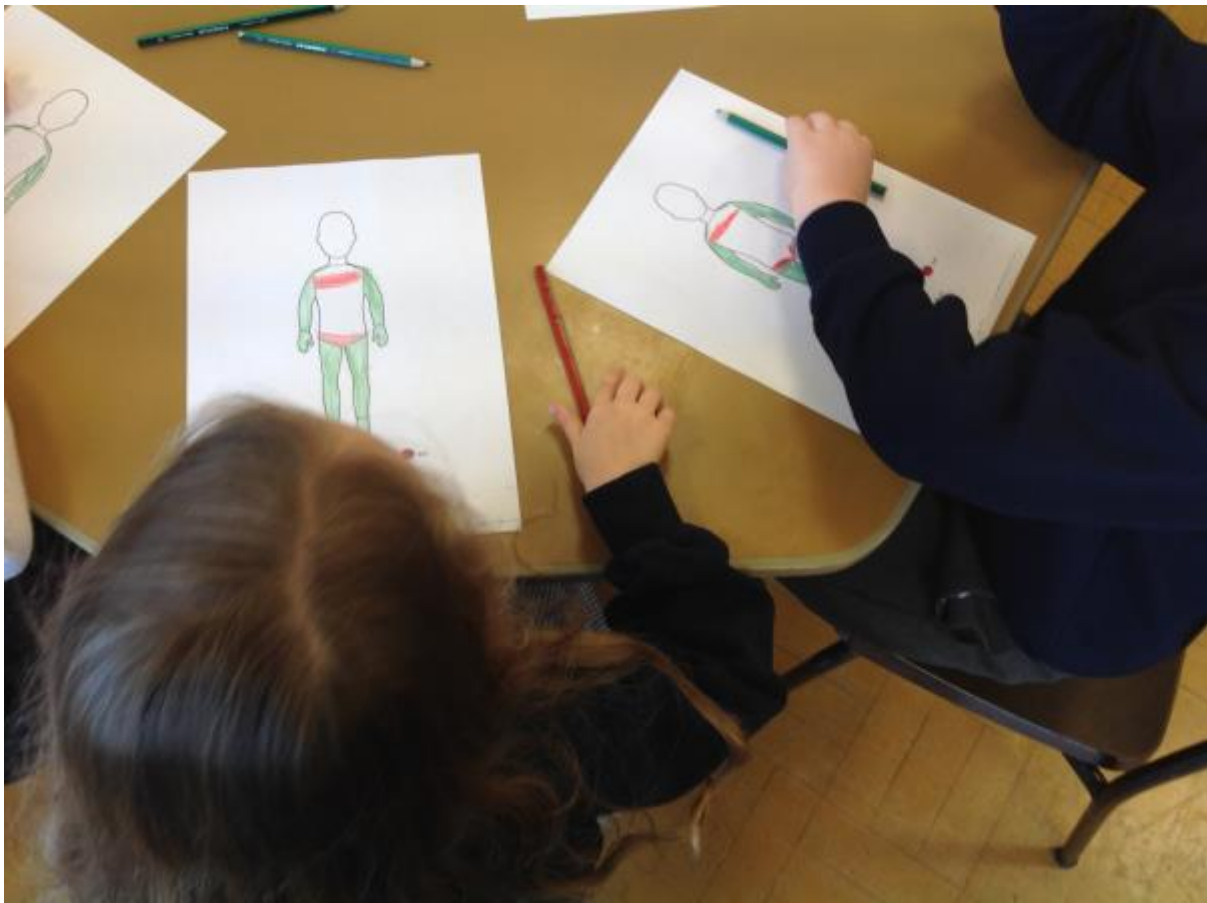
## Scooter & Bike Racks installed!



You may remember that our Eco Warriors helped us to win £2,000 from Ikea's Eco Award Grant after they submitted their idea on how we could reduce pollution and traffic congestion by encouraging more people to bike or walk to school. Our bike and scooter racks have now arrived and kindly been installed by Mr Murrell and we have noticed them in use already! We have a scooter and bike rack at the front of school and 2 bike and 1 scooter racks at the back of school.

***Please note that the bike / scooter racks must be used appropriately, school cannot provide any locks or chains to secure the bike/scooter and if you decide to leave them, you leave them at your own risk. School does not accept any responsibility for property left.***

## Safe Touch



Caroline from the school nursing team came to see all our Year 1 children to talk about the very important subject of safe touching.

Caroline was very impressed that the children could tell her about areas of our body that are private. They talked about the areas of the body that are safe to be touched and completed a body map of these areas. The children also learned a new pants song with Pantosaurus this is the link if you want share it at home. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IL07JOGU5o>

## Messy Church Stay & Play



Thank you to Pastor Simpson and his Messy Church for our Easter themed stay and play which our reception children thoroughly enjoyed.



It has been so lovely to welcome large groups of parents back into school to enjoy some crafts with their children. There were various activities to do such as Easter baskets, bunny masks and Easter pictures to make. We all thoroughly enjoyed it and would like to thank all the grown ups for joining us

## Enterprise Week



Children of Grange Lane took part in their own Enterprise Week. The children were challenged to come up with an eco-friendly product to create and sell to their parents. We had some wonderful ideas, from dreamcatchers, to crayon beetles and milk bottle planters! The children used their maths skills to set a price for their items in order to make a profit and many other different skills to create their products and profit. The children had lots of fun creating and making and learning about the value of money.

'It helps the environment' –Jaxon

'It's helping the planet' –Malik

'It's a competition' –Georgia

Although each class made a different profit, we are going to use the money made from the Easter raffle to give each class the same amount to spend on a new item for their classes. Thank you to all the parents/ carers who supported this project, it was a first for Grange Lane and we loved the whole event.

## Year 2 at Dallowgill



On Monday 21st March year 2 visited Dallowgill an outdoor educational centre in the heart of Nidderdale. When they got close to the educational centre the bus came across an obstacle! A beautiful stone built bridge that was too narrow for the bus to go over! Not to worry though as Trevor from Dallowgill came to collect us in his mini bus!

The education centre is surrounded by beautiful woodland that they got to explore. The children built dens and made clay tree faces and kept a watch for the different wildlife that lived in the woodland or surrounding area. Although it was such an amazing place to visit, it was a long day so lots of children fell asleep on the bus on the journey home!









## Reception at Boston Park Farm



Reception really enjoyed our trip to Boston Park Farm. They got to do some different activities and lots of exploring. They got to feed the animals and hold a rabbit. They also got to do some art work using seeds and grains. Children got to go on a tractor ride, which they really enjoyed. The favourite part of the day was being able to play in the play area, climb the hay bales and the climbing frames.







Music in School





We have put a lot of emphasis on music in school this year, through singing with Rainbow Connection and singing assemblies, recorder lessons with Doncaster Music Services and live instruments with Live Music Now. The restrictions in the pandemic did show us how much we missed being able to sing and the benefits music bring to children's early education.

Did you know

- Music helps to improve brainpower and memory functions as music helps stimulate part of the brain responsible for reading, maths and emotional development.
- It inspires creativity - whether writing the lyrics to a song or practicing a new instrument.
- It teaches patience - band or choir members must wait for the signal from the person in charge before they join in or else they would be no harmony in the song.
- It's a great form of expression, singing and stage performance will help your children develop social skills which in turn helps them express themselves
- Combining movement and dancing, music gives children opportunity to successfully memorize choreographies and improve spatial intelligence

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## Young Voices



After delays and cancellations due to Covid, our choir children finally managed to make it to the Sheffield Hallam Arena for the Young Voices concert. Although these events are always very tiring, they are also very enjoyable and make brilliant memories that we are sure last for many years to

come. Miss Drury, Mrs Moore and Miss Nicklin would like to thank all the children for their fantastic behaviour and brilliant singing!



## Music for Youth Festival



On Saturday 23rd April children in KS1 were invited to Pheasant Bank to take part in the Music for Youth Festival with Rainbow Connection. Mrs Chappell, Mrs Murrell and Miss Drury were bursting with pride as a group of Grange Lane children performed in front of numerous schools and choir groups. The festival was not a competition but a celebration of music with constructive advice for future performances. Afterwards, we received a certificate of performance, which we shall display with pride.









## Diary Dates



- Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th April - Parents Evening invite letters have already been given out. We would greatly appreciate it if you would spend time during the parents evening completing our questionnaire. This questionnaire helps us find out how we can improve as a school and support our children and families further.**

- Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday Monday
- **Thursday 5th May - Little Grangers is closed due to polling day**
- Thursday 5th May - Big Talk Growing Up Safe Relationship Education - details have been emailed out
- **Friday 13th May - Year 1 trip to Austerfield Study Centre - letters have already been given out.**
- Friday 13th May - Reception Parents are invited to join their child for a Handa's Surprise themed cooking event. Details to follow.
- **Monday 23rd May - Reception Stay and Make 1.30pm. We would like to invite parents/carers or even grandparents of Butterflies and Ladybirds to join their child for a Jubilee themed family craft session in the school hall.**
- Tuesday 24th May - Year 1 Stay and Make 1.30pm. We would like to invite parents/carers or even grandparents of Owls and Penguins to join their child for a Jubilee themed family craft session in the school hall.
- **Thursday 26th May - Nursery Stay and Make - There will be a craft session for parents/carers on both the morning and afternoon session. Nursery will confirm times shortly.**
- Thursday 26th May - Year 2 Stay and Make. We would like to invite parents/carers or even grandparents of Tigers and Lions to join their child for a Jubilee themed family craft session in the school hall.
- **Friday 27th May - Queens Jubilee party where we shall be having lunch street party style**
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term
- **Monday 6th June - Teacher training day so school is closed for pupils this includes Little Grangers**
- Wednesday 8th June - Class photographs

## Academic Calendar 2021-2022

Please note that holidays during term time are strongly discouraged and can only be approved for exceptional circumstances only.



## Academic Calendar 2022-2023





Staff training days are:

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Monday 5th June 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

## Contact us

If you need to contact us, you can do this via the details below or for your child's teacher through your child's class do-jo or tapestry account. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or you need help with a situation.

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