

Date	Activity	Date	Activity
<b>18 Feb</b>	Term 3 Ends	<b>27 May</b>	Inset Day
<b>28 Feb</b>	Term 4 Starts	<b>6 June</b>	Term 6 Starts
<b>8 April</b>	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish	<b>6-10 June</b>	Year 6 PGL – Liddington, Swindon
<b>25 April</b>	Term 5 Starts	<b>20 July</b>	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
<b>w/c 9 May</b>	Year 6 SATS – all Yr6s must attend	<b>21 July</b>	Inset Day
<b>26 May</b>	Term 5 Ends		

## COVID

Although numbers have dropped, we are still continuing to see cases within the school and wider community. Please continue to be vigilant in order to prevent further possible transmission. If you could continue to regularly LFD test your child, in particular on either Sunday evening or Monday morning, before returning to school, we would be most grateful. Please report any COVID absences to [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) using COVID in the subject box. Please check both gov.uk and nhs.uk websites for the latest information regarding isolation and reporting.

## Absences

When reporting absences, please report them to either [admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk) or 01242 671003 in the first instance. You can still message teachers on Class Dojo or Tapestry, but please be aware that the teachers will not always look at messages prior to school.



## Children's Mental Health Week

Next week we will be spending time in class talking about mental health and wellbeing. The children will be exploring emotional growth by talking about the range of emotions they experience and how these have changed as they have grown. They will also be reminded of the '5 Ways To Wellbeing' and explore how they can incorporate these into their lives. You can find out more about Children's Mental Health Week here: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

## Safer Internet Day 2022 – Tuesday 8 February

Tuesday is Safer Internet Day and on this day we will be launching a new 'Online Safety' page on our school website and publishing our first termly 'Online Safety Newsletter'. Keeping children and young people safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing society today and it is all of our responsibility to ensure that Grangefield children are educated to make positive, informed choices when they are online. On this day you will also receive our recently updated Online Safety Policy and will be asked to return Parent and Child Acceptable Use Agreement forms too.



## International Women and Girls in Science Day – 11 February



Friday is International Women and Girls in Science Day, does your child have people in their families who use Science in their jobs and careers. Find out about some super scientists [here](#).

## What have we been doing?

On Tuesday, Key Stage 2 had a visit from Mr Squire from Cleeve High School who led 30 children from Years 4,5 and 6 in a "Formula 1 challenge"

Throughout the workshop we learned about air resistance and how streamlined objects travel quicker as they slice through the air instead of the air crashing into the front. We also learned about how friction affects the speed of the car and that different types of wheels can also affect the amount of friction. Our handmade cars were propelled forward due to large amounts of compressed air forced into a tube at the rear.



A number of shell designs were available for us to choose from and we were allowed to decorate the cars as we wished.

It was very interesting as there were boys and girls from different year groups with lots of different talents and ideas.

*Victoria and James*

I really enjoyed being able to make a car. My favourite bit was when we raced all of the cars.

*Aubern*

What I learned was that you can create anything if you put your mind to it. It was shown how much you can do as a team. and I'm glad they mixed the teams up.

*Harry*

## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday, the school took part in the NSPCC Number Day, where we dressed up and had a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, while raising money to support NSPCC services such as Childline. Prizes were given out to the most creative outfits in each class.



## Sport News

Well Done to the Grangefield Girls Football Team who have played three games in a row, winning 7-0 against Bishops Cleeve Primary Academy, 5-1 against Woodmancote, but unfortunately losing 7-3 against Naunton Park. Goals were scored by Chloe, Isla, Megan, Lucy and Frankie. They were all superstars! Miss Sharpe and Mrs Phillips are both very proud of them. As you can see Mrs Phillips did not arrange the photo call for the final game!



Well Done to the Grangefield Netball teams who took part in the Cleeve High School Cluster tournament.

**1<sup>st</sup> - Grangefield A (25 points)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Swindon Village A (21 points)**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Bishop's Cleeve A (17 points)**

**4<sup>th</sup> – Grangefield B (13 points)**

**5<sup>th</sup> – Bishop's Cleeve B (9 points)**

**6<sup>th</sup> – Swindon Village B (5 points)**



## Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school or PE uniform every day. Information about the school uniform can be found at <https://grangefield.glos.sch.uk/uniform/> If there are any issues with your child's uniform, please contact your child's teacher. We have variety of spare uniform available, if needed please contact the office.

## Key Stage 2 School Dinners

We have a number of ParentPay accounts which are in debt for Dinner Money, please ensure that your accounts are in credit if you wish for your child to have School Dinners. Regular reminders are sent out from ParentPay for those accounts which are over £10. If you feel that you may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can check on this website:<https://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

## Music Tuition

There are a few places available for violin lessons in school for Year 4 and above. If you would like more information, please contact Mrs Laura Tasney, the violin tutor, at [tasneystrings@gmail.com](mailto:tasneystrings@gmail.com)



## Friends of Grangefield (FOGS)

There is still time to return the Friends of Grangefield questionnaire. We need your ideas of how we can raise funds for the school.

## Parking

It has been noted that cars are continuing to park on the roundabout and verges of Voxwell Lane. If you do need to bring your car on the school run, please park considerately as not to upset our neighbours or cause traffic congestion.

## **Free School Meals – February Half Term Support**

This February half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Voucher emails will be sent out between **15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February**. Please encourage parents to also check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by then please encourage them to get in contact with us by emailing [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website.

## **General Housekeeping**

- As it is now getting colder, please ensure that your child brings in hat, gloves etc., to wear whilst playing outside.
- Please ensure that you let us know if you have any changes to your address, mobile phone numbers, email addresses or personal details so that we can keep our database up to date.
- Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled.
- If your child is interested in having CoolMilk, please register by 5pm on a Tuesday to have milk from the following Monday. You can register on the website <https://www.coolmilk.com/> If your child is entitled to Benefit based Free School Meals – please contact the office
- If your child is being picked up by another parent or adult regularly, please give a list of people you are happy for your child to go home with to your teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Lewis

## Competitions

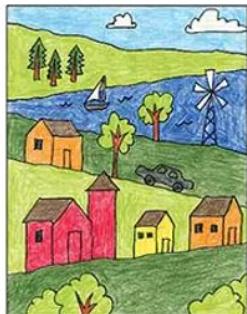
Mrs Migliaccio is hosting an Art Competition, details below:

# Art Competition

## Landscape Artist of the Year



Draw, paint or collage your favourite landscape



All entries on A3 or smaller

**Closing date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, entries to Mrs Migliaccio Y1B**



Mrs Newitt is sharing details of a competition that the UK Space Agency are running, where children can design a LOGO to go onto rockets launched from UK spaceports in 2022! Further details can be found at <https://www.logoliftoff.org.uk/>

Channel 4 have recently opened applications for the 8<sup>th</sup> series of **Junior Bake Off**; a programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

They are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years old**.

Filming would take place from July 2022, but our **applications close on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at -  
[www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk](http://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)

Best wishes,  
The Junior Bake Off Team



## Community Board



### Parents

#### Volunteers Needed To Become a School Admission Appeal Panel Member

Are you interested in education and want to get involved?

Do you have excellent listening skills, have the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions?

Would you like to become involved in an important, impartial service provided to parents and schools?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, why not apply to become a Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Member?

#### What's it all about?

Being a Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Member can be a rewarding experience for those who wish to contribute to their community and have time to commit during the day.

If a parent is refused a place at their preferred school they can appeal to an independent School Admission Appeal Panel. This Panel will consider the parent's case, the reasons why the admission authority refused their child a place and will then decide whether to allow or refuse the parent's appeal.

Contact Democratic Services at Gloucestershire County Council for more information/ to request an application form.

[democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Tel: 01452 324205

#### Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Member - FAQs

##### What will I be doing?

You will be sitting on independent School Admission Appeal Panels.

You will be ensuring that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing, have been given every opportunity to put their case forward, and have been taken seriously.

##### How much time do I need to give?

This can vary depending on the level of commitment you wish to give. While appeals are held throughout the year, the peak months are between May and July. The appeals are arranged so that they are heard for half a day or a full day depending on the amount of appeals received.

##### Where will the hearings be held?

Hearings are usually held at Shire Hall, Gloucestershire County Council. However, currently, temporary regulations allow for school admission appeals to be heard virtually until the end of September 2022.

##### Can anyone be a panel member?

Yes, unless you are a Gloucestershire County Councillor or an employee of the Gloucestershire County Council.

##### Do panel members receive training?

Yes, all panel members are trained before sitting on a panel and this is refreshed at least every two years. The next training session will be taking place on 31 March 2022.

##### Do panel members get paid?

Panel members provide a very important volunteer service which is unpaid. However panel members are entitled to expenses, such as travel when attending panel hearings and training.



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**21st - 25th February**  
**Half Term Camp!**



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**VENUES:** Balcarres Sports Centre (5-12 yrs)  
Bishops Cleeve Primary Academy (5-12yrs)  
Charlton Kings Infant School (3-7yrs)

**WHEN:** 21st - 25th February 2022  
9.00am - 3.30pm  
8.30am drop-off & 5.00pm collect add-on's

**Multi-sports, board games, arts and crafts**  
**Run by specialist school sports coaches**  
**Non-profit, charity organisation**  
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## FAKEAWAY Challenge



### IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN OUR FAMILY FAKEAWAY CHALLENGE!

We all like to treat ourselves to a night without cooking by ordering some convenience food. Unfortunately, those "treats" can have a negative impact on your whole family's health and wellbeing especially if you eat them often.

#### How to take part:

1. You will receive a weekly recipe for a nutritious Move More Family Fakeaway.
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## WEEK TWO

### Homemade Pizza!

Home made pizzas are fun to make and often contain healthier ingredients than the more processed ones sold in fast-food restaurants. On average, takeaway pizza has a lot more saturated fat, sodium and sugar than a homemade pizza.

#### Top Tips!

The nutritional value of pizza depends primarily on the toppings. To get more fiber, vitamins, and minerals add lots of colourful veggies. If you'd like to reduce sodium, don't use processed meats like pepperoni. If you are trying to be mindful of your calorie or saturated fat intake, enjoy your pizza with less cheese.

#### Did you know...

**Swapping takeaways for fakeaways can help you control the size of your portions. Research says that when we order takeaways we tend to get carried away, order and eat a lot more than we need.**



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On average, a frozen fish-finger contains only 50% fish and has lots of coating. Homemade fish-finger contains 80% fish and you control how much coating you put on! Ready-made frozen fish fingers can have very high levels of sodium – too much sodium can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke.

#### Top Tips!

Swapping potatoes for sweet potatoes is a good idea because they are rich in vitamin A, an antioxidant that helps your body fight germs. Sweet potatoes also have lots of vitamin C and vitamin B that help your brain work properly. One sweet potato has about four grams of plant based fibre, which helps you maintain a healthy weight and lowers risk of chronic diseases such as type 2 diabetes and high cholesterol.

#### Did you know...

**Most takeaways are fried, most likely using a processed vegetable or palm oil. These oils are frequently re-heated. Every time the oil is cooled and re-used it releases toxic substances that can cause damage to our organs, and have been linked to heart disease and cancer.**



## Homemade Pizza

Prep time: 20 minutes

Resting time: 15 minutes

Overall cooking time: 40 minutes

Makes 2 large pizza bases



#### Shopping List

For pizza bases:

- 400g plain flour, plus extra to dust
- 1 x 7g sachet fast action dried yeast
- 1 tsp fine sea salt
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 2 tbsp olive oil, plus extra to drizzle
- 225ml water
- 1 tbsp cornmeal, polenta or semolina, to roll out

For the sauce:

- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 x 400g tin peeled plum tomatoes
- ½ x 30g pack basil
- 1 tsp dried oregano (if you have fresh, use 2 tsp, chopped)

Toppings - anything you like! Cheese, sliced peppers, sweetcorn, roast courgette, mushrooms, anchovies, pineapple, spinach...



1. Preheat the oven to the hottest it will go. Put in 2 large baking trays, to get really hot.

2. Mix the flour, yeast, salt and sugar together in a mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre and add the oil, then add about 225ml water to bring together as a dough. Tip out onto a floured surface and knead for 1 minute, just until smooth. Leave to rest under the upturned bowl.

3. Fry the garlic in hot oiled saucepan for 30 seconds, without browning. Add the tin of tomatoes, half the basil and all the dried oregano to the pan.

4. Squash the tomatoes down with the back of a spoon or with a potato masher. Simmer for 15 minutes until thickened. Season to taste; remove from the heat and allow to cool to room temperature.

5. Roll out one ball of dough at a time on a lightly floured surface, to about 25cm in diameter. Sprinkle a large square of baking paper with the cornmeal (or alternative) then lift the dough onto the paper. Stretch and press the pizza dough with your fingertips until it is about 30cm diameter, indenting a thicker crust around the edges.

6. Repeat to make a second pizza.

7. Divide the tomato sauce between each pizza; spread thinly. Add cheese and any other toppings of your choice. Leave to rise for 10-15 minutes.

8. Don't be tempted to overload your pizza!

9. Transfer each pizza (still on its paper) to the preheated tray.

10. Bake for 10-15 minutes until the dough is golden. Serve with a bowl of lovely crunchy salad and enjoy!

11. Share your favourite toppings with Marijuana #FakeawayChallenge (see below)

**Missed a challenge? Fear not!**

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## Fish 'n' Chips

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cooking time: 40 minutes

Serves: 4



#### Shopping List

Fish fingers:

- 500 gr of white fish fillets (fresh or frozen, just remember to thoroughly defrost fish before cooking)
- 1/3 cup plain flour
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup fresh bread crumbs
- finely grated rind of 1 lemon

Sweet potato wedges:

- 4 medium sweet potatoes
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 teaspoon salt (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper (optional)
- 2 tbsp rosemary (fresh or dry)

A selection of green leafy vegetables, such as spinach, cabbage, lettuce...



1. Preheat oven to 200C. Wash sweet potatoes. Slice in half, then into wedges.

2. Toss wedges in olive oil and seasonings.

3. Place on a baking sheet, skin side down.

4. Bake for 30-40 minutes.

5. Slice the fish into fingers.

6. Place the flour in a bowl.

7. Break eggs into another bowl and whisk to combine, son 1:18

8. Combine the fresh crumbs and lemon rind in a third bowl.

9. Place a fish finger in the flour bowl and cover well, dust off any excess. Dip the flour-coated fish finger in egg and then in the bread crumb mixture. Repeat for remaining fish fingers.

10. Place coated fish fingers on lined baking trays. In a single layer.

11. Bake for 10-15 minutes until golden and sizzling. Serve with sweet potato wedges and some nice green leafy vegetables on the side.

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## **St Edwards School**

Dear Parents,

I am delighted share a link to the latest copy of our '**Term Times**', providing you with an insight into life at St Edward's and the variety of experiences available for our students.

I would like to invite the Grangefield Primary School Community to attend our forthcoming Open Morning which is taking place on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March from 9:30am until 12:30pm** with two time slots available for the early and late risers. As well as taking a tour of our facilities, you will be able to talk to our staff and current students who will provide you with a first-hand insight into what it is like to be part of the St Edward's community. Please book your place online via <https://stedwards.uk/visit> If you are unable to make this date, or would prefer to make an individual appointment to visit, please do not hesitate to contact me, my details are below.

An important piece of news I am delighted to share with you is that it has been announced that St Edward's is becoming part of the **Alpha Schools Group**. We are all very excited about this new part of our school journey and look forward to continuing to provide an outstanding educational experience for all our pupils, as part of an established family of schools. Further information about this exciting development can be found here: [Press release](#).

Last but not least, if you would like to visit our **School Podcast Library**, please have a listen here: <https://www.stedwards.co.uk/news/school-podcast/> One of the most recent episodes was an interview with the St Edward's Admissions Team. There are many more to choose from, including one which interviews our current Year 7 students.

We are looking forward to a bright new 2022 and once again welcoming lots of families through our gates. See you soon!

Yours sincerely

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