



Grange Lane Infant Academy

Newsletter February 2023

We are all saying how quickly this year is moving - already a half term done! Within the half term we have achieved so much and have planned even more. Please read through our newsletter for further information.

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Attendance at Grange Lane



We appreciate the past two years have been very strange and uncertain times for everyone but here at Grange Lane we are hopeful that the world is mostly back to normal now. Therefore we have a new member of the Local Authority working with us on our Attendance. We aim to work with families and children to improve attendance and help parents understand the importance of children attending school every day that they can. This half term we will be working with the local authority to ensure parents are aware if their children's attendance is dropping or is a cause for concern so please don't be alarmed if your child's teacher asks to talk to you on collection or if you receive a letter about attendance.

After the February break we will be challenging children to come to school everyday until Easter to be in with a chance of winning a prize! We hope everyone is feeling refreshed and ready for the challenge!

Granny Norbag visits - parents welcome to join in



On Friday 24th February 1:30 - 2:30pm, Granny Norbag shall be visiting the academy to put on a show titled Granny Norbag Saves The Planet! The show is for children in years 1 and 2 and Granny Norbag would like to extend the invite to these children's parents also.

Due to limited capacity in the hall, we can only allow 1 adult per child to attend and request if possible not to bring any younger siblings. Please ensure that you are at school in time for the performance. Granny Norbag will be selling her story books at £3 each, titled Granny Norbag and The Cave Troll, Granny Norbag and the Intergalactic Games, Granny Norbag as the Spy Who Poured Tea

Conisbrough Castle - Year 2



On Wednesday 1st February, year 2 took a trip to Conisbrough to study the Castle and its history. They took part in 2 different workshops 'Meet the Medieval's' and 'Tales from the Keep' along with exploring the grounds and climbing right to the very top of the keep! Although it was quite a windy winters day, the children wrapped up and had a brilliant day.













Wear Red for Children's Heart Surgery



On Thursday 9th February we had a wear red day to raise awareness of heart conditions as 1 in 125 children are born with a heart defect. We have yet to get a final total as we still had some donations on the last day of term but will update the website when we do.



NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 10th February we took part in NSPCC mega maths day, something they do every year to help advertise their services, the fantastic work they do and fundraise for this great organisation. If you have never been on the NSPCC website why not take a look, there's information about keeping children safe (online, away from home, mental health etc) what is child abuse and how to report it. Thank you everyone for your very creative and individual ideas on joining in with numbers!

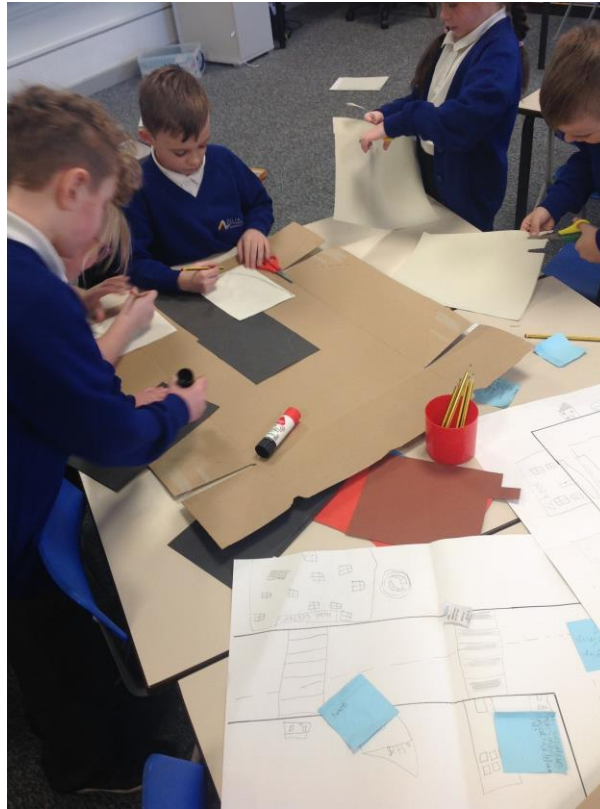




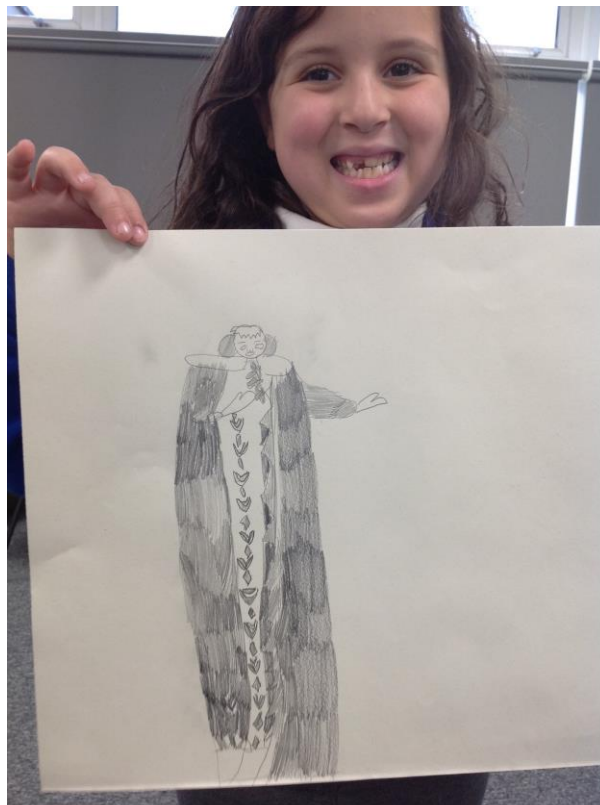
We celebrated Chinese New Year in school with an amazing Chinese Curry and nursery had their own Chinese restaurant role play. They also had a visit from Debutots who told them a story about a Chinese Dragon!



News from our Clubs



1 - Miss Brown has been working with the DT club to complete the Project in a Box organised by Children's University. To start the children have been thinking like property developers, for example; what things we would need in a town and where they would go? Then 3D models are constructed based on these plans. So, this week they started with the road and footpaths, thinking what it looks like and what it needs, for example a zebra crossing outside where the school will be.



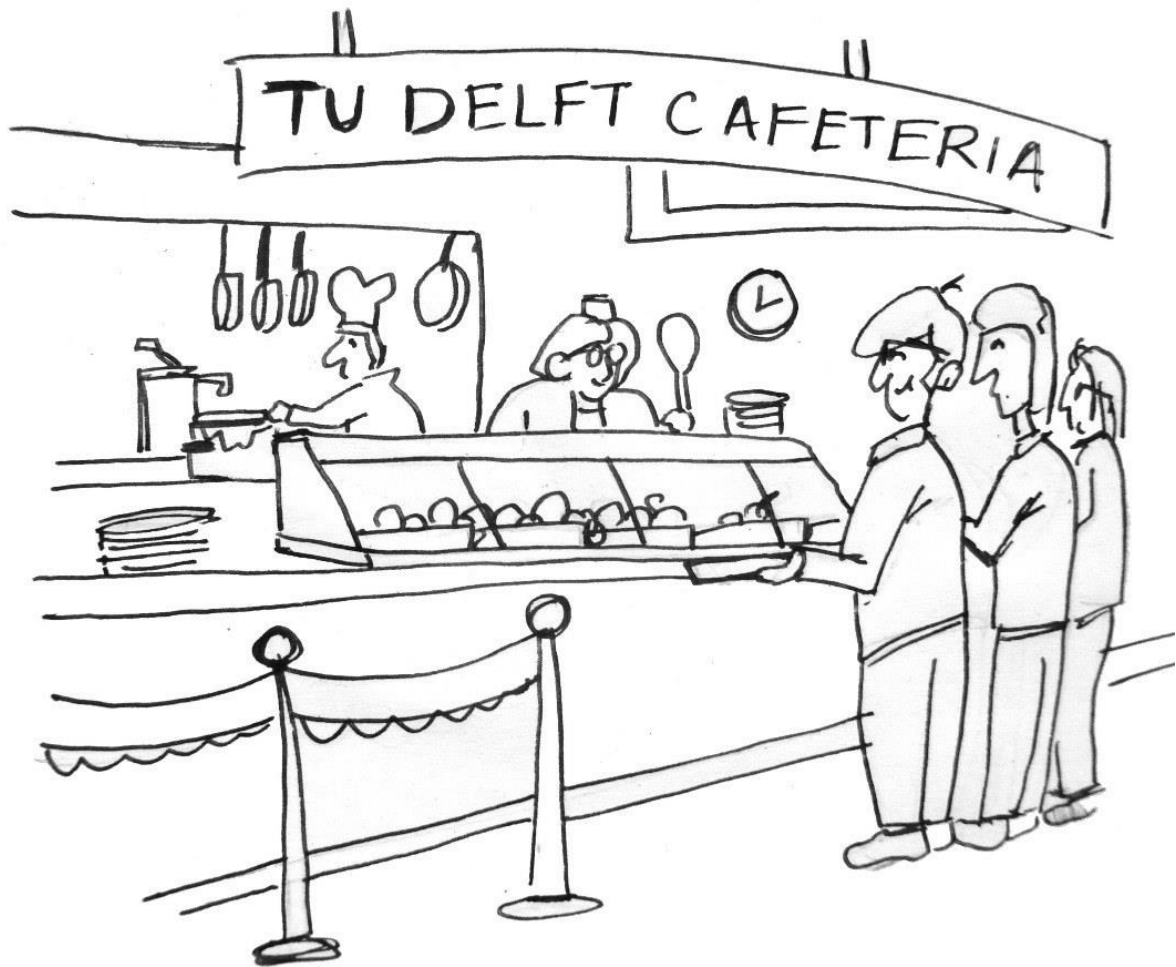


2 - Ms Phillip's Art Club has been busy drawing Conisbrough Castle & Lady Isobel



3 - Mrs Jones' IT group have been using Algorithms in their computing club. What is an algorithm? An algorithm is a plan, a set of step-by-step instructions to solve a problem!

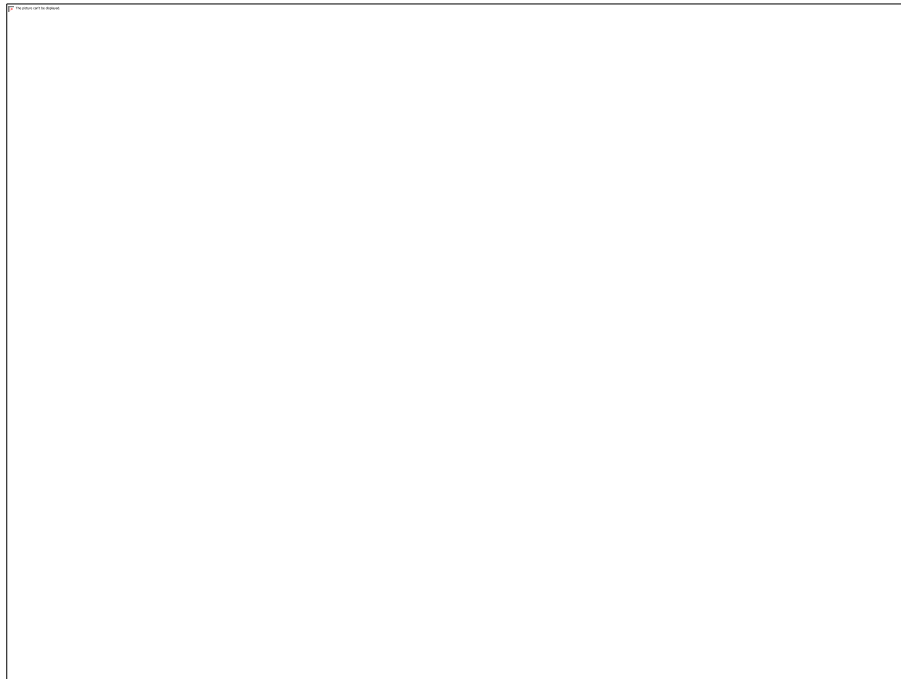
Vacancy for Lunchtime Supervisor



We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor - details on the Delta Recruitment website, or use the link below. If you are interested you would need to apply online via their recruitment page, please ensure you complete as much information as you can including details of 2 referees. [Lunchtime Supervisor GLIA](#)

Please see below diary dates we have so far for the Spring term 2.
Make a note of those relevant to you.

Diary Dates



Wednesday 22nd February 2023 - Worry Wizard for Children's Mental Health (rescheduled day)

Friday 24th February 2023- Author of Granny Norbag will be in school - see details above, we hope you can join us.

Tuesday 28th February 2023 - Debutots visit Reception for World Book Day telling the story of the Gruffalo

Tuesday 28th February 2023 - Nursery Parent/Carer teacher meetings - details to follow. Please also check your tapestry messages

Wednesday 1st March 2023 - Nursery Parent / Carer teacher meetings - details to follow. Please also check your tapestry messages

Wednesday 1st March 2023 - Parents evening - letters being sent out this week

Thursday 2nd March 2023- Parents evening - letters being sent out this week

Thursday 2nd March 2023 - World Book Day, further details to follow

Monday 6th March 2023- Incredible Eggs Duckling Hatching comes to school!

Tuesday 7th March 2023 - Year 1 phonics meeting at 2pm - a talk for parents about phonics screening

Wednesday 8th March 2023- Maker Move Activity Day

Thursday 9th March 2023 - Year 2 Parents Talk on SATs/ expectations at 2pm

Week commencing 13th March 2023 is Science Week

Tuesday 14th March 2023 - Reception trip to New Hall Farm - Butterflies class. Please ensure that you have completed the trip consent form and paid the £6.50 contribution. If you need another trip letter please ask your teacher or class at the office. If you wish to have a school packed lunch then complete the form in this link no later than the 1st March.

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Wednesday 15th March 2023- Reception trip to New Hall Farm - Ladybirds class. Please ensure that you have completed the trip consent form and paid the £6.50 contribution. If you need another trip letter please ask your teacher or class at the office. If you wish to have a school packed lunch then complete the form in this link no later than the 1st March.

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Thursday 16th March 2023 - Forensic Scientist in school

Friday 17th March 2023 - Red Nose Day - further details to come

Friday 24th March 2023 - School Nursing Team to talk to the nursery children about brushing our teeth.

Monday 27th March 2023 - Easter Concert - 9am - letter regarding tickets coming soon

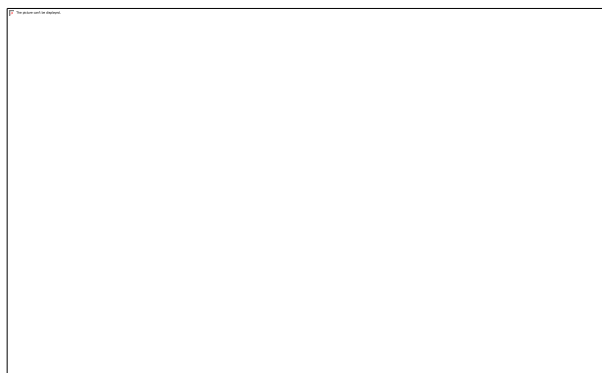
Thursday 30th March - Nursery stay and play sessions - further details to come

Thursday 30th March 2023 - Easter Concert 10:15am - letter regarding tickets coming soon

Friday 31st March 2023 - Wear Yellow for Children's Liver Disease

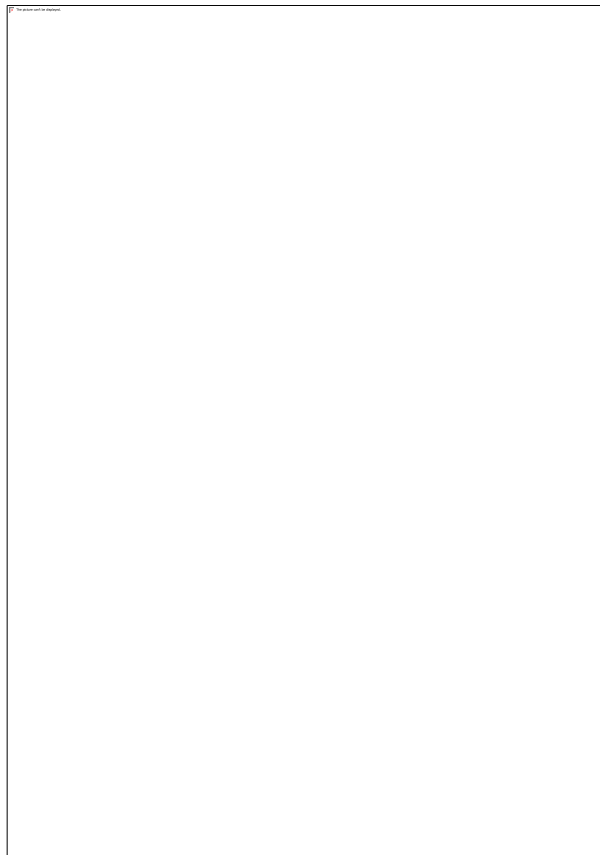
Monday 3rd April until Friday 14th April is Easter break so school will be closed

We have been advised that schools will close for the Kings Coronation on Monday 8th May 2023



4 - If you have any suitable donations towards our Easter Tombola this would be greatly appreciated. Any donations welcome at the office.

Academic Calendar 2022-2023



Staff training days are:

Monday 5th September 2022

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

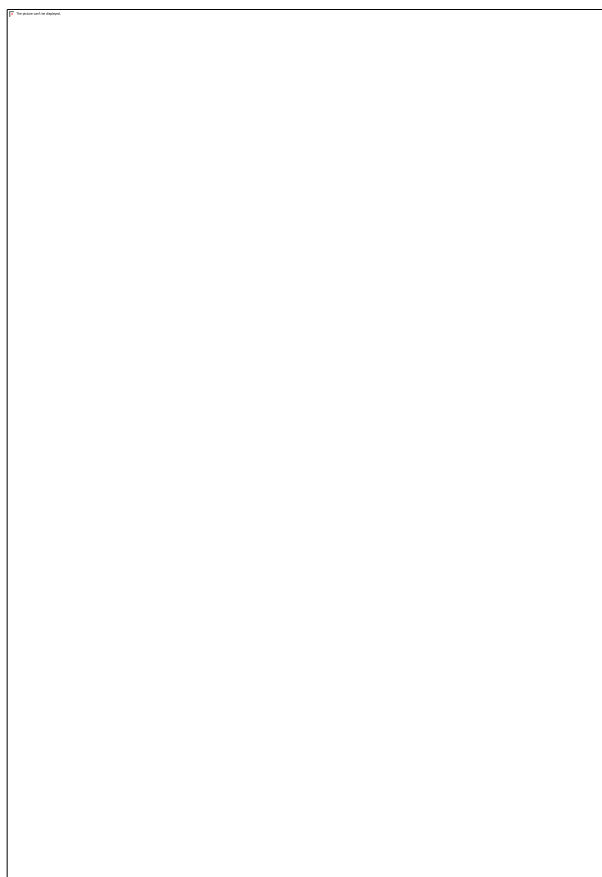
Monday 5th June 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

Monday 8th May now added for Kings Coronation

Academic Calendar for 2023-2024



Staff training days are yet to be added - 5 days in total.

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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