



Date	Activity	Date	Activity
9 Feb	Last day of Term 3 – 3.15pm finish	7 Mar	Y2A Class Assembly – 2.55pm start
9 Feb	Friendship Disco KS1 and Reception 6-7pm KS2 – 7.15-8.15pm	8 Mar	Y2B Class Assembly – 2.55pm start
21 Feb	International Mother Language Day	15 Mar	Y5 Class Assembly – 2.55pm start
21 Feb	Parents Evening – Reception to Year 6	22 Mar	Music Evening 6pm
22 Feb	Parents Evening – Reception to Year 6	29 Mar	Easter Assembly – 1pm
1 Mar	World Book Day – dress up in favourite character	29 Mar	End of Term 4 – 2pm Finish
5-9 Mar	Assessment period – avoid any time off during this week		

**Year 6**

This term Year 6 are studying the novel Kensuke’s Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. During the week we have been using our geography skills to track the voyage of the Peggy Sue as Mrs Phillips read aloud the Ship’s Log to the whole class. Following this the children have been given the opportunity to write their own extract about the events occurring during Michael’s adventure at sea. Here are a couple of examples of the children’s wonderful writing:



**By Imogen**

*Ominous dark clouds gathered overhead. The storms were horrible, they made me feel sick. Poor Mum’s stomach cramp wasn’t going away – she was getting worse by the day. Dad desperately wants to send out a mayday call but Mum said it was giving in. There was no moon or stars tonight, it was pitch black, I couldn’t see my feet. Fatigued, the choppy sea lurched me into the broken self-steering machine. Out of the corner of my eye I saw Stella near the front of the ship. Calling at the top of my lungs, it was hopeless as Stella couldn’t hear me over the crashing waves. Horrified, I realised Stella didn’t have her safety harness on. Panicking, I tried to get her to come back but she wouldn’t. Was she going to go overboard?*

**By Jacob**

*Furiously looking at the dark black sky there was a storm coming towards us. Petrified, I had to steer the boat because Mum was ill and Dad was looking after her. The huge clouds covered the night sky. The boat was shaking, everything in the cabin was sliding around everywhere. Paralysed with fear, I turned right as hard as I could but it just didn’t turn right. Mum was fast asleep trying to get some rest from her illness and the big waves crashed against me really slowly. I was overwhelmed with responsibility.*

## Able Writers Day! By Joe, Chloe, Lola, Heidi, Jack and Joanna

On the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 we went to Able Writers day and met an author called Nick Cook. Whilst at able writer's day we made and felt a mini tornado. After that we saw a clip of a tornado destroying everything in its path. Next we had ten minutes to write a story based on a tornado. After lunch we got to do acting on a green screen, the parts where the producer, the sound producer, storm chasers, film crew, weather reporters and the news presenters. We had an amazing time at Able Writers Day!



### 500 Words is back for 2018!

The world's biggest short-story writing competition for kids has returned. Age categories are: 5-9yrs and 10-13yrs.

To find out more information and enter, please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/500wordscompetition/login>

The competition will close for entries at **7pm on Thursday 22nd February**.

## Online Child Protection Information Evening

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Online Child Protection Information Evening last Wednesday. We hope you found the meeting both interesting and useful. We have created an online survey which we would like ALL parents to complete so that we can ensure that the events we organise are relevant and helpful. We would like to run the session again so that more parents feel well-equipped and informed about how best to support their child online, which is why your feedback is so important. The survey will take less than five minutes to complete. Please can you do so before Friday 9th February, thank you.

<https://goo.gl/forms/fxtinzjM7m59pdw2>

A screenshot of a Google Forms survey titled 'Online Child Protection Information Evening'. The form asks 'Did you attend the Online Child Protection Information Evening on Weds 17th Jan?' with radio buttons for 'Yes' and 'No'. Below this, it asks 'If you didn't attend the meeting, please could you let us know the reasons why?' with radio buttons for 'I was working/had a prior engagement' and a blank option.

[Online Child Protection Information Evening](https://goo.gl/forms/fxtinzjM7m59pdw2)

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If you were unable to attend the evening, we have a range of leaflets which we feel would be useful. These cover topics such as: parental controls, grooming and sharing too much online. Links to these are now on our website <http://grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk/welcome-to-grangefield-school/school-policies/> go to the E-Safety area and there is a link to the thinkuknow website where you can go for support and information. We also have hard copies outside the office in the leaflet carousel. We are also sending home a magazine, 'Digital Parenting' which has some good advice for parents and carers.

## Big Battery Hunt

Before Christmas we asked you to begin collecting batteries for a competition called the Big Battery Hunt, being run in conjunction with Duracell. The children will be bringing home their own battery collection box which they should try and fill with as many used batteries as possible. Once full, the batteries can be brought into school and transferred into our large battery bin. The children can then continue to collect more used batteries. They will also be bringing home a form where they should record the number of batteries they have collected. It is important to keep an accurate tally of the number of batteries collected as there are prizes for the children who recycle the most!

**Well done to the last weeks Super Achievers who have each earned a certificate and 10 Owl Merits for their Owl Group**

Reception	Jamie, Peter, Latia, Caleb and Issy
Year 1	Alby, Rory, Louis and Jaya
Year 2	Joseph D, Alfie D-W, Megan and Mikolaj
Year 3	Madison and Jake M
Year 4	Nancy, Tia B and Milo
Year 5	Jake M and Liam K
Year 6	James and Calum

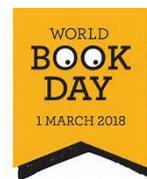
There are also prizes for the schools who collect the most used batteries and we like to win at Grangefield, so please help us by taking part. The competition is running between now and Friday 20th April so there is plenty of time to get collecting. (Please note, we are only able to collect AAA, AA, C & D size batteries) Last year, we did fantastically well and recycled over a thousand batteries, hopefully this year we'll do even better! Thank you for your support.

## FOGS

Children should have received the latest FOGs newsletter in their bookbags and this includes the forthcoming disco tickets. A copy can also be found on our website under the FOGs tab.

## Reminder

- **World book day – 1 March 2018** - We will be celebrating World Book day by asking children to dress up as their favourite book character. Also, if you wish, children can donate a book to our library - used or new. The book will have the donor details on a card placed in the book.
- **School dinner accounts** – If your child regularly has a school dinner please keep up the payments as there are a lot of outstanding debts at the moment. Thank you.



Have a good weekend  
Mrs Lewis