



Grange Lane Infant Academy Newsletter March 2022

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Eco Warriors win the Ikea Eco Schools Project



On the day of the Dragon's Den round our Eco Warriors did an amazing job at presenting their idea, so much so Ikea asked to come into school and see it all again in person! We had a panel of 4 judges come to visit us, the Eco Warriors did us proud once again standing up in front of the judges and explaining their idea. They took them for a walk around the school grounds to show them exactly where the bike/scooter shelter would go and how the location of it would suit all the children who come to Grange Lane.

At the beginning of February Ikea came to visit us once again, they met the whole of Year One and our Eco Warriors. We are absolutely thrilled to announce we won! We have been given £2000 to spend on our new bike/scooter shelters and can't wait for them to be here! We hope to see lots of families helping to save the environment by biking, scooting and walking to school.

Science Coordinator Mrs Heyes said 'The children rose to the challenge and delivered an amazing presentation which impressed the judges so much that the children were announced winners. They are now excitedly awaiting the bike shelters.'

Big Yellow Friday



Friday the 4th March is the annual awareness raising and fundraising day for children's liver disease. We were approached by a parent of one of our nursery children to see if we could fundraise for this great cause. Her child has a rare liver disease called Biliary Atresia. This means the bile ducts in the liver can become inflamed or obstructed, causing serious issues with regards to digestion and malnutrition. [Biliary Atresia | Children's Liver Disease Foundation \(childliverdisease.org\)](https://www.childliverdisease.org) So we held a Big Yellow Friday where children were invited to come into school in their bright yellow clothes. The weather on Friday was raining and gloomy, so it certainly brought sunshine into our school and highlighted a great charity for which we raised £153.50!



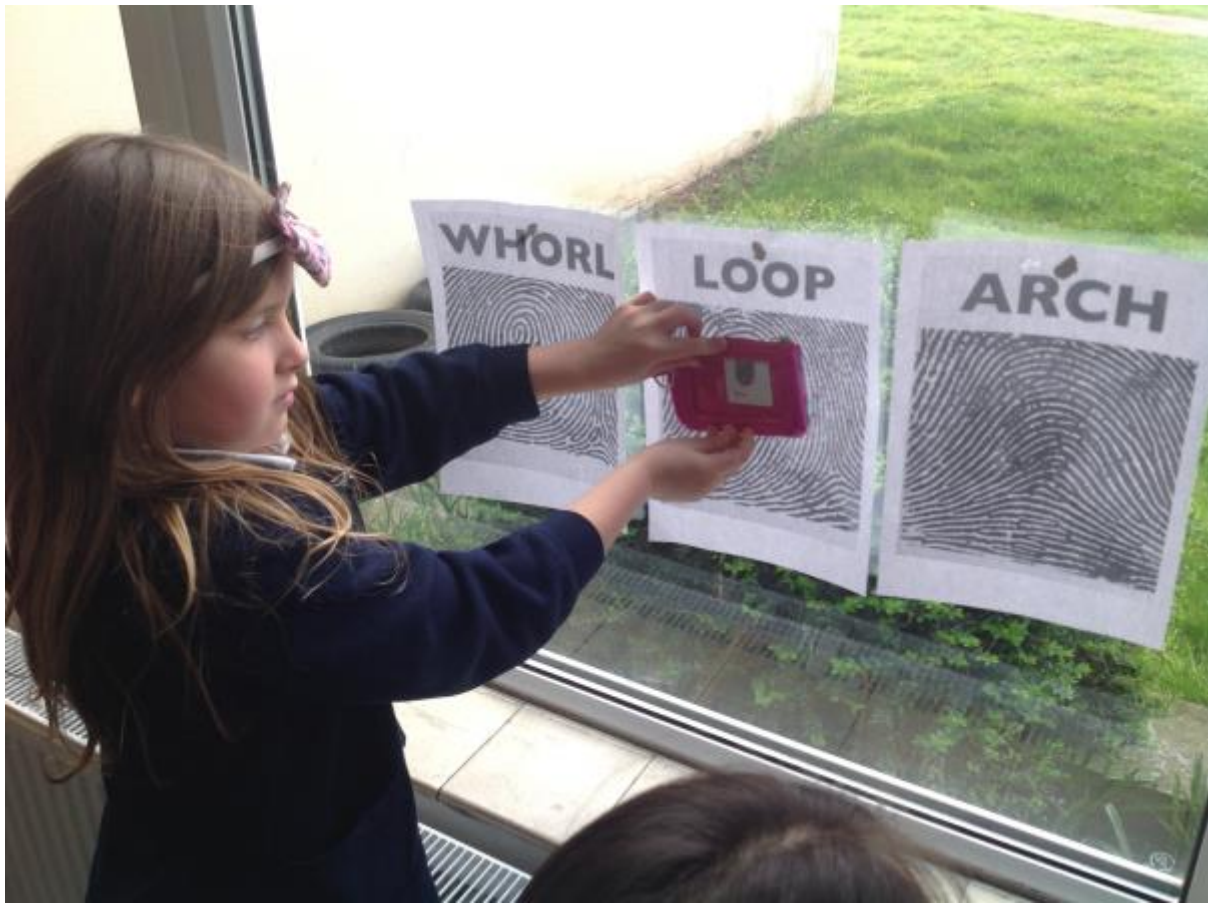


Red Cross Appeal for Ukraine Crisis



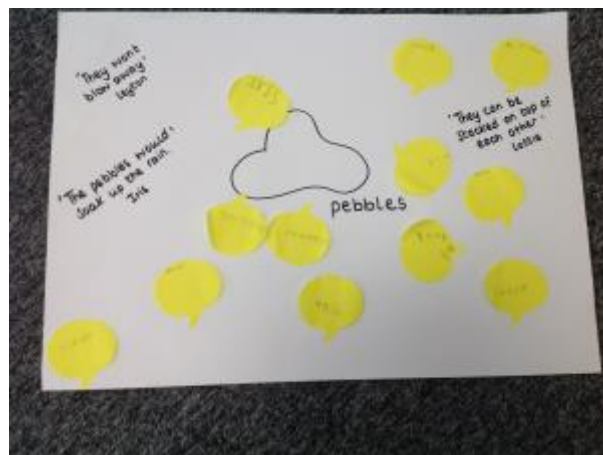
We felt compelled to support the disaster fund for the Ukraine Crisis. Our AAB Member and local Pastor has ties through the church with Ukraine and we have families from those neighbouring countries who are doing their best to support the thousands of refugees. As we were already wearing yellow for Big Yellow Friday and the Children's liver disease charity, we asked if families could also add a splash of blue to represent the Ukraine flag and if they could support with a monetary donation to the Red Cross Appeal. We are delighted to say that we have raised £170 for the appeal.

Forensic Science - British Science Week



To celebrate British Science Week the children took part in a scientific investigation as they became 'Forensic Science Investigators' this brought the science to life and allowed children to practice their science skills such as observing, exploring and asking questions.

Our young investigators were given the task of finding out who had stolen the money from the safe. They taped off the area in order to protect any evidence and identified, collected, interpreted and analysed fingerprints and footprints to identify the thief.





International Women's Day



Our Little Grangers children have made an extra special picture for the amazing women in their lives today.

The theme of International Women's Day (IWD) 2022 is #BreakTheBias. It urges us to call out gender bias and inequality to "imagine a gender equal world" and "a world free of bias, stereotypes, and discrimination,"



Little Grangers - 2 year old provision



If your child turns 2 years old during the summer term and you would like them to attend our Little Grangers 2 year old provision in the Autumn (September) term, then please come to the office for an expression of interest form as our setting is very popular and places are quickly taken.





Year 1's Superhero Day



Friday 25th February was Year 1's superhero day where they came dressed as a superhero and completed lots of challenges in order to successfully pass their superhero training. The obstacle course tested their speed and fitness and we are pleased to say they all passed!



A Great Big Magic Breakfast



Over the 3 mornings we took part in Magic Breakfast's competition to create a great big breakfast in a fun, creative but most of all tummy filling way! Along with our usual tasty but healthy breakfast foods Ms Phillips added Fruit Friday, Mascot Monday and Cereal Bar Tuesday.

Magic Breakfast will be giving two lucky winning schools a £250 book voucher so fingers crossed everyone!





Rainbow Connections - Music for Youth Festival



Children in KS1 (years 1 & 2) have been working with Rainbow Connection Choir, learning various songs ready for a music for youth festival. The festival will include over 10 choirs who have all been working with Rainbow Connection since singing in schools was re-introduced after the covid restrictions.

We would like to invite all KS1 to take part in the Music for Youth Festival at Pheasant Bank Academy. It will be an amazing day where our children will perform to and along with other choirs. Staff from Grange Lane Infant Academy will be there and there is no need for parents to accompany their child. We would require the children to **arrive at Pheasant Bank Academy at 11.30am and then be collected at 2.30pm on Saturday 23rd April.**

A letter that includes a reply slip has already been handed out. Please can we ask that everyone in KS1 return the reply slip so we know who will or will not be attending.

Parent Governor Vacancy



Would you be interested in becoming part of the Academy Advisory Board (AAB)? The Academy Advisory body meet once a term to discuss the running of the school and are looking for another parent member.

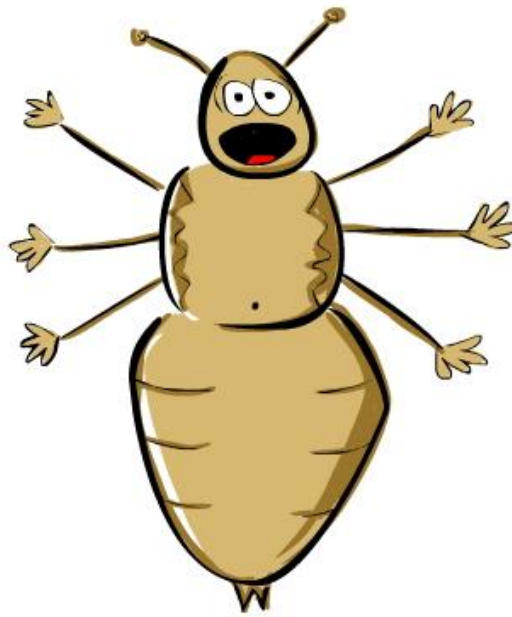
The AAB in conjunction with the Principal is responsible for setting strategic priorities for the academy, overseeing development planning and evaluating impact against identified priorities. The AAB works with the Academy Senior Leadership Team to improve the whole life of the academy and its impact on the community. Academy Advisory Bodies have specific duties to provide support and constructive challenge in the areas of:

- Educational Standards
- Safeguarding
- Staffing, Recruitment and HR

- Facilities, ICT and Estate
- Community and local issues
- Finance and legal

If you would be interested in applying for parent governor, you can either download the application form [Letters - Grange Lane Infant Academy \(gliacademy.org.uk\)](https://gliacademy.org.uk) on our website or please call at the office for the application.

Headlice



We have had quite a few reports of headlice so please could we check and treat if needed. Don't forget to check again approximately 8-10 days later as any eggs that might have been missed will have hatched so further treatment might be necessary.

Diary Dates



- 14th March - 18th March - Science Week
- Monday 14th March - Living Eggs Incubator arrives
- **Wednesday 16th March - Maker Move visit for Science week - letter has been sent out if you want to change your image consent permissions for this, please ensure you return by Tuesday 15th March.**
- **Thursday 17th March - Little Grangers is closed due to local Mayoral Elections**
- Friday 18th March - Sam's Safari visits nursery and Grangers for science week
- **Friday 18th March - Comic Relief, see details further down**
- **Monday 21st March - Year 2 trip to Dallowgill - letters already sent out payment is now required. Call at the office if another letter is required. Don't forget this trip leaves at 8am!**
- **Wednesday 23rd March - Reception trip to Boston Park Farm - letters already sent out payment is now required. Call at the office if another letter is required.**
- 28th March - 1st April - Enterprise week
- **31st March - Messy Church Stay and Make with reception (ladybirds & butterflies) 1.45-2.45pm. Parents invited**
- **Friday 1st April - Easter Hat/Egg Competition - see details further down**
- **Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April (return on Tuesday 19th)- Easter break**
- Thursday 21st April - Young Voices Choir Trip
- Saturday 23rd April - Music for Youth and Pheasant Bank Academy - details above
- Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th April - Parents Evening - details to follow

- **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 to follow
- **Friday 13th May - Year 1 trip to Austerfield Study Centre - letters have already been given out.**
- Friday 27th May - Queens Jubilee party
- Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term
- Monday 6th June - Teacher training day so school is closed for pupils this includes Little Grangers

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief



Friday 18th March is Comic Relief and Red Nose Day so we invite all children to come to school in non-uniform and if possible give a small monetary donation towards this great charity. Within school we are going to take part in the Lego competition where the best red-nose animal habitat created either with Lego or by drawing could win up to £2,500 worth of Lego for their school.

Easter Hat / Egg Competition & Easter Hamper Raffle



A chance to show us your skills as a family in creating an Easter Hat or Easter Egg for our annual competition. Prizes for each class and also for the most egg-citing egg overall. Please bring your entries on Friday 1st April. If you child is in Grangers or Nursery and does not attend on the Friday, please bring in the session closest to.

We shall also be selling raffle tickets for our Easter hamper where all the money raised goes back into school funds to help support enhancements, visitors and treats with in school.

How we stay in contact



Don't forget we have a new telephone number: 01302 651038

There are many different ways of how we keep in contact with you and how you contact us.

The main way school news is shared is through School Gateway. We would greatly appreciate it if you would download the School Gateway app through the app store. Using the Gateway means sending messages to you costs the school nothing (whereas if it has to text you, it will cost the school each time). You can send message back too and communicate with the school office.

Creating account is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes

- Register using the same email address and mobile number held by the school
- School Gateway will send you a text with your pin
- Login, you are ready to go!

If your child is in nursery (Grangers or Main Nursery) or our reception, then teachers can share information with you through Tapestry. This can include photos of what your child has been learning and enjoying in class. You can also do the same back! Its a fantastic 2-way communication system - please ask your child's teacher if you do not already have information about setting this up.

In Year 1 & 2 teachers can send messages and share information about your child's Do-Jo achievements. (Do-Jo's are like reward points or a virtual sticker). They can also communicate through Purple Mash too! Purple Mash is a really good educational software package that the

children use in school but can also access at home. If you are not aware of how to access these great resources, please check with your child's teacher.

Academic Calendar 2021-2022

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



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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