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# The Grange Junior Newsletter

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Half term is just a couple of weeks away and that marks the mid-point of the academic year. Time seems to pass very quickly and we still have lots of work to do!!

## **Consultation**

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the consultation about the future of the Grange Schools. The Governors will be meeting next week to consider your response and make a report to Harrow Council.

## **Packed Lunches**



As you are aware it is very important for the children to have a healthy packed lunch. A healthy lunch enables all of us to concentrate and work hard during the afternoon. Thank you to all the parents who send in a balanced meal for their child.

We have noticed, however, that a significant number of children are not bringing in

appropriate food. Some examples of the type of food that is being sent into school are:

- Cold fish and chips
- Cold chips and tomato dip
- Cold McDonalds
- Donuts and cakes

I am very concerned about the children eating this type of food and the effect it has on them. This is not only in respect of their academic progress but also the eating habits it is forming which will affect them for the rest of their lives. We are working hard to introduce hot meals as soon as possible. In the meantime ~ **PLEASE SEND IN A HEALTHY PACKED LUNCH!**

## **Sponsored Sports Event**

We are very excited that an international athlete will be

visiting school next Thursday afternoon. The children will be participating in a 'Sports Challenge' that will consist of four different activity stations. The afternoon will finish with a special assembly during which the children will be able to ask the athlete questions.



The children are being invited to collect sponsorship for their 'Sports Challenge' and a sponsorship form is being sent home today. Any money should be sent into school by **Thursday, 17 February**

Thursday, 10 February is a special 'Sports' Mufti Day. The children should bring

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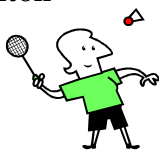
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£1 for wearing their sports kit.

### Badminton



An adult badminton club meets in school one evening a week. There are vacancies for any new members who already have some badminton skills and would like to join the club. If you would like some more information please contact the school office.

### Parents' Evening

I should like to remind you that Parents' Evenings will be held on **Wednesday, 16 March and Thursday, 17 March**. A separate letter will be sent out nearer the time but please keep these dates in your diary.

### Books to support Home Learning



I should like to remind parents of Year 6 pupils that a set of two Study Guides are available from the school office for £5.00. These Study Guides will support your child in preparation for the Key Stage 2 SATs in May.

Parents with pupils in other year groups may be interested in buying three excellent books to support literacy, numeracy and science. These books are

available from the office for £7.50.

Please remember that support for your child's learning is also available on the school website ~ [www.grangejuniorchool.org](http://www.grangejuniorchool.org)

### Attendance and Punctuality



Thank you to all the parents who telephone the school on the first day of their child's absence. This is vital to ensure that we are all able to keep the children safe.

I should also like to remind parents that holidays should not be taken during school time. If this is unavoidable you must gain permission for your child to be absent **before** you book tickets.

Punctuality is improving but there are a number of pupils who are regularly late. It is very important that every pupil is here for the start of the school day. Late arrival is disruptive for both your son/daughter and the rest of the class. It also prevents the rest of the class from receiving a sticker. Please give your child the best chance possible by making sure he/she arrives on time.

### Travel Survey

We are reviewing our Travel Plan and a brief survey is attached to this newsletter. Please complete the survey and return it to school by **Wednesday, 9 February**.

### Visitors' Toilet

I should like to remind parents that the children's toilets should **never** be used by adults. If needed the visitors' toilet is available for parents. The toilet is located just inside the entrance from the playground and there is a sign on the door.

### Photographs



The photographer has been into school to take individual and family group photographs. You will be receiving your photograph pack and details of how to order very soon. Please make sure you meet the order deadlines to avoid disappointment.

### Half Term Holiday

Children finish for the half term holiday at 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17 February. Please remember that Friday, 18 February is a staff training day. The children return to school on **Monday, 28 February at 8.45 a.m.**

I hope you have found the items in this newsletter both interesting and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss anything in more detail or would like other information included.