



# Grange Lane Infant Academy

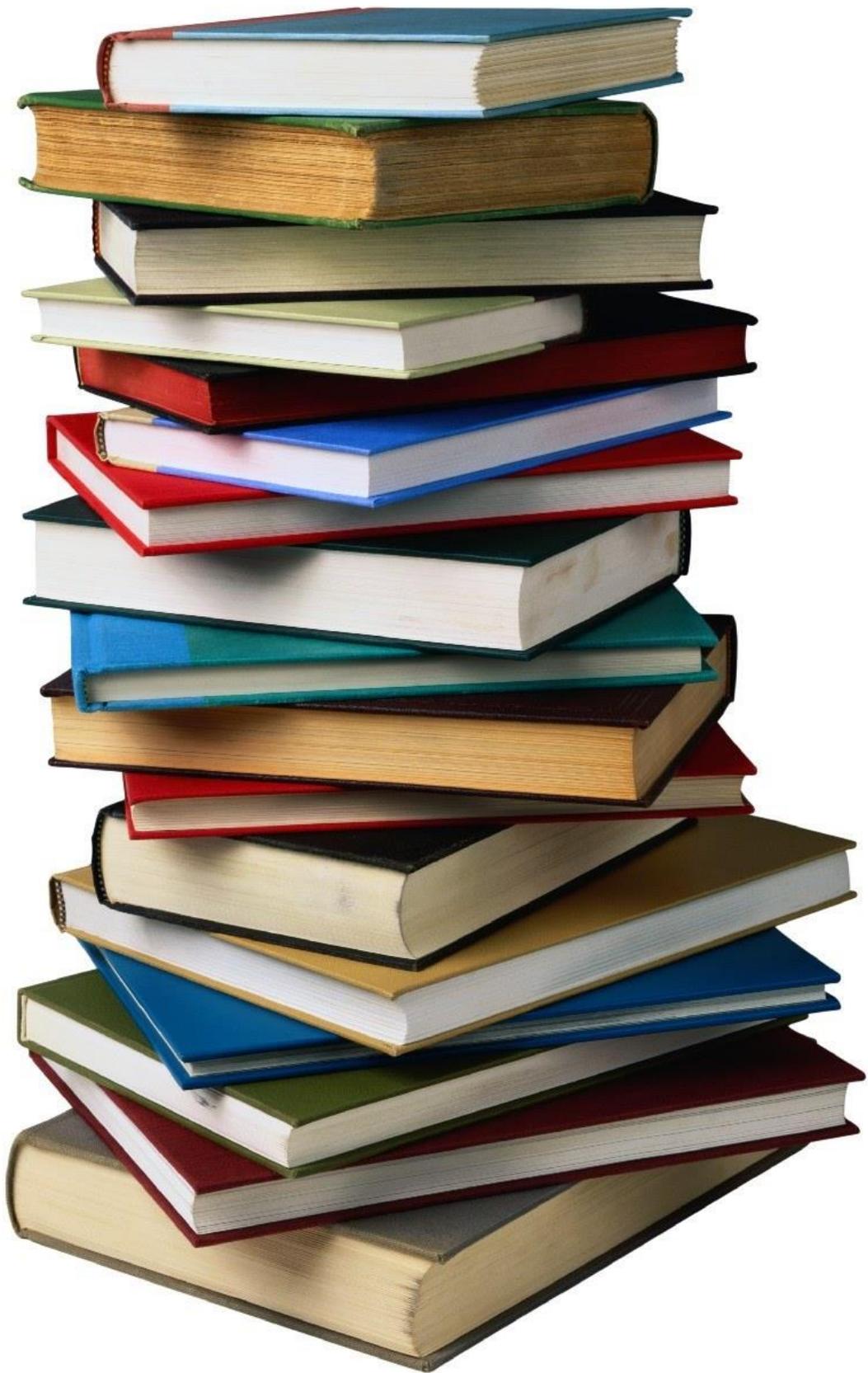
## Newsletter October 2021

We are already over a month into the new school year and it has been a busy one! We are delighted at how quickly the children have settled into school and with the progress each and everyone has made in this short space of time. We have already had numerous external visitors into school to enhance and excite our curriculum such as Sir William Petty for the Great Fire of London for Year 2 and the Worry Wizard for the PSHE curriculum. We continue to have support from Kixx sports coaches and more recently Active Fusion. Despite the on going covid concern, we shall endeavour to work in a safe and controlled way to give all children a rich and varied experience at school. We hope that you can see this as your child tells you about their day.

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Library



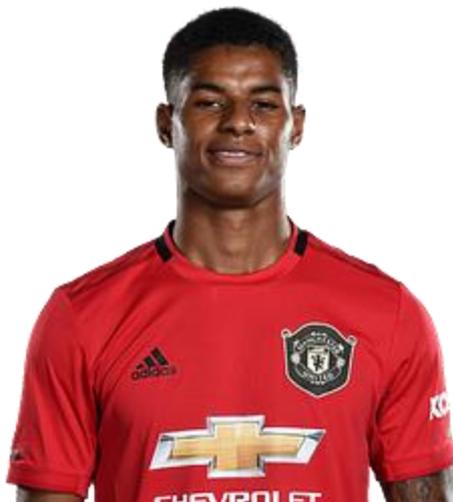
We now have a a super library lending scheme, where your child can check out a book to take home and enjoy. The book will be allocated to them just like when your borrow a book from the local library, so it must be returned on your child's library day or it will remain outstanding on their account. We hope this will allow families to share books and stories together more easily and help to foster a love of reading for pleasure. Teachers will advise shortly which day is their library day.

## Parent Telephone Meetings



Teachers will be issuing a sway form to complete for your choice of timeslot for a telephone parents meeting during week commencing 18th October. We are again using a telephone conversation for the parents meeting this term and this will be reviewed next term once covid cases and winter virus have hopefully settled down. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Magic Breakfast & Marcus Rashford Book Club Choice



Many of you will know that we have worked with Magic Breakfast for numerous years. Through their funding we can offer a free breakfast club fuelling children ready for a day of learning. We were delighted when they offered to help us fuel children's love of reading through Marcus Rashford's Book Club partnered with Magic Breakfast and Macmillan Children's books.

This amazing scheme has allowed all our year 2 children to receive a book by Tom Percival called *Silas and the Marvellous Misfits*. These books have a special message inside from Marcus telling the children how special it is to be yourself – to champion and celebrate the difference in one another and this book has been specially chosen by him for them.

Mrs Murrell said it was a pleasure handing these books out to all our year 2 children during awards assembly, they were delighted to be receiving a book to take home but were even more excited to learn that this was a book Marcus Rashford had sent for them. At Grange Lane Infant Academy, we encourage reading for pleasure in many ways and we are delighted Magic Breakfast and Marcus Rashford are helping us to do this too.

## Worry Wizard & Mental Health Awareness



On 10th of October it was world mental health awareness and I am sure many of you will have seen on social media or news channels the efforts to raise the profile of mental health.

We have also been busy in school helping children to equip themselves on how to look after their mental health and well being through Bigfoot and their Worry Wizard. This very clever worry wizard allows children to talk about their worries and the actions they can take to help their worries get better or even go away! Guided activities helped them at an age appropriate level express their emotions; including verbally, body language and facial expressions.

We shall continue to work in supporting mental health across school through the Jigsaw scheme and further visits from the Worry Wizard. Our Mental Health First Aider Kay Shaw is always available to any member of our school community, if you feel you wish to discuss any concerns at any point.



## Bake sale raises £236.77 for Macmillan



Thank you for supporting our fund raising efforts for Macmillan Cancer through our bake sales within the classrooms. We all know how charities such as this depend on fundraising for their support and research.

You may also notice on that on Friday 22nd October some staff maybe wearing dashes of pink with their Halloween costumes in support of our Office Manager Mrs Linsey Tomlinson's #wearitpink for breast cancer care as she is currently receiving treatment for this disease.

## Reception Class Photo in the Doncaster Free Press

Doncaster Free Press have produced an article showing children in their first reception class in the Doncaster Borough. Our photo will hopefully be joining many other schools in the paper on Thursday 14th October!

## How we stay in contact



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.

## Staff Car Park

Please can we ask that parents/carers do not access the staff car park at any point during the day. Our car park is already very busy and staff are required to park on the grassed area due to lack of space. We have already noticed parents walking through the car park and parents who use the before school club parking in there when staff are wanting to gain access. Car parks can be dangerous so we ask that you park at the front of school (not on the double yellow lines) and use the path that runs along the grassed front. Thank you!

Dates for your Diaries

(Click to view)

Parent's telephone meetings week commencing 18th October

Please book through the sway sent by your teacher

Thursday 21st October

Show Racism the Red Card

A day where we wear red in support of this day, no donation needed.

Friday 22nd October

Halloween Day

Children can come dressed in their Halloween outfits (remember they still go out to play so appropriate shoes etc). We shall be have a little Halloween fun later in the day.

Half Term Week

Monday 25th Oct - Friday 29th Oct

Monday 1st November

Staff Training day so school and nurseries are closed

Tuesday 2nd November

School and nurseries re-open from half term

Wednesday 3rd November

Is our Samba Bamba Workshop!

Thursday 25th & Friday 26th November

[Mini First Aiders](#) for details click the link

## 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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