



# Grampian Primary Academy

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## Grampian Primary Academy's Pumpkin Festival

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020



With the support of our allotment volunteers, we are launching our very first Pumpkin Festival. We cannot physically be together during this time but hope that this will be a great way that we can bring our school community together. Something fun and engaging both at home and in school.

Families can take part in a few different ways:

### 1. Design our Grampian Primary pumpkin

Through our Facebook account, we shared that the school allotment had continued to flourish throughout the lockdown thanks to the help of Mrs. Smith and Melita. We have a fabulous pumpkin fully ripened. The aim is to carve the pumpkin ready for the GPA Pumpkin Festival. We have uploaded to Seesaw a template that the children can use to create their designs. All entries must be received by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. All entries need to be made via Seesaw or Microsoft Teams as we try to limit the number of items coming to and from school.



### 2. Design, create and carve a pumpkin at home to bring along to our Pumpkin Festival

Everyone is invited to create a pumpkin at home and bring it with them on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. In order to ensure we remain Covid-safe, the pumpkins will not come into school building and the children will be asked to assemble them around the edge of each playground when they arrive at school. When all the pumpkins are assembled, each class will be able to go and visit our Grampian pumpkin patch. There will be a small prize awarded to the best designs in each class

*Please note:*

- *The pumpkin creations will be assembled outside regardless of the weather so they need to be rain-proof*
- *The pumpkins cannot include naked flames therefore must not contain any candles*
- *The children must be able to assemble (and carry) them independently. Parents and carers will not be able to help the children as our normal routines will still apply*

### 3. Wear something orange

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (our last day of this half term). The children are invited to wear something orange to mark our Pumpkin Festival. Those creative families may wish to decorate a t-shirt and go that extra mile with the seasonal spirit.

*Please note this is not Halloween costumes and the children should not bring any additional props to ensure we continue to follow our Covid-safe guidelines.*

### **Donations and fundraising**

This year all our school fundraising will be invested into our new library. We are thrilled to have our new library area but there are still some things we need to make the space extra special. We want to continue to invest in new books for the children to enjoy both in and out of school. In addition, we would like to get some reading stools and some new art work to make the space inviting for all.

We are asking our families that are able to make a donation to do so via the School Money. Suggested donations:

- 25p for each pumpkin design entered
- 50p for each pumpkin added to the pumpkin festival
- £1 for non-uniform

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Murfin  
Headteacher