

18th October 2024



The Grange Times



Cedar

In Cedar class we are enjoying our Options lessons. The boys have been doing well in Animal Care and Horticulture.

Ray: In Horticulture we have been working on the Garden Design area. We weeded to clear the space at the end of the season. We added more membrane and some new plants. My favourite thing about Horticulture is weeding.

Ryan: I like clearing the weeds and planting new plants.

Rodney: In Animal Care we have been doing health checks on the animals.

Steven: I like taking care of the animals in Animal Care. I like playing with Glynn the dog.

Kieran: We all got new overalls in Animal Care.

Reece: I like looking after the animals in Animal Care.



Elm

In Elm lessons they have been looking at "Medieval Mayhem", they have been focusing on Richard 1 and Robin Hood. In some topic lessons they have focused on creating scrapbooks of people/themes of that era like Robin Hood, St George and the feudal system. They have also made some Saxon helmets and weapons.

Owen: I enjoyed making the helmets as I am very creative, after that I

made a sword out of cardboard.

Harry: it was good fun making the helmets, then we all grouped together like the warriors would have done in Medieval times waiting to do battle.

Luca: it's good to be creative in our topic lesson, making the helmet and sword was good as we had to concentrate on not cutting off the tabs otherwise the helmet would not stick together.

Zach: I liked the helmet, and it fitted on my head.

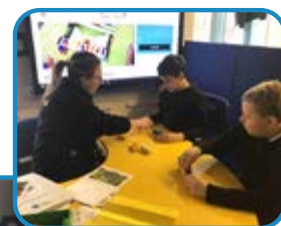
Martin: I got to be a Saxon warrior.



Ash



This week, in Science, Ash class were making some amazing structures testing different materials. They used labelled pictures to identify which structure was "strong" and which "less strong". They put some amazing effort to complete the task displaying great understanding as well!



Aneyk: The wooden bridge is strong.

Carfer: It's a strong bridge" and "not a strong bridge.

Alex: Monkeys are under the bridge.

Ella-Rose: Monkeys", "Strong bridge.



This week in Willow class we have been immersing ourselves in our topic. We have learnt all about knights and their role within a castle. We have also made links with famous myths and legends. We have loved using role play in our learning especially when we reenacted knights protecting the characters in our story.

Jake: I was a dragon and a king it was fun!

Robert: The knights have to protect the king in the

Willow

castle. I did role play with Dejon in English.

Keyaan: I was a king! Teddy: I loved dressing up, I was a scary dragon!

Jordan: I like dressing up I was a princess it was so funny.

Larissa: I liked pretending there was a unicorn like in the myth.

Phoebe: I was pretending to be a princess wearing the long blue dress. I was also a damsel in distress like in our story.

Dejon: I made a castle and did role play.

Robin: I love being a dragon and doing role play in English.

Redwood



Redwood have had a great start to the term. One of our big projects we are doing is our Redwood Garden Area. We have done lots of weeding, sweeping and sorting. We have also been working with Mr Rowley to build some of the outside furniture. The class have shown some great teamwork and skills during this project. Redwood have thought of a lot of fundraising ideas to help raise money for all the equipment

they would like in the area. Keep an ear out for our fundraising adventures as we will need your help!

Noah: I created a garden monster called Gardenzilla.

Nevaeha: I worked a lot on ideas for the fundraising like a cake sale.

Jack: I worked with Mr Rowley and did some measuring.

Ugne: I did some sanding for our furniture outside.

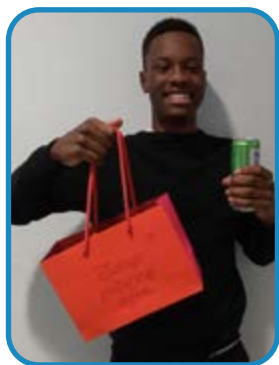
Hope: I made sure that all the weeds were out.

Tyler: We watched Mr Rowley using the saw, which was exciting, we had to stand on some of the wood to make sure it stayed still.

Kaleem: I worked with Tyler and Jack.

Eva Louise: I thought of lots of ideas on fundraising.

Freddie: I am excited about our outside area.



Last week Palm class visited Colmworth Science Park for a careers fair run by Unilever. They manufacture many things from Walls ice-cream, flavours to add to food items, Lipton's Tea, washing up liquid, shampoo, Dove, Lux soap. The list is endless.

Keith: Last Thursday was the best trip ever to the Science

Fair, the best part was the ice cream and the drinks. The drinks tasted nice and sweet all of them were my favourite. I also learnt that ice cream has been made in a factory from the video we watched.

Alex: I enjoyed the trip to Colmworth Science Fair we had free food, ate ice cream and got a goody bag with drinks and pencils.

Mayson: There were lots of different activities, also there was food and drink tasting. During the last activity there was smelling the different scented sticks, the pepper garlic one, was too strong.

Scarlett-Grace: I went to Colmworth Science Fair. We went into a room and Identified different aromas that go into foods that is made by Unilever. I had a drink that tasted like grape.

Kyle: We went to Colmworth Science Fair to see what I might want to do for my job. There were lots of jobs and activities and I saw brands and food there. I would be interested in working there because I want to have a job.

Matthew: I went to Colmworth Science. There was ice creams and ice tea that was made on site. The

Palm

other things I did there was we saw a animations company called Toucan and they designed books and magazines. There was a lot of learning and it was really fun.

Alfie: I went to a science fair at Colmworth Science Park and at the fair there was a video on how magnum ice creams are made and I got an ice cream to eat. After that I tested my sense of smell and what smells were good. It was a lot of fun there and was very educational.

Tammi: We went to a Colmworth career's fair in Northampton. It was really fun I liked all of the different things they had there. I tried watermelon iced tea but I didn't like it. I liked the freebies that we got at the end.

Baron: We went to Colmworth Science Fair. I first saw an AI bot, it was a frog on the screen. I had an ice cream as well but you can only have one. We also had taste testing, we smelt the pens but I did not like the smell of the pens but I like the taste of the lemon.

Mariah: We went to Colmworth Science Fair. There was lots of food related things like different flavours of food and drinks. We got goody bags and ice cream then we had to come back to school.

Malachi: Last week we went to Colmworth Science Fair. Other students come from another school to look at the tour. We had an ice cream and we also did some activities. We got a gift bags to take home and I had fun at the science fair because I am very interested and we got back for lunchtime.

Calvin: I really liked going to Colmworth Science Park. I enjoyed some sweets and ice cream that we were given. I liked exploring lots of science activities. I would like to visit again sometime in the future.

Oak



We have been exploring our new creative curriculum topic of "Amazing Autumn". We have been finding out the answers to our big questions... What colours do we see in Autumn? How do the leaves change colour?

Marcel: The leaves change colour and fall down because the sun is away more.

Shaan: The leaves fall down, red, yellow, orange and brown.

Grace-Lily: The Autumn leaves fall!

Scarlett: We find conkers.

Alfie: Leaves on trees.

Samuel: The leaves change colour because there is less sun.

Lilly-Jo: I see orange and yellow.

Amelia: I love the colours. of Autumn. I see orange, yellow and red.

Levi: The leaves fall down. The weather changes to colder.

Cody: The sun comes out less in Autumn.





Maple

Maple Class have been discussing what they enjoy about school and what makes Grange Academy special.

Jack: Grange is special because I enjoy my lessons.

Alfie: Grange is special because the teachers listen to me and help me with my feelings.

Summer: Grange is special because the teachers help us learn and make it fun and they celebrate our birthdays.

Seth: Grange is special because the teachers help us learn things for when we grow up.

Alex: Grange is special because we have animals, and we go on fun trips.

Jerome: Grange is special because the teachers encourage me.

Jeffrey: Grange is special because they can teach you in special ways.

Aneesa: Grange is special because I feel safe in here and we have lots of animals.

Stefano: Grange is special because teachers care about our mental health.



Hazel and Walnut took part in a science experiment on Friday that involved creating a parachute and container for an egg. The container had to be made of suitable materials, able to carry an egg to the ground safely and to do it slowly. The pupils worked in groups of 3 or 4 to build their parachutes and egg containers.



Justine: I had a box and I put some wool and foil in it. I put some strings and tape on the box to make the parachute. I enjoyed the experiment because it was fun to do and I liked being with my classmates.

Ruby: I put sheep wool and an

egg inside a plastic bottle top and then put duct tape on top. The aim of the experiment was to make sure the egg didn't crack when it reached the ground. By putting sheep wool in the parachute, it makes the egg safe from cracking.

Tyrese: We made parachutes with bags, string and tape. I also brought in an egg box to make sure the egg didn't break. I enjoyed it because it was fun making the parachute and dropping it. Everyone dropped it from the same height, so all the experiments are equal and fair.

Tristan: It was good, I enjoyed it because all our hard work went into making the parachute. Our egg didn't

break because we put sheep wool in it to cushion the egg and we put bubble wrap inside too.

Emilia: Our parachute took the longest time to fall down, so we won! We wrapped the egg in bubble wrap, we put a stick in the box that the egg was in. I liked it because our egg didn't crack so the parachute did what we expected it to do.

Dylan: I was planning and giving ideas and brought in some of the materials to make the parachute. Our parachute was the best because it took the longest to hit the ground, because there was enough air resistance in the bag and weight of it was just right. I liked it because I've never done it before.

Eva: It was fun making the parachute because we got to put everything together and you like making things. It was pretty easy, because we did it as a team. I enjoyed watching the parachute fall down, and ours did well.

Amber: We had to get all the materials to make a parachute, and try to make a light parachute, not too heavy so the egg didn't crack and it was secure. We used a box, string and bag for the parachute. We also used some fluff to keep the egg in place. It was tricky, but I enjoyed testing the parachute to see how long it took.

Hannah: We made our parachute with a bag, wool, string, plastic bottle. Our parachute just fell to the ground, but our egg didn't break! I found it tricky because when we were building it, we didn't have the egg.



Hazel

Fundraising

A massive thank you to families, pupils and staff that have supported our fundraising events over the last few weeks.



Friday 19th September 2024 pupils and staff came to school in Jeans or something blue. This was to raise money for Jeans for Genes. **We raised £78.05.**

Friday 4th October 2024 families were invited to our Macmillan coffee morning. Staff and pupils also had the opportunity to buy cakes to support the charity. **We raised £136.**



Friday 11th October 2024 pupils and staff had a mufti day for Hello Yellow Day. This was to raise money for the charity YoungMinds. **We raised £91.**



Football News



Ivel Valley Football match - 9th October 2024 Ivel Valley 3 v Grange Academy 2

A first run out of the season saw Grange narrowly defeated in a bitterly fierce match, Grange Academy were giving 4 debutants a run out in this fixture, those pupils were Marley-Rae, Toby, Jack and Sienna.

The game was split into 10 minute mini matches and it took Grange 3 of these sessions to find our footballing feet, at this point we were 3-0 down but an opportunity arose, good pressure from Jack in the opponents penalty area

saw a defender handle the ball penalty to Grange. Up stepped Marley-Rae, a well struck penalty, but the goalkeeper saved it, but our heads didn't drop, and we piled on the pressure, we scored through Marley-

Rae.

More Grange pressure caused panic in the Ivel Valley defence. Another goal for Grange, Marley-Rae scoring with a well struck effort. With time running out Grange searched for an equaliser, but it just wouldn't come. A match that was played in the correct way, with some excellent performances from Marley-Rae, Toby, Amna, Jack and Naomi.



We look forward to a rematch were hopefully the result will be in our favour. **Mr Kilcoyne.**

Marley-Rae: It was good to score two goals, I enjoyed the game, and we deserved a draw.

Toby: loved playing football, and I nearly scored a goal, thank you for letting me play.

Sienna: It was my first game, and I had fun.

Kia: I nearly scored and tried my best.

Jack: I played better in the defence and put in some good tackles.



Careers Events

I would like to thank all the parents that popped into the Careers Hub on the Parent Consultation evening. It was so nice to meet and talk to you all. **Sandra Williams**

Next month we have a few more exciting trips arranged to give our young people some valuable work-based experiences. I look forward to sharing these with you.

Dates for Open Days of Post 16 Providers:

MacIntyre: 21st November 2024 - 16.00 to 18.00

Rise Space: 7th November 2024 - 15.30 to 16.30

(appointment only) 16.30 to 18.30

Bedford College: 16th November 2024 - 10.00 to 13.00

Shuttleworth: 19th October 2024 - 9.30 to 12.30

Youth Inspired: Not put out a date as yet (01234 480980)

SSG: 7th November 2024 - 16.00 to 18.30

If you require any further information on these events contact Sandra Williams on sandra.williams@bilit.org



Christmas

Friends of Grange are holding a Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November 2024 at 12pm - 2pm. It will be a great afternoon for all

the family. There will be a great selection of things to do for everyone. There will certainly be enough to keep you entertained for the afternoon.

We are looking for the following items for the Christmas fayre:

- Items for the white elephant stall.
- Unwanted gift items that could be sold on our nearly new stall.
- Cakes for our cake stall (to be sent into school on Friday 29th November).

If you are able to help with any of the above, please send them into school as soon as possible. We are also looking for volunteers to help us on the day between 11.30pm and 3pm. If you are able to help at the fayre, please contact the school office.



Newspapers Needed

Kestrels nest have put in a request for families to send in any used newspapers and magazines. Kestrels are working on a collage project and would be really grateful for any donations. Send these in with your child or in person to the front office. Many thanks

Diary Dates

Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024 - Half Term

Monday 4th November 2024 - Pupils Return

Wednesday 18th December 2024 at 1 pm - End of Term

Thursday 19th December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025 - Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2025 - Pupils Return