



GRANTA GAZETTE

Your roundup of news and tips to keep you well informed



Message from the Headteacher

What a wonderful first half-term it has been! Students have embraced our Recovery Curriculum and settled back into school amazingly well. We are continuing to develop our curriculum offer here at Granta to ensure the most personalised learning experiences for each and every child and we look forward to sharing these new developments with you. In an era of fast-paced

technological advancement, we are moving with the times and are proud of our newly designed website and social media feeds, which we hope will improve communication with our school community and beyond. Do follow us on Facebook and Twitter for reminders, updates and to share in the exciting experiences we are having in school and please do read our Social Media Code of Conduct article below to ensure these platforms can remain positive and respectful. This half-term sees the departure of some

truly amazing staff and we wish them well in their new adventures. We say goodbye to Yuki who is moving on to be an integrated therapist, Jacqui who is moving over to CRC, Mariyana who is moving to a mainstream Primary school and Christine, who after 15 years is taking well deserved retirement! Best of luck to them all, you will be greatly missed! I'd like to wish all our families and staff a restful, relaxing half-term week and I look forward to seeing you all in November. Ruchi Datta, Head teacher

Black History Month



Penguin and Turtle class have been learning about the life of Rosa Parks in history. We talked about how black people were expected to go to different toilets, sit at the back of buses, walk to school rather than use the school bus and attend different schools. Rosa was brave when she refused to give up her seat at the front of the black section of the bus, because all the white people's seating was full. She was arrested and went to jail for a night. She was an ordinary person who changed history by doing the right thing. Before she died Rosa got a prize from President Obama. Penguins made a bus, showing how black people can now sit wherever they like on public transport thanks to Rosa's bravery.



Dalmatians and Fitzebra have been exploring different African dance and music and have created some African jewellery and instruments to wear and shake. We have been listening to Coming to England, by Floella Benjamin and Handa's Surprise. We really enjoy being the animals in the story and taking the fruit! We have pretended to be Akeyo and have written some thank you letters to Handa, thanking her for the tangerines. We made some fruit out of playdough and have been tasting some of the fruits from the story too.

Pupil Medication

At Granta we work closely with our families to manage the medical needs of our pupils whilst in school. Regulation around over the counter medication has changed and we are now able to give over the counter medications without the need for them to be prescribed. This can range from, but not be limited to, simple pain relief, barrier creams or indigestion treatments. Please ensure when sending them in they are clearly labelled on both the box and the bottle or container with your child's name.

Diary dates

- 26th October - 30th October
Half Term
- 26th November
Virtual Parents Evening
- 18th December Break for
Christmas



Granta Schools Halloween Spooky Spectacular

Deputy head entertains as a pumpkin!



Happy Retirement Christine!



Granta students took part in a Friendship Run organised virtually by South Cambridgeshire School Sport Partnership. The students completed laps of the field over a 20 minute period, recorded their results and tried to get faster as the week went on. A lot of fun was had by all students who took part.



Follow us on twitter: @grantaschool

On Friday 23rd October we hosted a Spooky Dress Up Day for students and teachers. What a brilliant day we all had. We must give a shout out to our parents, as the pupils costumes were amazing. We had everything from skeletons, witches and ghoules, to a colourful clown and a scary cheerleader. There was pumpkin carving taking place, searching through jelly for spiders and lots of monster dancing!



Come and Join the team

Friends of Granta School are a group of Parents, staff & friends working together for the children & young adults with special needs who attend Granta School. We are looking for new faces to join us and help raise funds to provide our students with equipment, opportunities and experiences otherwise not available to them. If this is something you are interested in please contact our office for further information.

Granta School Governors are looking for new parent governors to join the team. If you would like to be a part of a worthwhile and rewarding experience, involved in the life of the school, able to make a difference and seeing the children benefit, please contact our Head teacher or Chair of Governors for further

Social Media Parent Code of Conduct

We understand the benefits of using social media. However, if misused it can be extremely detrimental to our young people, staff and school community. We expect parents/carers to behave in an appropriate manner online and will not tolerate any of the following behaviour online:

- Posting defamatory 'statuses' about fellow parents/carers, pupils, the school or its employees on social media or other sites
- Complaining about the

school's values, conduct and methods on social media or other sites

- Parents/carers will not attempt to 'friend' or 'follow' any member of school staff on social media
 - Parents/carers are expected not to post anonymously or under an alias to evade being identified and being in direct breach of the guidance as set out within this code of conduct
- Every school has a Complaints Procedures Policy in place which provides the appropriate

forum for parents/carers or any relevant party to express any concern or grievance that they may have regarding the conduct of the school or its staff. Such a policy is implemented to avoid parents/carers broadcasting grievances online. Please always contact the Headteacher or Deputy Head to discuss any concerns. Our online platforms are not for this use.

Breaches of this code of conduct will be taken seriously and parents/carers may be banned from social media

platforms. In the event of illegal, defamatory, or discriminatory content, breaches could lead to appropriate sanctions being taken by the school which shall not only include a temporary ban for the offending party but also in more serious cases a criminal prosecution. The school retains the right to request any damaging material to be removed immediately by the offending party from social media and any other websites where it has been posted/published.

