

# NEWSLETTER

ISSUE DATE  
9th November 2023

Dear parents,

Thank you to those of you who came to our Maths Open Morning. We hope you found the information useful and enjoyed learning more about how we teach maths in the school.

We're also looking forward to seeing you at Parents Evenings, which begin this week.

Vicki M M Masters    Head Teacher

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	9th November	Parents evening: Information has been sent.
Monday	13th November	Odd Socks Day-Anti-bullying
Tuesday	14th November	Parents evening: Information has been sent.
Tuesday	14th November	Y2 Group 1 Cinema AM
Tuesday	14th November	Y3 and 4 hula hoop workshops
Wednesday	15th November	Y2 and Y5 Carbon Monoxide Safety Sessions
Thursday	16th November	Y2 and Y5 Carbon Monoxide Safety Sessions
Thursday	16th November	Parents evening: Information has been sent.
Friday	17th November	Children In Need Mufti Day
Friday	17th November	New to reception open day.

Friday	17th November	Y4 Visit to Corby Cube
Tuesday	21st November	Y2 Group 2 Cinema AM
Wednesday	22nd November	Y2 Group 3 Cinema AM
Thursday	23rd November	Y2 Group 4 Cinema AM
Friday	24th November	Whole School Athlete Visit
Friday	1st December	FROGS Christmas Fayre
Wednesday	20th December	School Closes
Monday	8th January	School opens for pupils

**Wednesdays: Y6 Swimming, Y5 Sound Start Project (NMPAT)**

**Thursdays: Y3 Strings Project (NMPAT)**

**Fridays: Y6 Beatboxing**

# Attendance Matters



Well done to all **361 pupils** who had great attendance last week (96% or above) Brilliant!

**Attendance Facts:** (04/09/23-03/11/23)

Our whole school attendance to date **95.3%**

National average to date - **93.7%**



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## Weekly Class Attendance Award

This certificate is awarded to:

### Sycamore—99.5%

Week Commencing Monday 30th October — Friday 3rd November 2023





## Weekly Class Attendance for: Monday 30th October- Friday 3rd November

EYFS & KS1	% Attendance	KS2	% Attendance
<i>Ash</i>	95.5%	<i>Willow</i>	92.7%
<i>Fir</i>	95%	<i>Yew</i>	92.5%
<i>Oak</i>	94.8%	<i>Maple</i>	96.3%
<i>Lime</i>	95.5%	<i>Poplar</i>	94.2%
<i>Palm</i>	95.5%	<i>Acer</i>	91.7%
<i>Birch</i>	95.2%	<i>Bonsai</i>	95.7%
Well done <b>Sycamore</b> , you had the highest weekly attendance last week!		<i>Banyan</i>	91.8%
Our whole school attendance for last week was 94.6% <b>A slight improvement from the previous week. Lets see if we can get to 96% next week !</b>		<i>Sequoia</i>	94.4%
		<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>99.5%</b>

# Attendance Matters



**NHS**

## Is my child too ill for school?

Guidance provided by NHS Direct can be found [here](#)

*It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. Below is some of the guidance provided by NHS Direct.*

### Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

### Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

### Chickenpox

If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared

### Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of **tonsillitis**.

### Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with diarrhoea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

*If you do keep your child at home*, it's important to phone us via our absence line. (01327 705785, Option 1) Please explain that your child won't be in and you must give the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore, please inform your child's class teacher.



## What are Changemakers?

Changemakers are groups of pupils (committees) who meet and discuss different ways in which they can better the school community. They also work to raise awareness of their particular area of interest/expertise.

## Meet the ... Tadpoles



**Tadpoles** are the link between FROGS (Friends of the Grange School) and the school.

Tadpoles will share fundraising ideas with FROGS and ideas on what to spend fundraising money on. Tadpoles will also support at fundraising events



# A Spotlight on Special Needs



## Meet the Support Team

Hello.

I'm Jane Ross, I am an L.S.A and have been part of the team here at The Grange for almost sixteen years. I started in reception and have worked in every year group , but over the last few years I have been very settled in year 6, where I have also unleashed a passion for math.

Helping children to realise that maths is not a thing that they need to be worried about and that they are all able to be confident with their individual capabilities is my main goal.

I also tutor maths out of school hours, where some of our students bravely come to school before school starts and stay behind after school has finished to better their maths knowledge. I tip my hat to all of my students who have done this in the past, who are doing it presently and who will do it in the future, it is a big ask and they rise to the challenge splendidly.

I also love to have fun with our children and am a strong believer in learning through laughter...which we do a lot of in year six!

**MATH TEACHER**  
*(crumbs)*  
like a normal teacher  
but way cooler



**MATH.**  
The only place people can  
buy 64 watermelons  
and no one asks  
why...

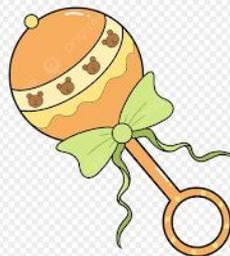


## STAFF NEWS



Congratulations to Aimee Conopo & Steven Piper on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Betsy Louise.

Pitter Patter Of Tiny Feet



We're also celebrating good news with Megan Sanders, who is pregnant with her second child.

## THE GRANGE SCHOOL VALUES

Confidence



Courage



Tenacity



Empathy



Integrity



Resilience

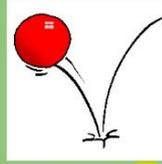


Each week in assembly, we learn about our values through a Changemaker.

Last week we learnt about which of our school values Rebekah Green, our visiting team GB athlete, demonstrated on her way to success in kayaking. We learnt that she demonstrated **courage** to approach the coaches to get herself involved in the sport and that she demonstrated **tenacity** by working hard for 8 years to achieve her dreams. We also learnt that she demonstrated **resilience** when her coach left and she had to find a new coach.



## Resilience



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## Value of the Week

This week we are learning about what **resilience** means. We explored characters from films and books and identified how they demonstrated resilience. We also learned how to be more resilient in school.



There was no Celebration Assembly this week due to the Maths Open Morning. We look forward to celebrating our Values Superheroes with you again next week!



Tenacity



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Resilience



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Integrity



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Confidence



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Empathy



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Courage



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## Anti-Bullying Week 2023

Anti-Bullying Week 2023 will take place next week, from Monday 13th - Friday 17th November. This year's theme is 'Make A Noise About Bullying'.

In school, we will be exploring this theme during assemblies and in class to ensure children understand what bullying is and what they can do to help stop it.



To begin our Anti-Bullying week, we will be inviting all children and staff to come to school wearing Odd Socks on **Monday 13th November**. 'Odd Socks Day' is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! By doing this, we will also be encouraging mutual **respect** and **tolerance** towards other people's preferences and differences.



## Academisation Update

Leaders in the school are working hard to ensure that E-ACT has the wealth of information it needs before academisation can take place.

We have already begun working with EACT, who are providing a wide range of professional development opportunities for staff. We feel very supported by the trust.

We are raising money for  
**Children in Need**  
on  
Friday 17th November, 2023  
Whole School Mufti Day  
(Suggested donation £1)



You can make your donation through your ParentPay account



# Team GB Athlete Coming To The Grange 24/11/23

WATCH THE VIDEO HERE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f0FDtPOuPo>



The Grange School are hosting an inspirational workshop with Team GB Freestyle Kayaker Rebekah Green. Rebekah needs your help to raise funds for vital training, medical and competition costs. This money will also help your school and other athletes across the country, find out more below!

Here at The Grange School, their vision is clear - everyone who attends the school want every every child to dream, believe and achieve.

This fabulous day is part of our Every Child Active initiative. There is no charge for this special day in school, but we will be raising funds to support Rebekah's training. Our school will also benefit from funds raised.

## Who's Coming?

**Rebekah Green**  
Freestyle Kayaking

**Year of Birth:** 2003  
**Coach:** Dennis Newton  
**Representing:** Great Britain  
& England



As well as an inspirational assembly, Rebekah will be working with children from across the school, leading a physical activity session. Your child will be coached by a Team GB athlete!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/grangeschool>

All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to help an informed conversation about online safety with their children. This leaflet may feed the debate. The guide focuses on a range of safety issues which we believe present risks to the wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults on the internet. Terms and conditions apply.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about X

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**  
In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter, was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. It has since received a host of changes to the platform, many of which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have coincided with online reporting, many of them relating to online safety concerns among the 350 million users of Twitter, now rebranded as X (previously, with further adjustments reported in the programme, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and censure in recent times).

**A BLOCK ON BLOCKING**  
X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. In the past, this allowed users to block anyone who was sending you direct messages, tagging you in posts, or mentioning you in tweets. Only the latter function will remain. The decision has been criticised by blocking experts, who fear that it will increase the number of reports that users who experience online abuse will have to make.

**AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Many of X's best age-appropriate content creators have been blocked from posting. While account holders on X are expected from non-members, it is still fairly easy to create content. It is a free-to-use platform, so anyone can create content. It is important to note that X does not check anything and so you can be a risk.

**BLUE TICK SALE**

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**PROTECT PRIVACY**  
Unwanted characters may try to gain access to a young person's account. It is vital to ensure that the account is secure. This should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful content or explicit content. Once your child has reported another user's account, it is vital that you are following up inappropriately by spreading misinformation or otherwise escalating.

**DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT**  
To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberate inflammatory comments on sensitive topics. Such as race, sexual identity and religion. It is important to ensure that you are not being provoked into someone spreading hate on X. It is best not to give that person what they want. If you are provoked, ignore them, mute their account and move on.

**STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS**  
Make sure your child understands that a blue tick is no longer a guarantee of a verified account on the platform. While it might be useful if a celebrity, band, or other public figure has a blue tick, it is not a guarantee that on X, it is not actually who they claim to be. Advise them to be alert for imposters and to avoid interacting with that account.

**ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS**  
Using the following tab on X helps to ensure that the only content that your child sees is from accounts that you have approved. This should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful content or explicit content. Once your child has reported another user's account, it is vital that you are following up inappropriately by spreading misinformation or otherwise escalating.

**BE READY TO TAKE ACTION**  
If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a troll, you could consider reporting the account entirely. X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users from trolls. It is important to report abusive messages or similar misbehaviour on the platform. It might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Mandy O'Brien is a Senior Cyber Safety Specialist at National Online Safety. She has worked in the industry for over 10 years, specialising in online safety for children and young people. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and has written several books on online safety. She is also a member of the National Online Safety Advisory Board.

**NOS National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday

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## SAFEGUARDING: Before School Behaviour

Please be aware that we have had a report from a member of the public that children are hanging around the community field from 8:15 am onwards. We've been told that children are engaging in reckless behaviours such as climbing to the very top of the basketball post.

If your child walks to school alone, please speak to them about safe behaviours and ensure that they do not leave the house too early in the morning.

Thank you for your support.  
Vicki Masters HT