

Monday 12 June 2023

Dear Parents

After the success of last year's 'Widening Horizons' event - World of Work, we are pleased to announce our plans for this year's event - Widening Horizons - Volunteering and Service in the Local Community.

### **The Big Help Out**

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation in May, thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

Community Volunteering is an important part of the UK's story, from Air Raid Wardens during the Second World War, to over 12 million of us who stepped forward during the pandemic.

Now thousands of organisations – big and small – are getting together to mark The King's Coronation by giving everybody the chance to try volunteering for themselves and make a difference in their community.

The Big Help Out officially starts on Monday 8th of May and Grange Park will be taking part during the summer term.

At Grange Park our aim is to 'Create foundations for bright futures' for our young children and to develop them into responsible, respectful and active citizens. We want our children to have high aspirations for themselves, be able to build strong relationships, be happy and confident and above all else be kind. Our Widening Horizons events aim to give children the opportunity to explore and celebrate a range of talents, interests and service, be inspired to try new things and raise their aspirations for the future. Part of our personal development programme is to promote the value of volunteering and service to others. We do this through our 'Acts of Kindness' programme, where children are encouraged to volunteer and help at home, in school and this year we would like to extend it to the community. With this in mind, this year's 'Widening Horizons' will focus on volunteering in the local community.

As you may be aware, initially Year 5 had planned to visit Elizabeth Lodge in the first part of the summer term. However, due to unforeseen issues we had to reschedule our volunteering sessions and have now planned an exciting visit to **Highlands Village Pre School** where the children will be

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reading to younger children and supporting them with their learning. The purpose of this visit is to promote kindness in the community and give children a higher sense of responsibility.

**Here are the dates we will be visiting:**

**Saturn class : Tuesday 20 and Thursday 22 June**

**Neptune class : Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 June**

**Mercury class : Tuesday 4 and Wednesday 5 July**

**Jupiter class: Tuesday 11 July and Wednesday 12 July**

The sessions will last 1 hour between 9.20 and 10.20 am. The children will go in groups of 15 with the class teacher and 1 parent volunteer.

Please ensure that on the day, your child is wearing their school uniform and outer clothing suitable for the weather.

If you are available and would like to accompany us on the trip, please express your interest on Parentmail and your class teacher will confirm parent volunteers once all responses have been submitted.

**All children on our asthma register must make sure they have an up to date pump with them on the day. Children without their pumps will not be allowed to go.**

Many thanks for your continued support.

Kind regards

The Year 5 Team