



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
2 Oct 2015	Rugby World Cup day – children can wear a red or white top	26 Nov 2015	Year 2 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start
15 Oct 2015	Photographs	23-29 Nov 2015	Assessment period – avoid any time off during this week
16 Oct 2015	Harvest performance – 2pm start	27 Nov 2015	Whole School Pantomime Trip
21 Oct 2015	End of Term 1	4 Dec 2015	PTA Table top Christmas Fair tbc
2 Nov 2015	Inset day	11 Dec 2015	Christmas Disco
3 Nov 2015	Term 2 Begins	16 Dec 2015	EYFS/KS1 Performance
5 Nov 2015	PTA Bonfire Cake Sale	17 Dec 2015	KS2 Performance
19 Nov 2015	Year 5 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start	18 Dec 2015	Christmas sing a long
		18 Dec 2015	End of Term 2

### Visitors from Kenya

We were really pleased to welcome our Kenyan friends this week. They have thoroughly enjoyed their week visiting Grangefield, our other cluster schools and the local area. As I'm sure you may have heard, Rosemary has visited many of our classes, talking about Kenya and teaching the children local songs. In three weeks' time Mrs Newitt will be making a return visit to Rosemary's school. We look forward to hearing all about Mrs Newitt's adventure.



### K'nex Challenge - Report by Isabelle and Freya

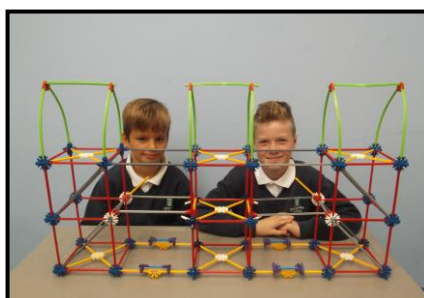
On Friday 25 September Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in the K'nex challenge. Our task was to be Civil Engineers and build a bridge that allows tall ships to pass through. We were judged on the models strength, mechanism and creativity. Also on how we worked together and communicated with one another.



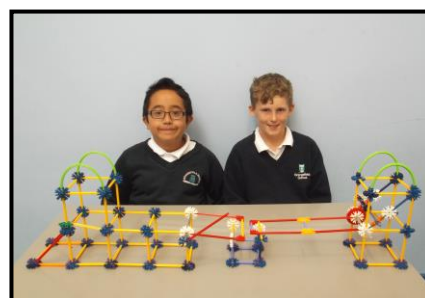
We were given 1 hour to complete our task and show our bridges to the rest of the class. This experience was amazing and helped to develop our construction and team work skills. It was nerve wracking waiting for the results to be announced as we didn't know how we had done. We felt ecstatic when our names were announced in first place especially as we are the first girls ever to represent Grangefield in the Final at GE Aviation in April 2016. The whole morning was outstanding!



1<sup>st</sup> Place



2<sup>nd</sup> Place



3<sup>rd</sup> Place

### Fair School Funding Campaign

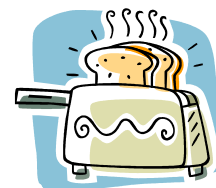
As you will probably know, school budgets are under pressure. The f40 group of low-funded education authorities (of which Gloucestershire and our school belong) is trying to petition the House of Commons to change the current disparity between different areas in England. For example the average grants of the ten best funded areas in England receive on average £6,300 per pupil this year. In Gloucestershire and some other areas we get an average of £4,200 per pupil. The petition requests that there is an introduction of a new National Funding Formula for schools in England which has a fairer grant distribution. A copy of the petition can be found in the office so please do pop in and write your name on the petition. The deadline is 25 October 2015 so if you can spare a few minutes next week, please do so. Thank you for your support.

## Rugby World Cup

On Friday 2 October we will be celebrating the Rugby World Cup. Children can come to school wearing a red or white top.

## Toasty Tuesday

Just a reminder to children in year's 2-6. Year 5's Company 'Toasty Tuesday' will start making toast every Tuesday break time. Children can come to Year 5 and grab a slice of delicious toast, with a topping of their choice. They will need to pre order on a Thursday and it is 20p per slice. Can children please bring their 20p in on Tuesday when they collect their toast. Many thanks Year 5!!



## PTA Corner

Just a reminder to all parents that the PTA have funded for the whole school to visit the Everyman theatre on Friday 27 November to see the pantomime of Cinderella. More details will follow from the school in regards to this wonderful event nearer the time, but we wanted to remind everyone just in case you were planning a trip yourselves.

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who supported our MacMillan coffee morning and to the parents and staff who donated cakes. We will let you know how much you have raised next week. A big thank you to Ellie's Mum in Year 5 for running our impromptu cake sale after school and to Miss Hunt who organised the event.

## Grangefield School Sports Fixtures 2015-16



Fixture	Sport	Venue	Date	Time
Woodmancote	Football	H	24/9/15	3:30pm
Dunalley	Football	A	1/10/15	3:30pm
St Johns	Football	TBC	12/10/15	3:30pm
Chelt Schools Cross Country League	Cross Country	St Edwards Prep	8/10/15	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Chelt Schools Cross Country League	Cross Country	St Edwards Prep	15/10/15	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Albert Dix Tournament	Football	TBC	16/10/15	1-3:30pm
Dunalley	Football	H	19/10/15	3:30pm
Grangefield Cross Country	Cross Country	Grangefield	6/11/15	1:00-3:00pm
Hesters Way	Football	H	19/11/15	3:30pm
Hesters Way	Football	A	24/11/15	3:30pm
Chelt Schools Cross Country League	Cross Country	Cheltenham College Prep	2/3/16	4:00pm – 5:00pm
Girls Football Tournament	Football	TBC	4/3/16	TBC
Chelt Schools Cross Country League	Cross Country	St Edwards Prep	10/3/16	4:00pm – 5:00pm
B Team Football Festival	Football	TBC	11/3/16	3:30pm

\*Additional fixtures will be added through the year. All dates, venues and times are subject to change.

- Sports Day 7 July 2016
- Sports Awards 14 July 2016

## Grangefield match report by Fletch Y6

On Monday 21 September, Grangefield hosted a league match against St Johns. It was a great match, with Jamie D [y6] scoring 2 goals, Raj [y5] hitting a lovely strike and Damian [y5] smashing 2 amazing Wayne Rooney strikes outside of the box. It was a great game to kick off the season and at the end we finished 5-0.



## Reminders

- **Further to our article in last week's newsletter. Please remember Thursday 1 October 2015 is our census day and we would like to encourage all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to have a school dinner on this day as this will determine the funding the school receives to cater for these meals. If there was a short fall across the whole year it would impact on the normal school budget.**
- Please spread the word for Children starting in September 2016: Open morning – 9.30am on Thursday 8 October 2015 and Open afternoon – 1.30pm on Tuesday 17 November 2015.

Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Lewis/Mrs Freeman