

Assembly

Primary 1/2 class assembly will take place on **Monday 26th June** at 10am. All are welcome to attend the last assembly of this school year.

Special events:

We are proud of the children who have represented our school in the community in recent weeks.

- ◆ The children in Primary 4-7 had a fantastic day on their end of year outing to Lisburn. Primary 1-3 look forward to their day out on Tuesday.
- ◆ Our winning House Point team for this term, Donard, enjoyed their reward trip to the cinema room at the Kingdom Youth Club.
- ◆ Congratulations to the girls and boys who have represented our school at St. Columban's netball and football tournaments today and other tournaments this year. You have been great ambassadors for our school by displaying your talent and sportsmanship. Well done to you all!

Celebration:

We held a special celebration in school yesterday evening, Thursday 22nd June, to mark the achievements of our children in recent weeks. The Eco team achieved the first green flag for Grange Primary School and Primary 5/6 represented us at the University of Ulster, Jordanstown at the Sentinus Big Bang Fair.

It was a lovely evening as children, staff, parents, grandparents and family members came together to view and reflect on the children's achievements. Both initiatives provided our children with valuable experiences which they will remember for the rest of their lives, whilst enabling them to develop their literacy, numeracy, ICT and thinking skills—to name a few!

Mass

Well done to Primary 2/3 who attended Mass yesterday morning. Primary 1/2 will attend and participate next Thursday.

Reports:

All pupils will receive their end of year written report on Monday 26th June. There will be a reply slip which parents need to send into school as an acknowledgement that they received the report. The envelope will also contain a letter detailing your child's class placement for next year and a school closure list for 2017-18.

Reminder:

Any data collection / permission to collect etc. forms which have not been returned to school should be sent in before Friday 30th June.
Please also return beach clean sponsorship forms and money to school by Monday 26th June.

School App:

We have received very positive feedback from parents who have installed the school app on their smartphone or tablet. The app enables us to quickly and easily contact parents in a very cost-effective way. We will increasingly use the app in the following year as a means of communication. The app is free to install and may be downloaded as follows:

Visit your App Store (Google play/Apple App Store) and search for OURSCHOOLSAPP. Download the app. It is important that you enable the app to access your calendar and to send you notifications. Enter the school postcode or name and select Grange Primary School from the list. We aim to use the app as a messaging service for parents and families in place of texting. You can also access the school website via the app and this will be important to keep up to date with events in the calendar.

Thank you:

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who helped us at our Sports Day and beach clean. It would be impossible to hold these events without your support. Indeed, thank you to all parents and grandparents who have supported our school throughout the year.

Thank you to the ladies in our Friends of Grange group who, in recent weeks, were in attendance at the Primary 7 presentation and Eco/Sentinus celebration to ensure that everyone had tea and was well looked after. Parents will also help us out on Monday at the end of year disco too. Your time, work and dedication at events and meetings throughout the year are greatly appreciated and fundraising you initiate enables us to provide enhanced experiences for all children in Grange.

Thank you to coaches from An Ríocht who have volunteered in our school. Mr. Sean O'Rourke who has been providing an after-school football club for our Primary 5-7 boys during this term and Aine Fearon who has provided the girls with Camogie coaching. We appreciate their time and expertise.

Thank you to Mrs. Carol Quinn who has volunteered as a literacy support teacher in our school throughout the year, working with children from Primary 1-4. The children love working with Mrs Quinn and the staff are grateful for her skill and vast experience in working with children.

Thank you to Rev. Fr. Dillon and Rev. Fr. Cahill for their support throughout the year and to members of the Parish who have supported us in so many ways.

Thank you to our Board of Governors for their commitment and work in the background throughout the year.

Thank you to the staff of our school. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to give the best opportunities and education to the children in Grange Primary School. Their dedication is greatly appreciated.

Dates for the Diary

| Date: | Activity: | Time |
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| Monday 26th June | P1/2 assembly and End of Year Disco This is a non-uniform day | 10.00am 1.30pm |
| Tuesday 27th June | P1-3 outing to Rascals | Returning to school by 2pm |
| Friday 30th June | School ends for summer break This is a non-uniform day | 12 noon. |
| Thursday 31st August | Primary 1/7 begin the new school year | 9am-12 noon for all pupils |
| Friday 1st September | Back to school for all pupils | Normal school day |

Lost property

There are many items of clothing in our cloakroom areas in school.
Please ensure that your child takes their coat home within the next few weeks.
Clothes remaining in school after 30th June
will be given to a local charity shop.

Green Flag Status for Grange Primary School



We are so proud of our ECO team, pictured with their leaders Mrs McAteer and Mrs Sloan and Mr Patton who awarded them the Eco Schools Green Flag. The children were honoured by Newry, Mourne and Down District Council at a special reception in Warrenpoint Town Hall on Thursday 22nd June.



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Grange Newsletter



Congratulations to our Primary Seven class who presented an assembly about their memories of Grange following the end of year Mass.

We wish them well in their new schools and look forward to catching up with them in the future.

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