

Message from Shona Pitcher

Headteacher

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing half term, it has been lovely to see all the children back in school and enjoying their learning.

This week we have held our Parent/carer and teacher meetings. I hope that you have all found these meetings useful. I would like to thank all the teachers and staff members who have worked hard to organise and attend these meetings. If you were not able to make an appointment with your child's teacher please speak directly with your class teacher or contact the school office to arrange a time to meet.

Mr McHale and I are looking forward to welcoming to you the Parent Forum which is taking place on Wednesday, 12th November at 9am.

Year 5 Shine at Kingston Academy Basketball Tournament!

Our Year 5 Basketball team had a fantastic and spirited morning this Tuesday at The Kingston Academy, truly embodying our GRAND Rules throughout the event. The team played exceptionally well, securing three strong victories: 14-0 against Alexandra, 8-4 against Christ Church, and 8-0 against Ellingham. Their only setback was a narrow 6-8 loss to Our Lady Immaculate in a nail-biting match. Congratulations to our joint leading scorers, Jake and Matt, our long-distance specialist Archie, our 'terrier defenders' Lucia, Selim and Olive, and our opponent disrupters Izzy and Finn! These great results have set us up well for the potential tournaments scheduled later in the year.

Thank you to all the parent helpers who transported the children.



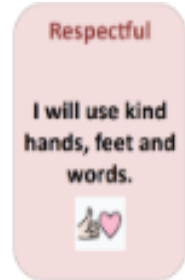
Mr Tagg will be at the Alexandra Park Run in Surbiton this Sunday and it would be lovely to see as many children from our school there again! The warm up is at 8:50am with the run starting at 9am. Mr Tagg hopes to see you there!

You can register for parkrun for free here - www.parkrun.org.uk/register/



Interfaith Week

Next week is Interfaith Week. The theme this year is 'Community: Together We Serve'. It's a lovely opportunity for families to talk together about kindness, respect and understanding for others. You might enjoy sharing stories, learning about different beliefs and celebrations or talking about the values that are important in your own family. Small conversations at home can help children appreciate the beauty of diversity and the importance of living peacefully with everyone. This will link well with our Grand Value for this half term which is all about being 'Respectful'.



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is **up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/grandavenue/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards.

Please place your **order online by November 21st, 2025.**



We have seen an increase of inconsiderate and illegal parking around school in recent weeks. We ask that all parents and carers consider the following parking rules.

Parking and Road Safety Reminder

We kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately around Grand Avenue Primary and Nursery School. Please help us keep our children safe by following these guidelines:

- **Do not park on the zigzag lines** outside the school, on the double yellow lines, or across driveways, or stop to allow your children to exit your.
- **Parking** in these areas reduces visibility and puts children at risk when crossing the road, especially at the pedestrian crossing. **The school car park is for staff use only.** Please do not use the car park to drop off for morning clubs or to collect from after school club. Instead, always use the pedestrian entrance at the lower gates.



Dates for your Diary

Mon, 10th Nov	ALL	Odd Socks Day
Tues, 11th Nov	R – YR 6	Flu immunisations (deadline to provide consent has passed)
Weds, 12th Nov	ALL	Parent Forum @ 9am
Fri, 14th Nov	ALL	Gift Tombola collection
Weds, 19th Nov	ALL	Swimming & Safeguarding induction @ 9.05am Please click here to book your place.
Fri, 21st Nov	ALL	Year 4 Cake Sale
Fri, 21st Nov	ALL	Christmas Decoration Day (after school)
Fri, 28th Nov	ALL	Bottle Tombola collection
Sat, 29th Nov	ALL	GASPA Christmas Fair
Tues, 2nd Dec	YR 6	National Army Museum visit
Weds, 3rd Dec	3S	Ukulele performance @ 2.30pm—Annex Hall
Tues, 9th Dec	KS2	Winter Concert
Fri, 19th Dec	ALL	Last day of Autumn Term— early close

The Fair Team are working hard behind the scenes organising the GASPA Christmas Fair which is taking place on **Saturday 29th November 12pm-3pm.**

This is always a fun filled day for the whole school and very importantly will raise funds towards the new playground equipment as shared at the OGM in October.



[Please click on the link to book your Grotto slot.](#)