

# Grange Primary School

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Friday, 7th February 2025



## NSPCC Number Day

It was great to see so many of the children dressed up for NSPCC Number Day today - a big thank you to everybody for going to so much effort and for your generous donations. Well done to the children who were chosen as 'best dressed' by the maths ambassadors!



## Diary dates - upcoming events

### February

<b>Thursday 13th</b>	SEN coffee morning PTA valentines disco (see information in a couple of pages)
<b>Friday 14th</b>	Year 3 and 4 Romans trip to St Alban's Cathedral
<b>Monday 17th— Friday 21st</b>	Half term
<b>Monday 24th</b>	INSET day - school closed to children



### March

<b>Monday 3rd</b>	Parents' evening for Maple Class only
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	Parents' evening
<b>Thursday 6th</b>	Parents' evening (Maple class on Monday instead of Thursday)
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	Year 3 and 4 Fun Food Company workshops
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	EYFS and KS1 Science dome
<b>Friday 21st</b>	Red Nose Day (Comic relief) - Go red!
<b>Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th</b>	PTA Mother's day sale

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!



## School dinners

After the Christmas break, we will be on week 3 of the menu. Please discuss the options each morning with your child as you know what they are likely to want to eat - thanks!



## Winter Menu Week 3



	Meat free Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Red</b>	Tomato herb pasta	Sausages	Chicken and vegetable pie	Mild chilli con carne	Omega 3 fish fingers
<b>Green</b>	Mac & cheese	Quorn sausages	Veggie pie	Quorn con carne	Quorn dippers
<b>On the side</b>	Garlic bread and carrots	Mash, peas, sweetcorn and gravy	New potatoes, green beans and gravy	Rice and carrots	Wedges and peas
<b>Yellow</b>	Jacket potato with a choice of beans, cheese or tuna				
<b>Blue Grange meal deal</b>	Cheese roll	Sausage baguette	Chicken wrap	Ham roll	Fish finger wrap
<b>Dessert</b>	Coconut and cranberry cookie	Fruit or yoghurt	Apple crumble with custard	Fruit or yoghurt	Iced cake

## Parents' evening

Parents' evening will take place on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th March. Maple Class' parents will have their meetings with Mrs Hayward on Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th March as Mrs Hayward has a prior engagement.

Don't forget parents evening!

## Red Nose Day

On Friday 21st March we will be celebrating Red Nose Day at school. As ever, the children can dress up on this day and donate money for a really worthy cause. The theme for this year's Comic Relief Red Nose Day is 'Go red' so the children can wear red! As usual, we will be selling red noses in school. This year, a payment link has been set up on School Money rather than bringing in cash to buy them. More information will be sent out about these closer to the time.





## PTA Valentines disco

On Thursday 13th February, the PTA are holding Valentine's discos. It would be great to see lots of children there to support the PTA and have fun with their friends. Please see the final page of the newsletter for the flyer and more information.

When booking, please remember to add the ticket to your basket on SumUp - DO NOT click 'buy now' as you need to "Message the merchant" and add your child's name, class and any important information regarding allergies.

GRANGE PTA PRESENTS

# BEMMY VALENTINE

*Valentine's Day Party Edition*

**SNACKS & DRINKS, DANCE, PARTY**

**13th**  
FEB, 2025

MUSIC BY  
**JOE BANANA**

RECEPTION, YR 1 & YR 2 - 4PM - 5:30PM - INCLUDES CAKE,  
DRINK AND CRISPS - £5

YR 3, YR 4, YR 5, & YR 6 - 6PM - 7:30PM - £4 - TUCK SHOP  
AVAILABLE TO BUY DRINKS AND SNACKS



## Celebration

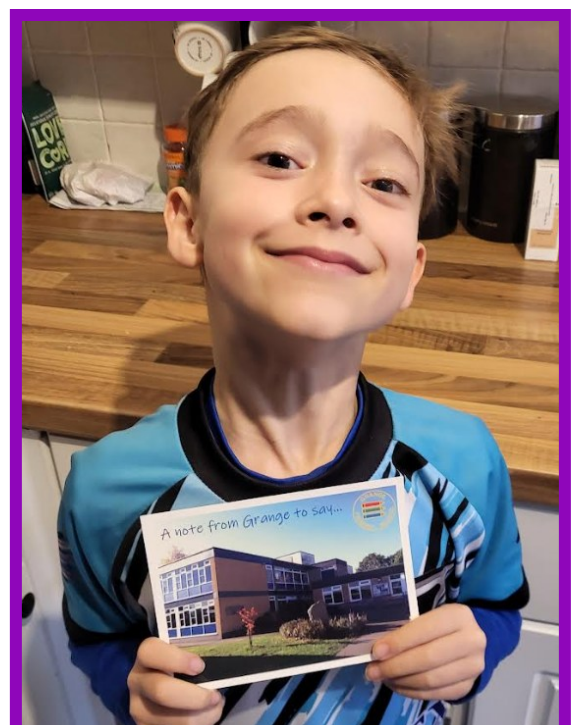
We enjoy seeing what the children are proud of outside of school, so please send your photos to Miss Langley!

**Charlie got his Lodge Leader badge at beavers.**



**Dawson has passed his level 3 swimming.**

**Jackson received a postcard from his teacher!**



## Rewards and achievements in school

This week's Headteacher awards for **determination**, **co-operation**, **imagination** and **excellence** were awarded to the following children.

EYFS	
Theodore R	<b>Excellence</b>
Buddy F	<b>Imagination</b>
Year 1 and 2	
Lara F	<b>Determination</b>
Jasmine F	<b>Determination</b>
Mika K	<b>Imagination</b>
Year 3 and 4	
Noah T	<b>Excellence</b>
Harley H	<b>Imagination</b>
Logan B	<b>Imagination</b>
Year 5 and 6	
Archie J	<b>Determination</b>
Danii-May S	<b>Imagination</b>
Skye M	<b>Excellence</b>



'Star Readers' this week who got a book from the vending machine were:

**EYFS and KS1**— FreddieN, Bonnie T, Harrison G, Jasper H and Nancy F

**KS2** — Clara C, Emily K, Holly A, Lilibeth C, Harry S and Evie R

A big well done to our attendance winners this week:

**Class attendance - spin the wheel!** - Maple Class had a sweet treat!

**Individual 100% attendance** - Olivia N in Maple Class





## Netball tournament

A big well done to everyone who played in the B/C netball tournament at Beau-champs recently. For many of those it was their first games! Everyone worked really hard and played fantastically as a team.





# What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION  
**15+**  
Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed for young audiences by the viral TV show, Squid Game. The nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show is rated 15+ and is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread across online platforms, and there is a great risk of young people being exposed to unsuitable scenes, meaning parents and carers have to be vigilant when allowing children to use devices.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that Squid Game contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through stabbings or getting shot as a result of rules developed and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

## APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "Squid Game" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

## SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what is the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like Squid Game.

## VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, Squid Game has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the Squid Game trend, creating content such as "How to Draw Squid Game Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

## SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

Squid Game's pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate those scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them. episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

### CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

Squid game has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

### HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable telling you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

### MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen Squid Game, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing Squid Game" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

### WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch Squid Game, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

## Meet Our Expert

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