

# GrangeMail 19-20

22nd November

## Car Park Nearly Completed

I cannot tell you how satisfying it has been to see the fence completed: at last! It looks really good and facilitates safe transit for children and adults from the far end of the car park. Just a bit of extra line work to be completed and my work is done. The Health and Safety auditor who came on Tuesday for the annual audit said that our car park was amazing and that she loved it. Loving a school car park is, I guess, a H and S Officer's dream and given that the car park/s and traffic have been a nightmare for years, I'll take that. She even wrote it in bold on her spreadsheet – a very proud moment!

## Very Healthy and Very Safe

The Annual Audit went really well again this year and we showed compliance and high standards in all 28 areas. The level of work put into producing evidence, being compliant and chasing contractors is relentless so many thanks to Mr Penrice and Mrs Taylor for maintaining our standards this year.

## Singing for the Community Christmas

BBC Radio Oxford was in yesterday afternoon to record the whole school sing 'Love and Hope for All' and 'Prince of Peace'. The BBC staff were truly amazed and in awe of our children in every respect. Tune in to BBC Radio Oxford on 10<sup>th</sup> December to David Prever's Breakfast Club at 7.45am and 8.45am. They sounded so brilliant, so get the tissues ready.

## Attendance -tiny slippage

Still looking good at **97.83%**. Well done all.

## Collaboration at its best

Parents evening attendance was outstanding this week. Every teacher that I spoke to couldn't praise our parents highly enough; all of them grateful for your support, input, interest and desire to help your child at home. Thank you.

## InVentry Signing in

I think that most of you have had an opportunity to sign in as visitors to school using the new system. I have to say that it is incredibly useful and will support safeguarding and be invaluable in times of fire and lockdown incidents.

## Christmas is Coming

I cannot believe how fast Christmas is approaching. As I said last week, the tree is coming next week on 28<sup>th</sup>. Keep a look-out for the What's Coming up bulletin that will remind you of Christmas Nativity and concert dates. Tickets will be available to order early next week. The office will inform you when your tickets will be available to purchase on your ParentPay account.

## Late pick-ups – still a problem

Can you make sure that you pick your child/ren up on time at the end of the school day please and especially from Wrap around Care at 6pm. Charges will be applied to late Wrap around Care pick-ups.

## UKS2 Library Visit

On Monday, Year 5/6 walked to the library. Each class had the opportunity to learn about what the library has on offer beyond providing books, and was shown some of the Victorian literature on the shelves. Using our class cards, every student borrowed a book to read each morning during registration. Choosing these books demonstrated the wide range of interests in Year 5/6, from football to creatures, Victorians to dragons! There are forms in the office to sign up to the library – a fantastic way to fit in more reading!

## Year 2 Reading in Great Shape

Well done to Laura S, Jacob J and Theo Y for outstanding reading aloud to the whole school this morning; practise for when they are recorded by BBC Radio Oxford for their book review of *The Tree That's Meant to Be*—a beautiful book by Yuval Zommer.

## Promoting Positive Behaviour - CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR ACHIEVERS

### Caught Being Good Awards :

**10 Caught Being Good Awards:** Adam D, Harley D, Huw S, Jayden D, Kaylum G-S, Lacey R, Daniel S, Sophie R, Willow C, Ethan H, Isabella H, Jemima G, Sophia K, Henry C, Abigail O, Emily R, Jack H

**20 Caught Being Good Awards:** Mia T

**30 Caught Being Good Awards:** Benjamin D

**40 Caught Being Good Awards:** Brooke D, Faith A, Ilie A, Roman S, Effie H, Aurora H, Jack C, Toby W

**50 Caught Being Good Awards:** Maks G, Rory A, Sophie W, Angel T, Annie B

**Silver Caught Being Good Awards:** Max P

**70 Caught Being Good Awards:** Lilly H

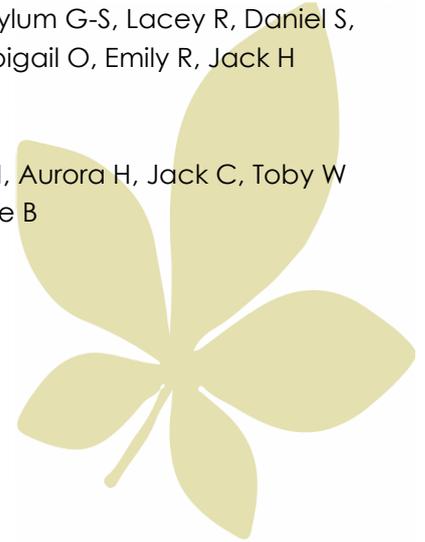
**100 Caught Being Good Awards:** Abdou-Allah D

**Platinum Caught Being Good Awards:** Tiannah P, Lukasz S

**130 Caught Being Good Awards:** Jamie G, Lucas H

**140 Caught Being Good Awards:** Sophie B, Sophie P

**150 Caught Being Good Book:** Emily S, Alfie G



### Showing The Grange Way out of School

... **Faith A:** for receiving her Agility and Family Tree awards at Rainbows

... **Lottie P:** for receiving her Purple Belt in Karate - Freestyle Martial Arts

#### Introducing our 2019 – 2020 Mental Health Ambassadors

Dru C      Karly F

Evie W      Phoebe G

Charlotte (Lottie) P

The children will be providing Mental Health Awareness across the school.

#### Introducing our 2019 - 2020 Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

**For FS/KS1** Alex J, Camilla N

**Yr 3 & 4** George C, Shirley A

**Yr 5 & 6** Harjovan G, Fiona P

The children will be providing Anti-Bullying Awareness for the above year groups.

I have been so impressed by the amount and quality of home-learning that has been brought into school so far this term. The Victorian family artefacts and family heirlooms from Year 5/6 have been really interesting.

Oliver M's diary writing impressed me greatly today—such good vocabulary, description and empathy for a street urchin in Victorian times who was escaping the city for life in the countryside town of Banbury. Very good.

Have a great weekend everyone—stay safe.

*Muri Bix*