

Tuesday 9 May 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.

Year 2 has planned to complete acts of kindness by volunteering in and just outside of our school grounds by collecting litter. The purpose of this is for our children to take part in caring for our environment within our school grounds and in the wider community.

The date and times for each class volunteering are as follows:

**Wednesday 17th May 2023 - 9:00 - 10:15 am**

- Robin Group 2
- Kingfisher Group 2

**Wednesday 17th May 2023 - 10:45 - 12:00 am**

- Puffin Group 1
- Woodpecker Group 1

**Friday 19th May 2023 - 9:00 - 10:15 am**

- Puffin Group 2
- Woodpecker Group 2

**Friday 19th May 2023 - 10:45 - 12:00 am**

- Robin Group 1
- Kingfisher Group 1

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, 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.

Yours sincerely

Year 2 Team