



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust



ONE SCHOOL ONE VISION

Friday 9th November 2018 – Issue 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a very busy start to the new academic year! Christmas will soon be upon us but I thought it would be amiss not to reflect on the first half term. We have made a very positive start with our students looking smart in their uniform and improvements in attendance across the phases. We have worked hard to improve the learning environment by celebrating excellent work and the Year 2 'Room on the Broom' work is amazing. We also held very successful events such as the Open Evening, Enrichment Fair, Careers Fair, Year 3 Greek Afternoon, Year 7 Settling In Evening and the Achieve Together Evening for Year 11 students and families.

This half term we will see the Year 10 and 11 students undertake mock examinations and I would like your support to ensure they are using their time at home productively to prepare themselves for these important assessments. The Primary phase students have been enjoying their PE lessons and also the time they spend over with our Secondary teachers in Design Technology, Languages and Computing. It is lovely to see how they interact with the older students when they come across for their lessons. We also have a new website so please take a look at this and our new prospectus, which is accessible from the site.

Best wishes,

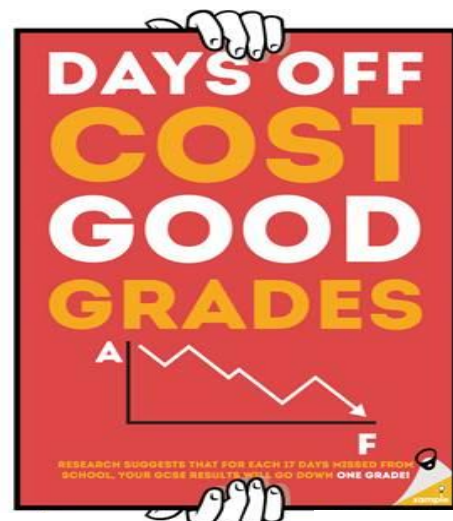
Ian Critchley

ATTENDANCE

We are continually striving to improve attendance. In addition to the absence phone line and the MyEd app, in order to further assist you in reporting your child's absence, there is now the option to email absence@thegrange.com. Please ensure you provide your child's full name, form group/class, reason for absence and your relationship to the child. You can also attach medical evidence in this way to accompany the absence.

Well done to those students who have reached **100% attendance** this week

Year Group	No of Students
Reception	40
Year 1	51
Year 2	50
Year 3	53
Year 4	56
Year 5	54
Year 6	50
Year 7	94
Year 8	112
Year 9	100
Year 10	78
Year 11	74



Well done to the 439 students who have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!



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Nursery Rocking Horse

Open Evening was a great success and an opportunity for parents and children alike to delight and reminisce about the joy our wonderful rocking horse brings to Nursery. Many parents/carers and grandparents have fond memories of our horse. Unfortunately he has fallen into a sorry state of disrepair. We would love to restore him to his former pristine self and are asking for your help so he can be enjoyed for many more years to come. Any donations, fundraising ideas or offers of help/contacts to enable refurbishment to take place would be greatly appreciated.



Futsal

Mondays 4.30 – 5.30pm

Term Time Only

£1 a session

7 – 12 years

The Grange School

Sports Hall

(Meet at the top of the car park)

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Year 3 Greek Day

Miss Gittins and Miss Hemsley would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all who came along to share our Year 3 Greek Day with us. The children thoroughly enjoyed immersing themselves in our topic this term and they absolutely loved preparing the food and activities for the day, as well as performing our Greek alphabet song for their parents and carers. It was a fantastic atmosphere in the classrooms, a hive of activity with children and parents alike making Greek crowns, Greek scrolls, looking at our Greek artefacts and sharing our homemade Greek banquet, some of which the children had made that morning. We have received some lovely feedback from our parents which is much appreciated. We look forward to welcoming you back into school in the future to share some more of your children's fantastic learning.



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Year 8 and Year 9 Paris Trip October 2018

On the last Friday of half term, a coachful of excited students left school at 5am, direction Paris.

After a relatively relaxing journey we made it to our hotel in the evening. On our first evening the students enjoyed their first French meal of the weekend, salad starter, steak haché (burger) and dauphinoise potatoes and ice cream. The staff were very proud of the students who tried something new.

On Saturday we left the hotel early in the morning for a day full of sightseeing. Our first stop was Tour Montparnasse. We all went up to the top of the tower in a very fast lift, at the top we saw wonderful views of Paris. After, we headed over to Le Cathédrale de Notre Dame. Some students struggled to find Quasimodo on top of the cathedral, but all enjoyed the magnificent architecture inside. Next, we had a picnic in the Quartier Latin. Followed by a stroll along La Seine river and over the famous padlock bridge, Le Pont des Arts. We visited the famous Pyramid de Louvre and had a rest in Les Jardins de Tuileries. Next we saw all of the Paris sights from our boat cruise and our students enjoyed waving and saying bonjour to anyone who was along the riverbanks. We had fun in front the Le Tour Eiffel, taking pictures and trying to touch the top of the Eiffel Tower. Finally, we had a lovely meal next to L'Arc de Triomphe. We finished the day by travelling down Les Champs Elysées and saw Paris by night.

On Sunday we went to Disneyland. All students and staff had a fantastic day meeting the Disney characters, singing songs and of course being thrilled by roller coaster rides. We completed the perfect day by watching the spectacular Disney firework display. Throughout the trip the staff nominated students for various awards, for example, being the most independent or being the most enthusiastic about French culture. Congratulations again to all students who received an award.

The students were fantastic ambassadors for The Grange Academy. A lot of wonderful memories were made on this trip and we hope that the students will return to Paris or France again one day.



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Well done to the following students who have **improved** or achieved a **black belt** in their Numeracy Ninja activities during form time.

BLACK BELTS

Name	Form
Jessica Robinson	9EVN
Joel Raven	9EVN
Siobhan McCaw	9MEY
Lucy Dorgan	9MEY
Kerhys Carter	9MNY
Trystin Roberts	9RDD
Sophia McGrath	8CRZ
Mason McDermott	8CRZ
Rhys Dunbebin	8MCG
Briony Nelson	8MCG
Robert Parr	8REY
Dylan Power	8REY
Libby Incedon	8REY
Nevaeh Langley	8REY

Maths STAR of the Fortnight!

Well done to the following students who have been chosen as the Maths star for their year group. They have all shown respect, perseverance and tried their best in all lessons.

Year 7 – Max Bibby
Year 8 – Breanna Littler
Year 9 – Kyle Thomas
Year 10 – Alexander Wallace
Year 11 – Kaitlyn Low

BIG IMPROVERS

Congratulations to Noah Hughes in Year 9 for a huge improvement in scores. He has gone from 8 marks to 21, from an **orange belt** to a **purple belt**.

Year 1 at

Chester ZOO

Year 1 students were learning all about animals and their habitats last half term. They had an amazing time at Chester Zoo looking at all of the different animals they have been learning about.

Well done to all our students for behaving so well during the trip.



Assembly on knife crime

On Tuesday 6th November, Paul Barker, our Police Community Officer, visited us to speak to students in Year 5 and 6 about the work the Police are doing to keep us all safe from knife crime. His presentation was aimed at Primary students and we hope that it will alleviate some of the concerns the children have expressed recently about incidents in the community.

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Upcoming Primary Events

Children In Need (Wear something yellow/spotty/from CIN range with school uniform and bring 50p)	Fri 16 Nov '18	All day
Nursery to Year 6 Parents Evenings	Tue 27 Nov '18 Tue 04 Dec '18	3.15pm – 6.00pm 3.15pm – 6.00pm
Attendance Celebrations & Christmas Parties	Mon 17 & Tue 18 Dec '18	
World Book Day (Dress up as your favourite book character)	Thu 07 Mar '19	All day
Easter activities (Egg decorating and other competitions)	Mon 01 Apr – Fri 05 Apr '19	
Parents Forum Easter Disco – Year 4, 5 & 6	Thu 04 Apr '19	5pm – 6pm
Parents Forum Summer Disco – Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3	Thu 20 Jun '19	5pm – 6pm



Primary Christmas 2018



Key Stage 2 Christmas Show	Tue 11 Dec '18	2pm & 5.30pm
Key Stage 1 Christmas Show	Wed 12 Dec '18	2pm & 5.30pm
Reception Christmas Show	Thu 13 Dec '18	10am & 2pm
Nursery Christmas Show	Fri 14 Dec '18	10.30am & 2.30pm
Primary Christmas Dinner	Fri 14 Dec '18	

Cashless Catering

We are still receiving a lot of money for Primary dinners and snack. A polite reminder to parents that we operate a cashless catering system and any money should be put onto students' accounts online using SCOPAY rather than sent into school as cash. If you are having trouble please contact the Finance Office.

Secondary School Photographs

Wednesday 14th
November 2018.

Please ensure your child is in school wearing full smart uniform.

Charity Hair Donation

Ciara Bignall, Year 9, has donated 11 inches of her hair for the charity 'The Little Princess Trust', which will be made into a natural wig. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people up to the age of 24 that have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

Well done Ciara!



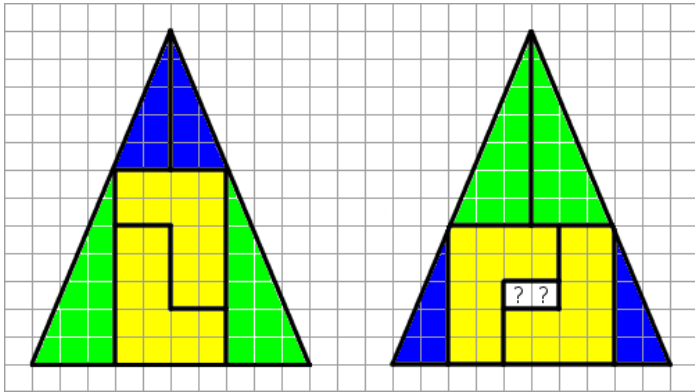
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Numeracy Challenge

The two shapes are made up of the same pieces.
Where did the hole come from?



Literacy Challenge

Can you name the **author**
and the **book**?



Year 8 French Film Club
Every Monday
2.45-3.30pm



Thought of the Week

Remembrance Day

*Never forget,
Always remember.*



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Secondary School Photographs	Wed 14 Nov '18	All day
Children In Need (Primary wear something yellow/spotty with school uniform and bring 50p)	Fri 16 Nov '18	All day
Year 9 & 10 John Moore's University Absolute Chemistry sessions at The Grange Academy	Mon 19 Nov '18	9.50am – 12.50pm
Awards Evening for Year 11 Leavers	Thu 22 Nov '18	6.00pm – approx 7.30pm
Nursery – Year 6 Parents Evenings	Tue 27 Nov '18	3.15pm – 6.00pm
All through Choir singing at Town Hall	Sat 01 Dec '18	AM

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