



GRANTA GAZETTE

Your roundup of news and tips to keep you well informed



Message from the Headteacher

What an amazing first term it has been for me here at Granta! Thank you to all our students, staff, governors and families for the warm welcome and ongoing support and helpful feedback through this term. It has been a busy and very productive period, with much learning for both students and staff. I cannot wait to share with parents the new

initiatives we are developing in order to ensure the most effective curriculum to prepare our young people for adulthood. To support this development work, I am pleased to announce that this term we have appointed two additional Assistant Headteachers from within our staff team. I know that you will join me in congratulating Lucinda Billington and Emma Stubbings on their new roles – we are very excited about what they will bring to the Senior Leadership

Team! At the end of this term, we say good bye to Enza Gambin, who is moving on to a new role in teaching and interpreting British Sign Language. We wish her all the best of luck in her new venture. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very merry festive break. Stay safe, be joyous and we look forward to seeing all our students back on Tuesday 5th January 2021!

Ruchi Datta Headteacher

Sent with Love

Students have been taking part in 'Sent with Love' Tuesday. Each class made a gift for another class to receive. Dolphin Class made Salt Dough tree decorations. Darwin Blue made Christmas Crackers for Seahorse Class and Jellyfish Class received Salt Dough tree decorations, decorated by Racoon Class.



Starfish Class were delighted to receive an amazing joke book from Jellyfish Class. Starfish Class also made a 'no sew' fleece blanket to donate to the Sent with Love charity, who are an organisation that send hand crafted blankets to people recently diagnosed with cancer.



Tip of the Month



The Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP) Centre has set up its own website which has been designed and written specifically for children, young people, teachers, parents and carers - www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Diary dates

- 05th January 2021
New School Term begins
- 15th-19th February 2021
Half Term
- 26th March 2021
End of Spring Term



Key Message - Christmas Track and Trace

If your child develops symptoms after school finishes, over the weekend of the 19th and 20th December, it is essential that you contact the school via our designated email: testandtrace@granta.cambs.sch.uk and take your child for a test immediately. Please forward test results to this address. Please do not use a postal test over this time unless absolutely necessary, as the delay could mean that results don't come back until Christmas Eve.



Wishing all of our families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Happy Hanukkah

This month we have been learning about other festivals that are celebrated around the world, including Hanukkah. Jellyfish Class learn't how to play the traditional Jewish 'dreidel game' and our Fitzebra students painted Menorahs and listened to Hebrew music.



Our last week of term has certainly been busy, with Christmas celebrations and activities taking place throughout the school. We even had a visit from Santa! On Friday 11th December we took part in Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children. Coral Class competed in a relay race, which included Christmas Pudding throwing and a pitstop for a picture in Santa's Sleigh. Thank you to all who took part and donated to such a worthy cause, with your help we raised over £110.00. On Monday 14th December we watched a virtual pantomime, courtesy of Castle School and a donation from FOGS. It really was a fantastic performance and students thoroughly enjoyed it.



Christmas Lunch Day

Things have been a little different this year, but that has certainly not stopped us getting into the festive spirit. The tables looked amazing, with handmade decorations, Christmas Crackers and festive displays, it did feel very merry. Some of the students even sat down early waiting patiently for the rest of the class to join.



A very Royal Christmas

Dalmation Class have been busy making Christmas Crowns for their class Kings and Queens. We think they all look very royal!



Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer!

Students in Coral Class have been making circuits and lighting up Rudolph's nose!

