



# THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust



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Friday 14th February 2020 – Issue 10

## Aerosols and Asthma Awareness

### An important notice:

Students should not be bringing any aerosols into school as we have a large number of students who suffer with asthma and this can trigger an unnecessary asthma attack.

Can parents and carers also ensure that Secondary students who should be carrying an inhaler or a spacer please have them with them in case of an emergency. For Primary students, these should be handed in to the class teacher for safe keeping in their allocated boxes.



Thank you for your support.



## Car Parking

Further to our previous Newsletter, can I remind parents and carers that dropping off and picking up of students should not take place on Latham Avenue and that the designated drop off zone or parking bays should be used. It is important that all our students are safe when coming to and from school. Please do not park in the drop off zone, taxi bays or block in other vehicles. **Disabled bays should only be used by those displaying a relevant badge.**

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

## Safeguarding: Collecting students

All students leaving the school premises can only be collected by a named person on their contact list, unless permission is given in advance by parents or carers for another contact to collect.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
<b>School closes for Half Term</b>	<b>Fri 14th Feb</b>	
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Mon 24th Feb</b>	<b>School closed</b>
Year 4 Colomendy trip	Wed 26th-Fri 28th Feb	
Year 5 Crucial Crew trip	Tue 3rd Mar	12.15pm - 3.00pm
World Book Day	Thu 5th Mar	All day
Year 1 Group Assembly - parents are invited to attend	Fri 6th Mar	9.00am-10.00am
Year 5 Fire Service Smoke Tent talk	Mon 9th Mar	1.30pm-2.50pm
Year 4 Group Assembly - parents are invited to attend	Fri 20th Mar	9.00am-10.00am
Year 11 Photographs	Thu 26th Mar	
Year 3 Group Assembly - parents are invited to attend	Fri 1st May	9.00am-10.00am

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## Attendance

### Attendance – Week 19

**HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP:**  
Year 8 Secondary 95.8% & Year 2 Primary 98.4%

**HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS PRIMARY:**  
9COP – 99.3%

**HIGHEST ATTENDING FORM SECONDARY:**  
2G – 100%

#### ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

The highest attending class in Primary and the highest attending form group in Secondary each week will receive a celebration breakfast  
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%**

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### Attendance – Week 20

**HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP:**  
Year 3 - 96.5% (Primary) Year 9 - 95.1% (Secondary)

**HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS:**  
Reception – 99.6%

**HIGHEST ATTENDING FORM:**  
9CRZ – 99.2%

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## Staff Profile Miss J Mcevoy



### **Education**

Carmel college – A Level Maths, History, Business and Economics  
John Moores University- International business and Spanish (2 year), Maths (1 year),  
BSC Maths and education (3 year)

### **Jobs**

I joined an accountancy firm where I trained at college in an evening for my AAT then CIMA qualifications. I had always wanted to be a teacher so decided to study a BSC in Mathematics and Secondary Education - I stuck with it and ended up with a first class honours degree! That was when my teaching journey began first at OCA and now The Grange Academy.

### **Proudest Moment**

My proudest moment was going to Disney University in Florida and graduating with honours



## Coronavirus advice for parents and carers

The government is closely monitoring the spread of the Coronavirus and is taking action at home and abroad.

The overall risk of Coronavirus to the UK remains moderate. However we understand that people may be concerned where there are children, students or staff returning from or visiting China.

Public Health England and the Foreign Office have issued advice for anyone travelling to the area. This can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/china>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-and-avian-flu-advice-for-travel-to-china>

### **Advice for parents/guardians**

You should not be unduly worried about the possibility of your children catching the Coronavirus.

There is no reason why your children should not continue to attend their early years, school or further education setting as normal.

We recognise that some families or children may be planning to travel to China during the forthcoming half term period. If so, please refer to the FCO's latest travel advice via the link above.

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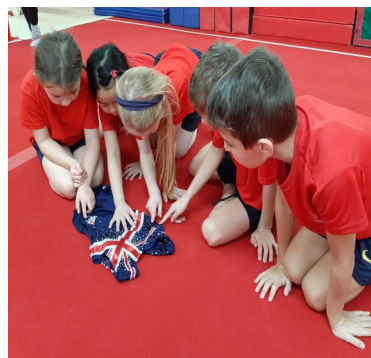
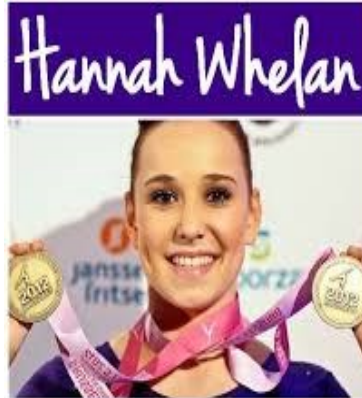
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## Halton Schools Key Steps Gymnastics Competition

On Monday 3rd February, students in Year 2, 3 and 4 had a fantastic day performing their gymnastics routines at the Warrington Gymnastics Club and having the opportunity to experience all the equipment. They were even presented with their medals by Olympic Gymnast, Hannah Whelan. IF SHE CAN — WE CAN!



## Primary Enrichment

We have been working hard to develop a sustainable enrichment programme for students at The Grange. In order to provide free activities we rely on the goodwill of school staff and a timetable that allows both staff and students to commit regular time to the clubs and activities.

After February half term we will be offering the following activities after school for students:

Monday 2.50-3.50	Staff	Pupils	Tuesday 2.50-3.50	Staff	Pupils
Base Lego	RS/VL/GB	KS2 Base/ASC	Film Club	AD/CM	EYFS/KS1
Art	RH/	KS1 R-Y2	Football	MK	Y1-4
Computers	AR/	KS2	Netball	KI	Y3-5
Running	MW/DH	KS2	Lego/Construction	KS/MW/MH	R-Y6
			Dance	EH/DH	KS2
Friday 2.50-3.30			Netball	RC	Y6
All through Choir	EM/ RP/AG	Y4-11	KS1 Choir	HN	R-Y2
			SATs	VM/LG	Y6

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## House Team Update



### Wall of Champions

In this edition of the Newsletter, the House Team are delighted to announce nominations for Design Technology, and English. When nominated for a subject award parents and carers will receive a *SAVE THE DATE* letter celebrating your child's nomination. Tickets for the awards ceremony will then follow closer to the time of the event. We are looking forward to sharing and celebrating your child's achievement with you.

#### The first nominations for Design Technology (DT) are:

Logan 2G – Demonstrating a creative flair when designing a new project.

Archie 1H – Amazing creativity when designing and making a dinosaur egg.

James 6P – Excellent participation and enthusiasm in all lessons.

Riley 3W – Designing, creating and evaluating a skate park.

Millie 7OGN – For sustained effort in every aspect of DT including after school activities.

Siobhan 10MEY – Hospitality and catering: For exceeding her target grade in all areas of Hospitality and Catering and for excellent effort in every lesson

Kaylin 9COP – Hospitality and catering: For excellent ATL in all aspects of the Hospitality and Catering course.

#### The first nominations for English are:

Jackson 1H – For wonderful story writing and using a range of punctuation.

Sophia 2H – For always using exciting vocabulary to make her writing exciting.

Lucy 5OI – She always tried her best, makes excellent contributions to class discussions and makes any improvements suggested.

Neve 4H – For an excellent effort to include expanded noun phrases, adverbs and prepositions in her writing.

Leon 8CLN – For outstanding effort all year, an extremely positive attitude and great perseverance.

Jenny 9MCG - For magnificent work all year and being an excellent ambassador for English whenever we have visitors.

Sophie 10MEY – For showing real flair in her analysis of 'Dulce et Decorum Est'.

#### Update on House events

On the 29.1.20 we held a KS2,3 and 4 Harry Potter quiz. It was a great turn out with teams from all the houses competing against each other from mixed key stages. We are pleased to announce the results in reverse order:

4<sup>th</sup> place - St David

3<sup>rd</sup> place – St George

2<sup>nd</sup> place – St Patrick

1<sup>st</sup> place – St Andrew

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## Career of the Week

### Career: Computer Games Tester

#### Skills you'll need:

- maths knowledge for understanding programming
  - to be thorough and pay attention to detail for finding faults and 'bugs'
  - analytical thinking skills for software testing
  - the ability to use your initiative
  - the ability to come up with new ways of doing things
  - excellent verbal communication skills
  - a good memory
  - complex problem-solving skills for fixing 'bugs'
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

#### Salary:

£15,000 starter to £40,000 experienced

#### Useful subjects:

English, Maths, Computing,  
Creative subjects, Programming,  
Games Design



## WoW -Word of the Week

**Word of the Week (WoW)** is our weekly investigation into vocabulary. Each week we look at a high-frequency yet misinterpreted word and explore the definition, sounds, spellings, word-families, grammar and history surrounding it.

#### (week beginning 24th February)

This week's word is **percent** (adverb or noun)  
adverb: by a specified amount in or for every hundred. "new car sales may be down nineteen per cent"

noun: one part in every hundred. "a reduction of half a per cent or so in price"

#### (week beginning 2nd March)

This week's word is **disastrous** (adjective)  
-causing great damage

**How you can help:** encourage the use of the word in speaking and writing; model the use of the word when you talk.



## Hegarty Heroes



All homework in maths is now set weekly on [hegartymaths.com](http://hegartymaths.com). If you would like to know more please check the link on the school website.

Most video hours Year 7 - Cerys Findlow

Most video hours Year 8 - Alfie Flannery

Most video hours Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most video hours Year 10 - Jamie-Lea Wall

Most video hours Year 11 - Holly Ryder

Most learning hours - Year 7 - Cerys Findlow

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Lily O'Neill

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Cerys Begley

Most learning hours - Year 11 - Chloe Ennis

Most questions answered Year 7 - Halle Cargill

Most questions answered Year 8 - Lewis Ainsworth

Most questions answered Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most questions answered Year 10 - Harry Clare

Most questions answered Year 11 - Tamia Graham

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## Safeguarding, Emotional, Wellbeing and Mental Health

**Young Carers Awareness Day** was celebrated on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

A young carer is a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person of any age. There are more than 800,000 young carers across the country, who care for family members who are disabled or chronically ill, or for adults who are misusing alcohol or drugs.

Here at the Grange Academy, we recognise that our young carers are taking on this additional responsibility, and that our young people deserve recognition for the hard work they do caring for a loved one.

Not only did we raise awareness across the whole school by showing a video clip to all of our students about what a young carer may do, we have also provided details for our young people who may not have informed us of their caring role, so that we can ensure they receive the support they deserve.

During the afternoon on 30<sup>th</sup> January, we invited all of our young carers to a special event where they were treated to lots of goodies, and met Garry Fowler from Halton Carers Centre. Garry provided all of our young carers with information on activities they can participate in, and told them about the additional support they can access.

The event was a great success, and we were so pleased that we could show our young carers how much we value the work they do. One student said 'I have had a great time, it is nice that we have been given the chance to just chill out and enjoy ourselves'.

If you would like any further information regarding a referral for a young carer, please contact Mrs Alexander or Mrs Price for further details.

February 11<sup>th</sup> was **UK Safer Internet day**. All students at school are educated on how to keep themselves safe online. In the ever-changing world of social media, please see the following top tips for how to keep yourself safe online:



1. Only talk to people you know and trust in real life
2. Don't give away personal information to strangers - like what street you live on, or where you go to school. Say "no" if they ask you to share photos or videos of yourself
3. Set your profiles to private
4. Be 'share aware' - once you share something online, you've got no control over what anyone else does with it. And it's illegal to take, share or view sexual images of under-18s, full stop
5. Be mindful of your digital footprint - it could come back to bite you
6. If you see something upsetting, or someone bullies you, tell an adult you trust
7. Don't assume everything you see is true to life. People often make their lives look more exciting online
8. Watch out for hoaxes and scams, like messages you're asked to pass on or that ask you for payment details or passwords
9. Be wary of schemes that promise easy cash in return for you receiving and transferring money, and don't be fooled by anything that glamorises gang lifestyles
10. Watch out for loot boxes or other ways that games get you to pay - before you know it you can spend a lot on them

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