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Welcome Address

BY THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today, we celebrated Grange School's 68th Founder's Day under the theme One School, Many Hearts. It was a special occasion, and one of the highlights was recognising 27 members of staff for their years of service to the school. The awards ranged from 5 to 30 years, which is no small achievement!

A special mention goes to Mr. Sanni Alani, who received the 30-Year Long Service Award. Thirty years of service is a significant milestone, and I would like to thank him for his loyalty, hard work and commitment to Grange School. I also extend my sincere appreciation to all the other staff members recognised for their years of service. Each of you has played a part in making Grange what it is today, and we are grateful for all you do. There was also a football match between our alumni and current students. I will leave you to find out who won and by how many goals! Read the newsletter for the score, other activities organised by our alumni and some lovely pictures from the day. You can also enjoy pictures from the PTA AGM held over the weekend.

Our Year 11 students also held their Charity Bake Sale, with plenty of treats on offer and wonderful support from the school community. The proceeds will go to the Down Syndrome Foundation to support its work with children with Down syndrome. Thank you to our Year 11 parents for their donations and to everyone who bought a treat. I hope you enjoyed them!

We also have good news from the sports field. Zara Adegoke recently competed in the 100m sprint at the Athletic Heat Meet, held as part of the event's 10th Anniversary celebration. She clocked an impressive 13.63 seconds, setting a new personal best, and went on to win the race. Well done, Zara! We are proud of you.

Finally, a reminder that the Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place tomorrow, Saturday, 14 November. Year 6 parents are kindly reminded that they may drop off their children and return at the designated pick-up time. Have a lovely weekend with your children.

Warm regards,

Richard McMahon
Head of School



ANNOUNCEMENTS

International School Trips: The school is planning five international trips this academic year to Kenya, France, London (two trips) and Rome. We recognise that some students may be eligible to participate in more than two trips. However, to ensure that students do not spend an extended period away from school and miss valuable learning time, each student will be permitted to participate in a maximum of two international trips during the academic year. Parents are kindly asked to take note.

After School Pick ups: Parents are kindly reminded to inform the school whenever there is a change in the person authorised to pick up their child, whether a nanny, driver or other caregiver. This will allow the school to issue a new pick-up code and update its records.

For pupils attending after-school sports activities, parents are also asked to be patient and ensure they sign out their children with the coaches before leaving. This is important to help us keep track of every child. Please note that coaches will not release any child without the parent or authorised adult signing them out.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our children safe.

Year 7 Entrance Examination: A gentle reminder that the Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place tomorrow, Saturday, November 14, 8am. Year 6 parents are kindly reminded that, due to limited parking space, they will only be allowed to sign in and drop off their children. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

GRANGE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 68 YEARS AT FOUNDER'S DAY

Earlier today, Friday, 13 November 2026, we came together to celebrate 68 years of Grange School at our Founder's Day celebration, themed "One School, Many Hearts." It was an opportunity to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements and recognise the people who have helped make Grange what it is today.

The celebration began with a welcome address by Board Member, Mrs Aronke Omame. We were also pleased to welcome Mr Ekenam Ofili, a Grange alumnus, as our guest speaker. He shared how his love for sports, particularly football, developed during his school days and went on to influence his career. His story reminded us that the experiences and interests pupils develop at school can shape their future in many ways.

Our Primary and Secondary Choirs added to the occasion with special musical performances, while I delivered the closing remarks.

One of the highlights of the celebration was the presentation of Long Service Awards to 27 members of staff in recognition of their years of service and commitment to Grange School. The awards covered six categories: 5 years (10 staff members), 10 years (6), 15 years (5), 20 years (2), 25 years (3) and 30 years (1).

A special mention goes to Mr Sanni Alani, who received the 30-Year Long Service Award. Three decades of service is a remarkable achievement, and we appreciate his dedication and valuable contribution to the school over the years.

Following the presentation of gifts, we continued the celebration with the much-anticipated football match between Grange alumni and current students. The alumni showed that they had not lost their touch, winning 7–0! The students will certainly be hoping for a better result next time.

We also had our Back to Class Initiative, which brought alumni volunteers back to school to engage with our pupils and students. Our Primary pupils enjoyed reading sessions, while Secondary students took part in interactive discussions on leadership, career development, self-confidence and the practical applications of economics. It was lovely to see our former students giving their time to share their knowledge and experiences with the next generation.

As we celebrate 68 years, we are reminded that Grange School is more than its buildings, history and achievements. It is the people who work here, the pupils and students who learn here, our parents, alumni and everyone who has played a part in our journey. Each person has a story and a contribution to make.

I am grateful to everyone who continues to make Grange a special place. As we look ahead, let us continue to care for one another, support each other and take pride in being part of this wonderful community.

One School, Many Hearts!

FOUNDER'S DAY

















FOOTBALL MATCH

















PTA AGM & MIXR

















REMEMBERING OUR FALLEN HEROES

During our Secondary and Primary assemblies on Monday, 9 November and Tuesday, 10 November respectively, our school community marked Remembrance Day, reflecting on the First World War, which ended with the Armistice on 11 November 1918, 108 years ago.

At the Secondary assembly, students learned about how the war began and ended, as well as the role played by Nigerians in the Cameroons and East Africa campaigns. They also explored the significance of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. A highlight was a moving drama presentation by our Year 10 History students, who brought the experiences of those who lived through the war to life with maturity and care. This was followed by a minute of silence in memory of those who lost their lives, as the school stood together in quiet reflection.

The assembly ended with a short quiz that encouraged students to think about what they had learned. I commend all the students who took part and encourage parents to continue the conversation at home.

Lest we forget.



Zara Adegoke Shines at the Athletic Heat Meet

I am pleased to share Zara Adegoke's recent achievement at the Athletic Heat Meet, held as part of the event's 10th Anniversary celebration.

Zara competed in the 100m sprint, recording an impressive time of 13.63 seconds and setting a new personal best. She also won the event, a notable achievement and a reflection of her hard work and commitment to improving her athletic performance.

Although tennis remains her primary sporting focus, Zara also receives structured athletics coaching, with particular attention to the 100m and 200m sprint events. Taking part in the competition gave her the opportunity to compete against young athletes from other states and gain valuable experience.

It is encouraging to see our pupils pursuing their interests and making progress in different areas of sport. Congratulations to Zara on this achievement. I wish her continued success in her sporting journey.









Congratulations to Mrs Esther Alagbe on Her New Appointment:

We are delighted to share the news of Mrs Esther Alagbe's appointment as our new Key Stage 1 Coordinator.

Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved appointment. We wish her every success as she takes on this new responsibility.

Learning French Beyond the Classroom

Thirty-six of our students visited Alliance Française de Lagos on Thursday, 12 November, as part of an educational trip designed to bring their French lessons to life. During the visit, they took part in listening and speaking exercises, tested their vocabulary skills and watched a short French film. They also visited the art gallery, where they viewed works by renowned Franco-Ivorian painter Gopal Dagnogo, under the theme Everyday Contradictions. A guided tour of the Alliance Française facilities gave them further insight into the work of the institution. The visit ended on a lovely note with lunch at Eric Kayser Restaurant, where the students had the opportunity to enjoy French cuisine (la gastronomie).

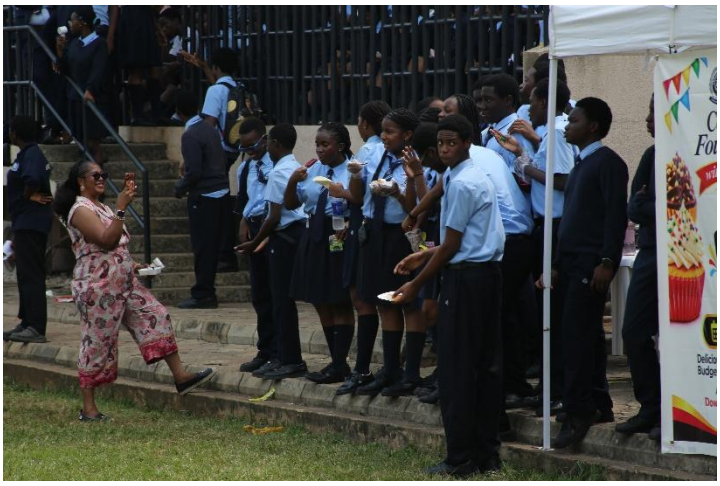
Experiences like this help our students appreciate that learning a language goes beyond the classroom. It is also about understanding the culture, art and everyday life of the people who speak it. I hope they will continue to find joy in learning French and putting their knowledge into practice.







Year 11 Charity Bake Sale



Earlier today, Friday, 13 November, our Year 11 students held their Charity Bake Sale, and it was lovely to see the enthusiasm and support from our school community. There was a wide variety of treats on offer, including waffles, ice cream, sweets, pizzas and different pastries. There was certainly something for everyone!



As always, the proceeds will go towards supporting the Down Syndrome Foundation and its work with children with Down syndrome.

I would like to thank our Year 11 parents for their generous donations and all Grange parents who came out to support the students by purchasing treats. Your kindness and generosity help our students understand the importance of giving back and making a difference in the lives of others.



ALUMNI

GRANGE ALUMNI RELAUNCH: It was lovely to hear about the relaunch of the Grange Alumni Association, which took place on Sunday, 8 November, at the 1952 Art Gallery. The gathering brought together about 25 former pupils from different generations, with representation from the Classes of 1989 to 2024.The newly appointed Alumni President, Mr. Toluwalase Seriki, presented his vision and plans for the association, alongside the Alumni Governor, Mrs. Dami Sobo-Smith. Alumni also had the opportunity to share their graduation years and former houses, and reminisce about their time at Grange. It is encouraging to know that members expressed a renewed interest in reconnecting with the school and supporting its continued growth. Our alumni are an important part of the Grange family, and I look forward to seeing the association develop stronger ties between former pupils and the school. I hope this relaunch marks the beginning of even greater alumni involvement in the life of Grange.



GRANGE ALUMNI RELAUNCH



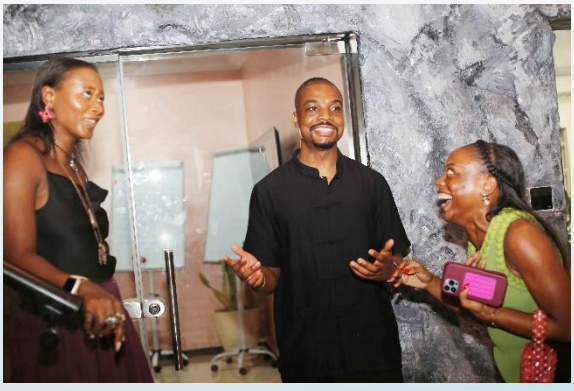














A Winning Start for Grange Alumni FC:

It is encouraging to see our alumni continuing to build connections beyond their time at Grange. On Saturday, 7 November, Grange Alumni FC played its first match of the 2026 campaign against BIS Alumni at Cooper Road, Ikoyi, securing an impressive 10–3 victory. Twelve of our former pupils took part in the match. Opempipo Okunsoya (Class of 2011) and Alvin Adefarasin (Class of 2013) each scored three goals, while Hanoba Etomi (Class of 2012) and Abod Koladaisi (Class of 2017) scored two goals apiece. It was also interesting to note that the BIS Alumni team was captained by Ekenam Ofili, a Grange alumnus from the Class of 2008.Beyond the scoreline, I am pleased to see our former pupils maintaining friendships and representing Grange through activities such as this. Congratulations to the team on a great start to the campaign. I look forward to seeing more of our alumni come together in the months ahead.









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