



Date	Activity
15 May	Class Photo Day
18 May	School Census Day – Special Menu
18 May	Year 5 Trip to ThinkTank
w/c 22 May	Science Week
26 May	Science Fair – 3:15 – 4:00 pm
24 May	Bags4Schools Collection
26 May	Term 5 Ends
5 June	Term 6 Starts
5-9 June	Y6 Residential to PGL Liddington
7 June	Year 2 Trip to Goodrich Castle
15 June	Reception Assembly Time TBC
w/c 19 June	Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair
19 June	Feet First Festival (Selected Year 1 & 6 children)
21 June	EYFS & KS1 Sports Day (Parents can attend in afternoon Time TBC)
22 June	KS2 Sports Day (Parents can attend in afternoon Time TBC)
27 June	Year 5 Cleeve High School Taster Day
28 June	Year 3 Assembly Time TBC
29 June	Year 6 Assembly – 2:30 pm
5 July	Year 1 Assembly Time TBC
6 July	Year 2 Trip to Slimbridge
8 July	Grangefest 2023
13 July	Year 6 Production / Graduation – 1:30 pm
21 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
24 July	Inset Day
25 July	Inset Day
New Event or Change of Date/Time	
FOGS Event	

Mrs Elander-Phoenix

At the end of the School Year, after 5 years here at Grangefield, we will be saying a sad goodbye to our SENCO, Mrs Elander-Phoenix. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new SENCO and we will ensure a smooth transition during this period. We wish Mrs Elander-Phoenix very success in her new adventure.

Summer Reminders

As we are starting to get a sprinkling of Summer, between the rain showers, just some reminders:

- Please ensure that a coat is brought to school, even if it is sunny in the morning, we have had some lunchtime / afternoon showers
- If your child suffers with Hayfever, please ensure that they are given symptom relievers before arriving at school
- Sunglasses can be worn at break / lunch time for medical reasons, however fashion sunglasses should not be brought to school
- Sunhats should be brought in, for children to wear during outside activities
- When needed, suncream should be applied before school

SCHOOL TRIP REMINDERS

Year 5 – Year 6 Residential May 2024

Please continue to make regular payments towards the Residential

Contributions towards the following trips can now be paid via ParentPay

- Year 2 – Goodrich Castle & Slimbridge
- Selected Children – Feet First Festival
- Year 5 - Thinktank

Our regular DJ, who we have use for our Discos and Summer Fairs, has retired, so we are looking for a new DJ! If you are a DJ or know a DJ, who could assist, please can you get in touch with us at GrangefieldPTA@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk or admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk We will need a DJ for our Grangefest Event.

What have we been doing?

On Wednesday 3rd May, our Reception children enjoyed a lovely day out at Cotswold Wildlife Park visiting the animals.



Grangefield Science Week – 22 to 26 May

Grangefield Science Week will be taking place in the week beginning 22nd May.

As part of our Science Week celebrations, we would like to build a display of the Grangefield Science Family. Your children will be asked to bring in a photograph of anyone in their family (or close family friends) who uses Science in their job with a short caption explaining what job they do. The idea of this is to illustrate to the children the huge variety of jobs today which use science and scientific skills so please feel free to interpret this as broadly as you wish - it doesn't have to be the "traditional" Science jobs.

In addition, if any of you are willing to create a short video which we could share with the children, or would like to come in to school to speak with the children about science in your job please email me via:

admin@grangefield.gloucs.sch.uk

Finally - a date for your diary: on Friday 26th May we shall be holding a Science Fair. This will be an opportunity for the children to share their science learning from Science Week, with each other and with you. The science fair will be open to parents and carers from 3:15 to 4:00pm. - please join us!

*Many thanks for your support
Mrs Newitt
Science Subject Leader*

King's Coronation Celebration Day

On Friday 5 May, we celebrated the King's Coronation by having a Green Grangefield Day, all the children took part in various outside activities including making Tree Guardians, seed bombs and bug hotels, as well as playing with the parachute, diablos and dancing around the may pole. Jenny and her owls also visited us from Wren's Bird of Prey. A big Thank You to Mrs Kempster, who arranged the activities for the day.



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Our next virtual Book Fair is due to take during the week commencing Monday 19 June, further information will be sent out nearing the time

Friends of Grangefield (FOGS) Corner

CASAGEES' TAKEAWAY 2 GIVEAWAY

A huge thank you to all the families and friends who supported the fantastic competition run by CasaGees last Friday and Saturday. They have generously donated 50% of their takings from orders which equates to..... **£410!!!**

As many of you will know we need to either replace or repair the FOGS shed and this money will mean we can do that. A big thank you to CasaGees for such a fantastic competition.

If you voted for Friends of Grangefield School during the nominations, you will be emailed a 10% code as a thank you.

BAGS2SCHOOL

Time for that spring clean!! Please see below for a list of items you can donate. Drop off on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th May (by 9am) to the covered area outside of reception. Please use your own bags.

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Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag 2 School on:

Wednesday 24th May 2023 by 9am

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We have noticed that some children have been bringing in toys for Show and Tell, based on the 2021 horror game 'Poppy's Playtime' (PEGI rating 12+). The character is called Huggy Wuggy. The character sounds like a cuddly bear, but is actually encouraging children to copy behaviours – hugging people randomly, but then carrying out violence and verbal abuse.

There are also disturbing images in the game and within videos of this character. Some videos maliciously posted to streaming platforms have been created to inflict 'jump scares', which feature this character. The child thinks they are watching something nice, but then the character suddenly appears. For younger children especially, this can be very frightening and upsetting.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HORROR GAMES

Horror video games come in such a variety that the genre can be hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't physically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADULT THEMES

Horror games are typically made with adults in mind, which means by definition that they often feature adult themes. *Outlast*, for instance, is a popular horror game series including material such as nudity and extreme sadistic violence. Other games, like *Five Nights at Freddy's* and *Phasmophobia*, have a back-story that doesn't actually appear on screen but still hints at explicit adult themes.

VIOLENT CONTENT

Not all horror games contain graphic violence (titles like *Five Nights at Freddy's* and *Phasmophobia* prefer a spookier, suspenseful aesthetic) but many do portray extreme brutality very realistically. *Until Dawn* and the hugely popular *Resident Evil* and *Outlast* franchises, for instance, feature incredibly graphic violence. The safest course of action is to thoroughly research a game in advance.

ONLINE INTERACTION

Some horror games are played cooperatively with others online. *Phasmophobia* is one of the most popular titles in this category, and while it doesn't feature an excessive amount of gore, it does place a strong emphasis on online interaction – often with strangers. *Dead by Daylight* is another game in which frequent and prolonged online communication with other players is an advantage.

PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR

Rather than simply lading on the blood and gore, psychological horror games try to scare the player through subtler mental and emotional means. For this reason, this type of game (notable examples include *Alien: Isolation*, *The Medium* and the *Amnesia* series) can have a longer-lasting effect on players; some occasionally 'break the fourth wall' – interacting directly with the player as if they were real.

LONG-TERM FEAR FACTOR

Horror games are designed to be scary; most players accept this fact in advance. They can, however, include content which leaves an unwanted lasting impression. By focusing on our fears and concerns to elicit an emotional reaction, horror games can be triggering in unexpected ways for some players. It's difficult to predict when – and how – a game might have long-term effects on an individual's mental wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BEWARE OF JUMP SCARES

Jump scares in video games are often no worse than they are in movies. If a young person doesn't cope well with being suddenly startled by something in a film or on TV, they probably won't be able to handle horror games featuring jump scares. Some games (such as *Five Nights at Freddy's*) are built entirely around this technique and aren't suitable for younger children or those who are easily frightened.

RESEARCH THE GAME

It's best to look into a horror game thoroughly if your child expresses an interest in playing it. Many indie horror titles are download only and therefore aren't required to come with an age rating – so you'll need to do some background reading and judge the game's content for yourself. Check out the game's web pages, read any wikis about it (including fan ones) and watch videos of the gameplay.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy to lose track of time when gaming, and horror games are no exception. A short break every hour or so is important to rest the eyes and relieve the posture – especially if traumatic situations in the game have built up tension and stress. For horror gamers, breaks also give the added benefit of feeling more relaxed afterwards, which can mean a scarier gaming session when they resume.

IF IN DOUBT, SWAP IT OUT

If your child finds a horror game to play, but after doing some research you decide it doesn't look like the right one for them, swap it out! There are a lot of horror titles to choose from, and some will be more appropriate than others. Work together with your child to find a suitable game for them. Remember, horror games don't have to be gore-spattered and graphic to be enjoyably scary!

STAY RECEPTIVE

Maintaining good communication with your child is vital for safe gaming. If they see something in a horror game that disturbs them in ways they didn't expect, then they should feel comfortable opening up to you about it. Try not to simply laugh it off or make light of it, and always make time to listen. It's a useful reminder that they can talk to you about any type of problem they have in the future.

Meet Our Expert

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