



Date	Activity
28 February 2013	Y6 Assembly – 2.55pm start
7 March 2013	Y2 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start
7 March 2013	World Book Day – children dress up as book character
14 March 2013	Y5 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start
15 March 2013	Red Nose Day – more information to follow
22 March 2013	Term 4 Ends at 2pm

### In memory of Abi Owen

When we think of Abi we remember her bright, blonde hair and dazzling smile.

Abi, who left Grangefield to go to Cleeve last September, was such an enthusiastic and willing member of our school. She gave her all to her work and friends, always trying new things and no challenge was too great, whether it was pushing herself in maths or throwing herself off an abseiling tower. She excelled at sport, from athletics to swimming, football to rounders and represented our school many times. Another one of Abi's talents was art; drawing, painting and doodling, with some of her artwork still displayed in the school. Abi's passions were fashion and singing and some of you may remember her rendition of 'Price Tag', alongside many of her friends at the Grangefield's Got Talent 2011.

Abi's sudden passing has shocked and rocked the Grangefield family. In her 12 short years she has made a lasting impression on people and this will continue. The conversations that have taken place between the children and have been witnessed by staff are a true testament to the wonderful girl that she was. We will all miss her.

Our thoughts are with Abi's family at this tremendously sad time.

The following is a piece from Abi's Mum Kelly:

*Abi loved raising money for charity and having seen the value of the work done at the Bristol Children's Hospital, we know that this is the right cause.*

*The funds raised by the Wallace & Gromit Grand Appeal*

*(<http://www.grandappeal.org.uk/>) directly funds the equipment in the*

*intensive care unit, which Abigail needed. We are overwhelmed by the*

*number of people who have already donated to this fund. If you would like to donate, please visit*

*[www.justgiving.com/kelly-owen](http://www.justgiving.com/kelly-owen) or leave donations with Alexander Burn on Church Road, Bishops Cleeve. Many thanks.*



### Gloucestershire Young Photographer

Thank you to everyone who entered the Gloucestershire Young Photographer competition this year. The judges apparently had a very difficult task with 319 images in the Primary Section. We are very pleased to announce that Yasmin Copping's image of 'Santa Monica Beach' has been awarded a **commended** certificate (one of 6) in Gloucestershire. Well done Yasmin! Yasmin will be presented with a certificate from the Mayor of Cheltenham on Saturday. Congratulations also go to Emma Jenkins with 'Dalman, Turkey' and Jennifer Owen 'Indi the Whippet' as their pictures have also been selected to be displayed in the exhibition from 24 February – 10 March in All Saints' Church. For more information and to see the winning pictures, visit the Cheltenham Camera Club web-site:

[www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk](http://www.cheltenhamcameraclub.co.uk)

### **K'Nex Challenge**

Year 6 had an exciting afternoon on Wednesday when they took part in the K'Nex challenge. Their challenge was to make a water wheel using K'nex gears and pulleys. The children worked extremely hard and really enjoyed it. They worked in pairs and at the end of the afternoon their models were judged and one pair were chosen to represent Grangefield at the K'nex final in April at GE. The winning model was built by Tristan James and Mikey Unwin. Well done and good luck!

### **World Book Day – Thursday 7 March 2013**

On 7 March we will be celebrating World Book Day. We would like to encourage children to dress as one of their favourite characters in a book and they can bring in their book. If you wish to send in a donation you can, but don't feel obliged as we will make a donation from the School to Book Aid International, which helps send brand new books to libraries in sub-Saharan Africa.

### **The Big Pedal**

Following the success of our involvement in last year's Big Pedal (we came an impressive 55th out of 950 schools) we are planning to participate again in 2013. The event runs from 28 Feb-20 March. The aim is for as many pupils, parents and staff as possible to come to school on bikes or scooters. There are some fantastic prizes up for grabs, so please get your bikes and scooters ready. We are sending out a separate letter in book bags with more details.

### **Recent Beef Issues**

The School Dinner Company have asked us to pass on the following: In view of the recent issues concerning beef products, we have been in touch with our two meat suppliers and they have confirmed that all the meat they supply to us is fully traceable and the beef they purchase is UK reared and supplied by local farms.

### **Measles**

The Health Protection Agency has asked us to pass on the following information: Following a significant rise in measles cases in the Gloucestershire area, which has led to a number of children and adults being hospitalised, health professionals are asking parents and adults (specifically those born after 1988, after the introduction of the MMR vaccination, who may have missed out on MMR as a child) to check their Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination history to ensure they and their children have received the required two doses of MMR. **Signs and Symptoms:** Measles is an infectious viral illness that is spread by droplets in the air when infected people cough or sneeze. The following symptoms are commonly seen in measles infection: Fever, Cough, Sore and watering eyes and widespread rash that develops 3-4 days after the onset of the illness, starting with the face and head and spreading down the body. More information about measles is available from the Health Protection Agency website at: [http://www.hpa.org.uk/infections/topics\\_az/measles/background.htm](http://www.hpa.org.uk/infections/topics_az/measles/background.htm). More information about the MMR vaccine is available from the NHS Immunisation website at: <http://www.immunisation.nhs.uk/Vaccines/MMR> and at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### **Violin Lessons**

If your child is interested in learning the violin, our violin teacher has space in her class. The class is held on Thursday mornings at approximately 8.45am. For further information please contact Caroline on the following e-mail address: [caroline.broekman@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:caroline.broekman@hotmail.co.uk) or pop into school and register your interest.

### **General**

- We are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers, so please send them in.
- We have the hair visitors back again! Please be vigilant and regularly check your child's hair for nits.

Hoping the weather warms up a bit and have a good weekend.

Mrs Lewis