

TGL...IT'S THE END TERM



March 2016

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We have come to the end of another term and it seems to have gone past in a flash. We are now two thirds of the way through and we are gearing up for SATs. Y2 and Y6 are getting ready for the new tests, they are working very hard and we wish them every success.

As always the children have been fantastic all term. Behaviour has been brilliant both in and out of the classroom, they want to learn and are taking part fully in the lessons. Children have been wearing uniform and everyone has been working really hard to make progress.

We have done so much this term from ice skating, beach combing, fossil hunting and

Visiting museums. The children have gained so many different experiences and we have many more planned for next term.

It just leaves me to say a big thankyou to everyone, children, parents, governors and all the staff for making Grangetown Primary such a fantastic place.

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to see you all happy and healthy next term.

Mr J Murgatroyd

Breakfast Club

Our fantastic breakfast club is open every morning from 7:45am.

Children are served with toast, bagels and cereal of their choice.

We also have Mr Bowman and Miss McCarthy running sports clubs for when they have finished.

It is a fantastic start to the day for everyone and we have kept the price at 70p per day which is fantastic value for money.

All you need to do is turn up and enjoy!

Attendance

It is essential that your child attends school everyday in order to make progress and get the most out of school.

We are working very hard to improve attendance at school and we are currently just above **95.3%**.

We have seen a drop in attendance over the past term. Can I please urge all

parents and carers help us increase attendance again and make sure that children are in school..

If your child does need to be off then please make sure that you inform Miss McQuade in the office.

We will continue to phone

on a daily basis to find out why children are not in school and send letters out to those whose attendance drops.

If you have any questions about attendance please call into school to discuss it.





THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for all of your support over the past term. The school is going from strength to strength and we hope that you are happy with what we are doing.

We have had great support for the many sessions we put on for parents and we have had some great feedback.

We have had craft afternoons, stay and play sessions, mothers day festivities, performances from children, fairs and education classes.

We will be offering more in the summer term so please look out for the letters and come and join in.

For Parents



Website

We have been updating our website recently so please get on line and have a look

www.grangetownprimary.eschools.co.uk

Twitter

We also have our own twitter feed and you can join us on

[@gtownprimary](https://twitter.com/gtownprimary)

Mothers Days

We held a mothers day afternoon tea in school to pamper and celebrate all the great things that mums do.

The afternoon was very well attended and everyone had a great time. It was lovely to see all the mums and their children spending fun time together in school.

We are now looking forward to fathers day!!

E Safety

Here are a few tips to help you keep your children safe on line:

Think u know
(<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>)
is always a good place to start.

Another site that is helpful for parental controls is UK Safer Internet Centre
(www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers)

This site advises you to take four steps:

1. Have ongoing conversations with your children about staying safe online.
2. Use safety tools on social networks and other online services e.g. privacy settings
3. Decide if you want to use parental controls on your home internet

4. Understand devices and the parental control tools they offer in our Parents Guide to Technology

Digital Parenting is another useful website to look at
<http://parentzone.org.uk/>

BRITISH VALUES

WE have been working in school on the fundamental British Values of—

Democracy

Rule of Law

Mutual Respect

Individual Liberty

Tolerance for those with different beliefs and religions.

We believe that these values are essential to our children and we want them to follow them and understand them. We hold whole school assemblies, they are discussed in class and we

have had two fantastic days of workshops for all of the children.

These values are central to our school life and hope that they can also be promoted at home.



Keep In Touch

As a school we are committed to working with parents. We are planning many more events in the future and hope that they will be supported just as much as the events now.

If there is anything you think we could do differently or that you would like to be offered then please let us know and we will try to put it on.

Thank you

"Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world"

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO.

ICE SKATING

As part of their 10 things to do before I leave Y6 we have been ice skating at Billingham Forum.

As you can see from the picture they had a great time and really got into the spirit of it.

They went along with a number of teachers who also skated and had a great time.

For some of the children it was their first time on ice skates so as you can imagine it was difficult but everyone was successful and by the end they were all skating.



*Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I
may remember; involve me and I'll
understand .*

Experiences

In the previous news letter I introduced the 10 things to do before we leave.

We have now got into the full swing of things and the children are fully engaging and enjoying these experiences.

It is very important to us that our children experience as many different things as possible we have got many more planned for next term.

Dinosaurs



The whole of EYFS went on a trip to the Dorman's Museum in Middlesbrough.

They went to see the dinosaur exhibition which was full of fossils and artefacts for them to see and enjoy and they also went to see the exhibition by Nick Sharrat who is a illustrator of children's books.

Since coming back the children in reception have created their own museum and displayed different artefacts for other children to see.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children and staff from across school celebrated world book day by dressing up in their favourite characters from different books..

We held special reading sessions and had different activities going on around school

to celebrate and encourage reading.

I would like to thank everyone for making such a huge effort.

It was a fantastic day.



AFTER THE BELL HAS GONE

Girls Football

The Y5 and Y6 girls football team have had a very successful term. They won the Redcar and Eston competition with a last minute extra time winner from Bobbie Jo Petty.

By winning this tournament the girls then qualified for the Tees Valley finals in February. They were very unlucky not to progress out of the group stage this time round but played extremely well.

We are very proud of their achievements and as usual played very well and were a credit to the school.



Netball

Also in February the school netball team played in a local school tournament at Eston Sports Centre.

The children put into practice everything that they had gone through in after school and remained unbeaten through the group stages which was a fantastic achievement at their first tournament.

Well done to all who took part.



After School Sports Clubs

Mon—KS2 Running Group with Mr Bowman and KS1 Dance Class with Miss Strathern and Miss McCarthy.

Tue—Healthy Kids with Mr Bowman and Gymnastics.

Wed—KS1 Multi Skills with Mr Bowman and Miss McCarthy.

Thurs—KS2 Football Club with Mr Bowman and Miss McCarthy.