



**Grange Junior
School**



Bulletin Term 1 Issue 5 2021-22

Busy Bee Certificates

Each week we present certificates for pupils who have shown excellent learning behaviours linked to our school values of Bravery, Resilience, Aspiration, Support and Reflection.

Ash – Amelia I for Aspiration and Reflection

Elm – Niah C for Aspiration

Oak – Emily B for Aspiration

Beech – Joshua P for Aspiration

Hazel – Phoebe M for Aspiration

Maple – Mason G for Aspiration

Laurel – Ella S for Aspiration

Spruce – Florence C for Aspiration

Willow – Emily C for Aspiration

Chestnut – Annalise W for Aspiration

Hawthorn – Emelia C for Resilience

Sycamore – Jacob B for Aspiration

House Points

House	Weekly Total	Termly Total
Coate	385	1001
Lydiard	348	999
Nightingale	378	1042
Stanton	430	925

Emails/Letters to Parents:

Safeguarding

Please make sure that you make the school office aware if you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the day. We understand that traffic and emergencies may prevent you being on time but we want to be able to reassure your child when you're not there, that you are on your way and safe so that they don't worry about you.

Our school contact number is 01793 822405

Book Fair

We are extremely excited to be holding our first book fair of the year on Monday 4th October. Usborne books will be with us all day and classes will have an opportunity to visit the fair during the day. Why not pop in after school to find those Christmas gifts?

Your child has hopefully been collecting some sponsorship for their reading this week. Usborne books have offered to match any amount we raise to refresh and update our non-fiction library. Please bring any monies in on Monday.

Athlete Visit

Only one week to go!! Meet the Athlete Event which takes place on Friday 8th October. We will be visited by Paralympian footballer, Jack Rutter for a sponsored circuit training. Every child in the school will take part in the circuit training during the morning and monies raised will be split between Jack (to support his training) and the school to provide resources. Jack will also share his life story, hints and tips during an extended assembly. It will be an exciting opportunity to hear about the resilience and bravery needed to reach the top levels of sport. Please share the sponsorship form far and wide so that we can raise money to support our school and Jack's future.

School Photo Day - Wednesday 6th October

Please send children in normal school uniform with their PE kit in a bag which they will be able to change into after their school photo has been taken on Wednesday 6th October.

Governor's Voice – Parent Survey Feedback

In Term 5 last year the governors conducted a survey of parents. The results were discussed at the local governing body meeting and we wanted to share the results of that survey with you, along with our planned response:

- We had 149 responses which we were really pleased with – thank you for taking the time to respond.
- We were really pleased to see that **the vast majority of you (over 70% in each case) agreed that:**
 - Your child feels happy at this school
 - The school makes sure that its pupils are well behaved
 - When you have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with quickly and effectively
 - Your child does well at this school
 - There is a good range of subjects available at this school
- **A majority of you also agreed that:**
 - The school makes you aware of what your child will learn during the year
 - The school has high expectations for your child
 - The school lets you know how your child is doing
 - Your child can take part in clubs and activities at this school

- This school supports my child's wider personal development
- There were more parents answering the SEND question than we have SEND children on register so we are carrying out further surveys with those parents to ensure the views captured are accurate.
- A small percentage of you said that your child had been bullied and the school had not dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.
- We were delighted to see that just over 89% of you would recommend Grange Junior School to another parent and a huge 97% of you said that your child feels safe at school.

As you can see from the above, we have much to celebrate. It is good to see that so many of you and your children have such a positive experience at Grange Junior School. We also have some areas to work on and the LGB will be supporting and challenging Mrs Dickenson and her team particularly to improve the scores for:

- Dealing with bullying quickly and effectively
- Ensuring you are aware of what your children will be learning during the year
- Ensuring that SEND children have the support they need to succeed
- Letting you know how your child is doing; and
- Supporting your child's wider development.

We will be focusing on these areas as a governing body, alongside Mrs Dickenson, throughout the year with the view to carrying out a further survey later in the year. Please remember that we love to hear compliments about the staff and you can always contact Mrs Dickenson via the office or our chair of governors, Kate Westbrook, on kwestbrook@grange-jun.swindon.sch.uk if you wish to pay the school a compliment or fill out a buzz card.

Dates for your Diary

Mon 4th Oct Book Fair

Weds 6th Oct All School Photos

Weds 20th Oct Last day of term

Thurs 21st Oct Start of the Half Term end of Term 1

Mon 1st Nov TD – School Closed to Students

Tues 2nd Nov – School Open to Students Term 2 begins

