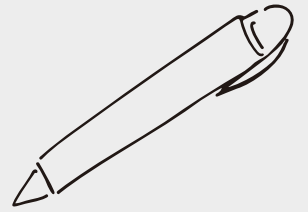


HALF TERMLY NEWSLETTER



Another amazing half term at Grangetown Primary!
We would love to share with you what we have been up to in each year group. Enjoy reading about the things we have done.



EYFS KIDDIWINKLES, NURSERY & RECEPTION



As we reach the end of the summer half term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate all the fantastic things EYFS have been up to. It's been a joyful, energetic and colourful few weeks for Reception. Our Colour Run was a huge success and such a highlight for the children! We were so proud of every child during Sports Day, from sprinting to beanbag balancing to cheering on their friends. Thank you to all the families who came along to support- your encouragement made the day even more special. During Sports Week, we had a fantastic visit from a Dance Lady, who got everyone moving and grooving, the children loved trying new moves and expressing themselves through music and movement. Nursery have enjoyed exploring the story of the Hungry Caterpillar. The children have loved retelling the story, exploring all the different fruits and even trying some new ones for the first time. We've been gently preparing some of our older children for their big move to Reception. From visiting the classroom and meeting new adults, to practicing new routines. We're so proud of how ready they are for this next step! In Nursery, our final magical moment of the year was the ponies and picnic celebration. It was a calm and beautiful experience and real highlight of our summer. Thank you for being part of our EYFS journey this year. Your support, encouragement and partnership have meant so much. We 've loved watching your children grow, explore and thrive. Wishing you a restful, sunny summer break.



YEAR ONE

WOW! I can't believe this is the last term of Year 1! This year has flown by and what a year it has been! The children have been amazing and have learnt so much!

We had an amazing time for our end of year trip to Saltburn. We played on the beach, ate ice cream, had a walk on the pier and played in the park!

We went to Kirkleatham Hall and visited the Owl Centre. We saw lots of different animals including a dancing bird, a Tenrek called Violet and three-day old ducklings. We played in the park and ate ice lollies in the sunshine.

We have enjoyed planting flowers this term for our outside area, including sweet peas, sunflowers and pansies. We have watered them daily and watched them grow. We are looking forward to seeing the flowers bloom this Summer.

Have a fabulous Summer holiday everyone!



YEAR TWO

Year Two have had a wonderfully busy and productive term!

In Design and Technology, we explored our topic on Healthy Drinks. The children investigated a range of ingredients and worked hard to design and create their very own nutritious and refreshing drinks – a delicious way to end the project!

In Art, we studied the work of William Morris. We learned how he used printing techniques to create beautiful floral wallpaper designs. Inspired by his style, the children created their own stunning printed bags as part of their final project – a real showcase of creativity and skill.

In Computing, the children developed their understanding of computer programming through Scratch Junior. They used their new skills to design and build their very own simple computer games – an impressive achievement!

One of the real highlights of the term was our continued work with The Country Trust. We had the opportunity to visit another working farm in the beautiful North Yorkshire Moors, and enjoyed a fantastic day out exploring Helmsley Walled Gardens and Helmsley Castle. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all the children for their enthusiastic participation and excellent behaviour throughout the term. You've been a credit to yourselves and the school.

And of course, a big thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support – we couldn't do it without you.

Have a restful and enjoyable summer break!

YEAR THREE

What a busy half term we have had in Year 3! We have had our Sports week, our Art showcase, our assessment week, a visit to Arbeia and lots of work as well. Wow!!

This half term we have been learning about Light in Science – we have had fun playing with the torches and mirrors to find out more about how light moves. We also drew round our shadows to see how they change throughout the day.

We are so proud of your children and how amazing they have been this year. They have blown us away with their determination, resilience and collaboration.



YEAR FOUR

We have had an amazing summer term in Year 4!

Our children produced amazing results in their times tables check, all down to their sheer hard work and determination to improve this year! We have been designing and creating pottery in Art and nightlights in DT which the children have loved making and evaluating! We also had amazing results at our athletics day with all children giving 100% to complete the sporting activities.

A definite highlight of our Summer term has to be our trip to the Jorvik Viking Centre to understand more of our learning about the Vikings. The children were fascinated all day and the staff at Jorvik were so impressed with the children's knowledge! We have loved our year in Year 4 and the children are ready to thrive in Year 5.





YEAR 5

This half term we have been learning about Ancient Greece in History, designing vases and finding out facts about early Olympics. Children have designed and made their own Mars Space well in D.T using a pulley system made from cotton reels, wooden doweling and string. We have visited Middlesbrough College and took part in several STEM activities linked to a variety of jobs. Children used green screen to report the news and weather as well learning all about first aid and germs. Some children visited Fyling Hall in Robin Hoods Bay and took part in activities alongside international students. The children got to know the students through Conversation Club, den building and playing sports. We wish the year 5s all the best for year 6. They have worked their socks off this year!

YEAR SIX

What a fantastic term it's been for Year 6! The children had a brilliant time on their 3-day residential to Helmsley, with exciting visits to Flamingo Land, Whitby and GoApe – memories we're sure they'll treasure! The children showed great independence, resilience and teamwork throughout the trip. Transition has been a key focus this term, with pupils visiting their new secondary schools and taking part in Mr Foster's 'Stepping Up' sessions. These activities have helped the children reflect on their time at primary school and feel confident and prepared for the exciting journey ahead. We were also incredibly proud of the selected children who performed in The Lion King at Grangetown United – what a fantastic show! Their talent, enthusiasm and commitment were clear to see and they represented our school beautifully. As we near the end of term, Year 6 are working hard on their leavers' assembly. There have already been lots of laughs, a few happy tears, and plenty of creativity. We're so proud of everything they've achieved this year and look forward to celebrating their time at primary school with you all soon.





THE ARC

In writing, we have been focusing on non-fiction. We have written some explanation texts about animals, inspired from our visit to Waterfall Farm last half-term. We are now writing some important posters on sun safety and water safety.

In maths, we have been learning about statistics. We have been gathering and representing our own data in tally charts, pictograms and bar charts.

We went on a trip to Play Factory in Skelton to enjoy soft play!

We also enjoyed our superhero fun day with our year groups. ARC, assemble!
In PSHE, we have been learning about feelings and focusing on transitions to our next year groups. We say goodbye to our incredible Y6s. We will miss you!



WE ARE GRANGETOWN

Wow! What a year we have had. I am immensely proud of all of the children in school & it has been a delight & pleasure to watch them grown & flourish over the year.

I really can't believe that it is nearly the 6 weeks holidays - this year has really flown.

It was so lovely to see so many of you at our ABBA concert this week. What a lovely way to end the year. The children all preformed amazingly well & a big thank you to all the teachers for all the hard work they have put into creating such an extravaganza!!

As the year comes to an end we say goodbye to our beautiful year 6 children. What a delight you have been this year not only working hard academically but always setting a high example to the rest of the school. As you go onto your next journey at secondary school I want you to know that you can all achieve anything you put your mind to & that above all else be kind.

We also say bye to a number of staff - Mrs Birtwhistle, Mr Woodhead, Miss Small & Miss Watson. Each of them have made a huge difference to the children in our school & we wish them well for their future.

To the staff & children who are leaving remember you will always be a part of our Grangetown Primary family.

I hope you all have a lovely summer making memories. See you all back to school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025.

Take care

Miss Mott



INTRODUCTION

In September 2024, Lauren joined us as a Family Support Worker. She works across the Trust and is with us in Grangetown on Wednesday's.

The role of the family support worker is to offer support to the whole family at the earliest opportunity. It is about helping families to face problems and get the right support at the right time. Early help is not one size fits all. Where one family may be struggling with implementing routines, another may be having difficulties with family dynamics.

We understand that life comes in all shapes and sizes, and the way in which this can impact our young people can leave them feeling big emotions that they may not understand. There may have been a recent change in the families' circumstances, there may be issues with poverty or struggles around special educational needs. The scale of support that can be offered is diverse and varies family to family. The role of the Family Support Worker is to tailor support to each family to create a Family Plan which will look at set outcomes and achievements for the family, and together we will work towards that goal.

Early help is a proactive approach, rather than a reactive one. Let's try and get in early before issues escalate and offer the best opportunities for our children, young people and families.

