

Our school has a University!!

Workshop
Football skills
Pet Care
Mosaics
Money Matters
Dance and Drama
Cricket
Chess
Problem Solving
Cross-stitch
A Taste of India
Animation
Christmas Crafts
Street Dance
Juggling
French
Paper Craft
Growing Food
Powerpoint
Netball
Tennis
Nature Studies
Music Music!
Cycling Proficiency
Hockey
Playground Games
Country Dancing

The University offers the children the chance to develop interests and skills in a number of areas which will help us to identify each child's unique talents, some of which, under a conventional curriculum can go undiscovered. Their learning is supported by a pre-planned set of skills most relevant to their chosen workshop. Groups vary in size, depending on the skills being taught.

In the Lower Unit (Nursery, Reception and Year 1):. We offer seven weekly sessions on a Friday, over each of the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms, where your child participates in one workshop.

Current workshops include: gardening, cooking, music, mosaics and many more.

These workshops are run by teaching assistants, teachers, students and sometimes parents.

What happens at Grange on Friday mornings for Year 2 to 6?

We offer seven weekly sessions, over each of the Autumn, Spring and Summer Terms, where your child participates in two workshops.

Every child will keep a record of their workshops and will be given a certificate at the end of each workshop block. At the end of their time at Grange the children will 'graduate' from the university.

Please note that some sessions are only offered to children of a certain age.

We are always on the hunt for more workshop providers so if you have time to spare on a Friday morning and an interest area that we could help you develop into a workshop then please contact me.

Grange News

Dear Parents/Carers,

Grange Primary School achieved success at the recent 'Erewash in Bloom' awards. **We were awarded first prize in the 'Best School Gardens' category.** Once again I must thank all the parents/carers, staff and children who have contributed to making our school grounds look so wonderful. However...next Summer we aim to show our grounds as part of the National Garden Scheme (www.ngs.org.uk). We are the first school ever to be invited to join.



This is an extremely ambitious project and will require us to 'raise our game' considerably!! We cannot achieve this without your help and support and we are already planning for next year.

Are you artistic? Can you see potential in our grounds? We need your help!! We would like to create outdoor sculptures, murals and mosaics in our grounds, over the next year, with the children's ideas as our inspiration. If you could offer us any advice or expertise we would be extremely grateful.



Do you have any spare seeds, bulbs or cuttings? We would really like to diversify our vegetable and flower growing even further next year, so any contributions would be gratefully received.

Can you spare an hour? We desperately need help to maintain the grounds with the children. Friday is an excellent day to help but any offers will be gratefully received. You do not need to be an expert, I'm not!!



A huge thanks to Sheena and all the staff for serving nearly 200 roast dinners on Wednesday and 154 breakfasts on Friday morning as part of 'British Food Fortnight'. I'm just disappointed that I missed out!

Our Breakfast Club continues to go from strength to strength. It takes place in the Hall, from 8.30am, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and offers breakfast items from as little as 20 pence. More importantly, it is a safe place for your child before school and provides a space where they can socialize and make new friends. Parents come along regularly too, especially on Fridays when hot breakfast cobs are available.