

THE GRANGE SCHOOL
DUNSTON CHAMTONHURST

NEWSLETTER

ISSUE DATE

28th February 2024

Dear parents & carers,

Thank you for your support and understanding this week, as we have struggled to heat the school to an acceptable level. We know that some of you will have been inconvenienced and we are grateful for your support.

This week is a huge week for the school, as we will officially become E-ACT The Grange School on Friday 1st March. We have already begun working with the trust and will provide you with updates over the coming weeks.

Vicki Masters

Head Teacher

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday	5th March	Y2 and Y3 Archery workshops
Thursday	7th March	World book day
Thursday	7th March	The Big Sing (KS2 Choir)
Friday	8th March	Athlete Visit
Tuesday	19th March	Parents Evening
Tuesday	19th March	Y2 Interactive Easter event
Thursday	21st March	Parents Evening
Monday	25th March	Whole school Holi Day
Tuesday	26th March	Parents Evening
Thursday	28th March	TERM ENDS 3.15
Monday	15th April	SCHOOL OPENS FOR PUPILS

**RED
NOSE
DAY**



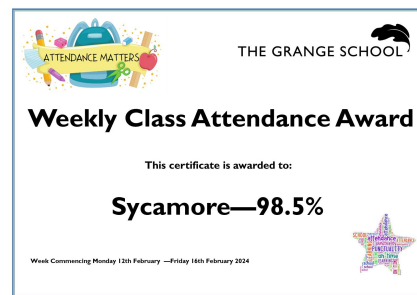
Friday the 15th March is



Donations can be made
via ParentPay or in cash
on the day.

Children are invited to
wear mufti with
something red.

Please Remember
Wednesdays; Y5 Upper String Project
Wednesdays: Y5 Acer SWIMMING
Wednesdays: Y1 Let's get playing
Thursdays ; Y3 Strings Project



Our whole school attendance to date is **94.2%**

Sycamore have the highest overall attendance to date with **97.2%**

During the last week of term, there were **311** pupils who had **between 96% -100% attendance.**

Sycamore class having the highest overall attendance last week.



Well done to all of you!

Weekly Class Attendance for: Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

EYFS & KS1	% Attendance	KS2	% Attendance
<i>Ash</i>	90.4%	<i>Willow</i>	91.6%
<i>Fir</i>	86.4%	<i>Yew</i>	97.6%
<i>Oak</i>	90.4%	<i>Maple</i>	94%
<i>Lime</i>	87.9%	<i>Poplar</i>	94.3%
<i>Palm</i>	89.6%	<i>Acer</i>	91.3%
<i>Birch</i>	93.3%	<i>Bonsai</i>	86.3%
Well done Sycamore , you had the highest weekly attendance last week! Our whole school attendance last week was 92.1% We need to improve!		<i>Banyan</i>	94.6%
		<i>Sequoia</i>	94.8%
		Sycamore	98.5%

Sport For Champions

CHRIS TAWIAH

Basketball



◀ STEPHEN "SWIFTY" SMITH

JORDAN CATCHPOLE ▶

BIO

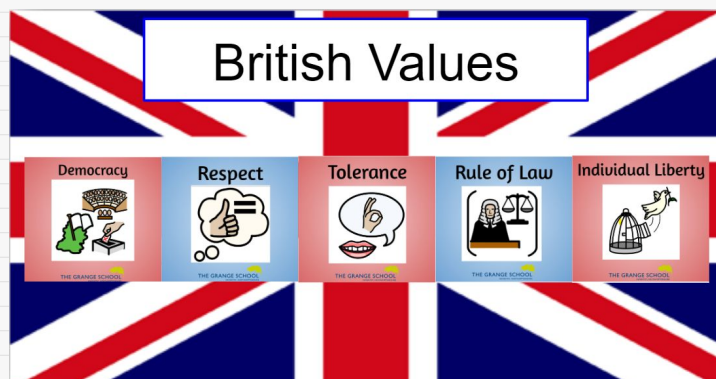
HOW I STARTED:

I started at the age of 16, having not played Basketball before. I was going to play Football with my friends and a coach spotted me, mentioned my height, and asked if I wanted to give it a go. Right there we played on the park, and I enjoyed it, although I wasn't totally interested in the sport before I began! I played in a 3 on 3 tournament and enjoyed playing with them regularly until we won the U16 national championship, at this point I was putting a lot of energy into training and loving Basketball, and I was offered a scholarship in Iowa, and then I transferred to a school in Texas to finish my scholarship!

We have the pleasure of welcoming professional basketball player Chris Tawiah to the school the 8th March.

The children should all have come home with a sponsor form. We hope that the children will all embrace the challenge and help with the fundraising. Funds raised is split 60% for the school's continued growth and 40% contributing to the athlete fund for their development..

British Values



THE GRANGE SCHOOL VALUES

Confidence



Courage



Tenacity



Empathy



Integrity



Resilience



This week's Values Superheroes are:



Resilience



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Alice Taylor
Bethany Mold
Corbin Goodyer
Serghei Popescu
Lennon Bartlett
Valentin Placinta

Integrity



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Elsie Barnes
Blake Grundon

Tenacity



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Alice Taylor
Ella O'Connor
Bethany Mold
Allana Duncton
Freya Parry

Courage



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Ella O'Connor

Confidence



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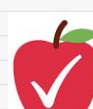
Freya Parry

Empathy



THE GRANGE SCHOOL

Amira Amjad Raja
Bianca Mereacre



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.



Changemakers News

28/2/24



The Kind Crew
Changemakers

Our Kind Crew Changemakers have been learning about the power of random acts of kindness. We have started to actively implement these in school and it is being noticed!

We are going to create a Kindness Tree. Children will be able to share their kind acts on a leaf of the tree so we can celebrate the power of being kind throughout our school.

BE KIND TO
YOURSELF.
THEN RADIATE
KINDNESS
TO OTHERS.



We continue to explore the importance of being kind to yourselves and the powerful benefits this has on our mental health.

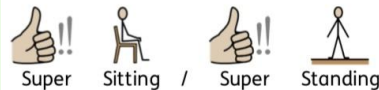


Behaviour Curriculum

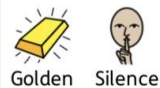
This term we have been further improving behaviour across the school by learning our new **behaviour habits**.



Wonderful Walking



Super Sitting / Super Standing



Golden Silence



SLANT

Ask your child to explain our new behaviour habits to you!



A focus on ... Super Standing



Super Standing

Know we use Super Standing. This means:

- Stop when the teacher holds up their hand
- SLANT - Stand up straight, Listen, Ask/answer questions, Nod your head and Track the speaker



Golden silence

- Hand up

Know we use Super Sitting / Super Standing so we are ready for our learning.



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024

THIS year we
are INVITING
CHILDREN TO
COME TO
SCHOOL
DRESSED IN
THEIR PYJAMAS
WITH A COPY OF
THEIR
FAVOURITE
BOOK

During the day children will have the opportunity to share stories with a different adult, plan their ideal reading corner, attend the World Book Day live lessons and undertake activities linked to stories.

we are INVITING CHILDREN TO
COMPLETE THE WORLD BOOK
DAY READING STAR CHALLENGE
READING STARS YOUNGER
BOOKWORMS IF YOU WOULD
LIKE A PRINTED COPY PLEASE
ASK YOUR CHILD'S CLASS
TEACHER.

ENTER OUR
READING
COMPETITION TO
BE IN THE
CHANCE OF
WINNING A TRIP
TO SUDDENLY TO
CHOOSE A
BOOK!.



DETAILS ON THE
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World Book Day competition.

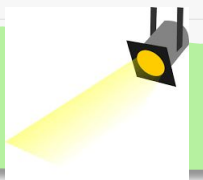
Can you create a character from your favourite story? This could be a painting, wooden spoon character, hand puppet, character description or wanted poster.

Deadline for entries Friday 8th March
Prize: A trip to Suddenly! Book shop to choose a book of your choice.

One winner from each year group will be chosen.



A Spotlight on Special Needs





AEM
Autism East Midlands

PARENT WORKSHOPS



FREE online sessions for parents / carers of children under 18

7-8.30pm, Tuesday 19 March
7-8.30pm, Tuesday 16 April

TO FIND OUT MORE: www.aem.org.uk

You don't
need to
be a
tenant of
Futures
Housing
Group.

Available
to
everyone.



Resident support sessions

We understand for many this is a challenging time. We have partnered with Futures Housing Group and NCHA to deliver valuable support for residents.

We have scheduled these **free support sessions** to provide information, advice and guidance to help you and your family's finances and to provide advice if you are currently unemployed and looking to find work.

The sessions will be very relaxed and we will provide free refreshments.

Sessions

10am-12pm – Costing of living support
If you are worried about the rising cost of living, including higher energy, food and petrol prices, we can help you create a budget and provide tips on how to save money.

12.30-2.30pm – Employment support
We can provide employment support to help with securing work. We will discuss what makes a good CV and support in preparing for interviews.

How to book

To register for a session, email Daniel or Lauren below for your preferred location.

Alfreton
email Daniel.Atyes@futureshg.co.uk

Daventry
email Lauren.Gilligan@futureshg.co.uk

The dates and venues are:

Alfreton (Firs House Firs Garden, Alfreton DE55 7FU)
Tuesday 30 January 2024.

Daventry (Daventry Mind, Brook Street, Old Gas Works Car Park, NN11 4GG)
Thursday 1 February 2024.

