

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 – Issue 5

## ATTENDANCE

**Mock exams will take place for Year 10 and Year 11 from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**  
Please ensure that students are in school on time, every day and with the correct equipment to sit their exams in order to achieve the best grade possible and maintain their attendance.

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

Year Group	No of Learners
Reception	39
Year 1	55
Year 2	57
Year 3	53
Year 4	57
Year 5	52
Year 6	53
Year 7	93
Year 8	114
Year 9	108
Year 10	73
Year 11	76

Well done to the 396 learners who have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!

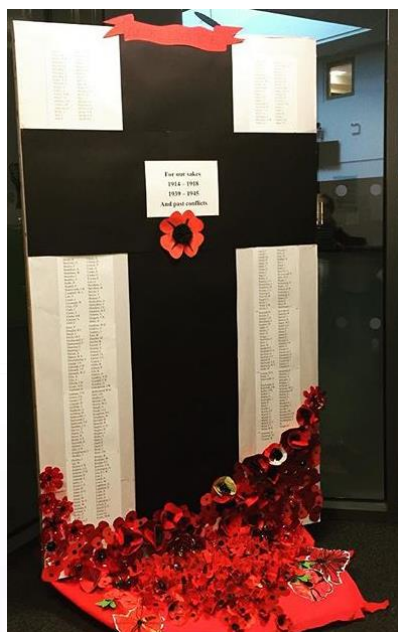
### **There are 175 days away from school each year**

175 days for family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments (including medical)

100%	96%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Excellent	Good	Poor	Very Poor	Serious Concerns	
190 school days	7 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
0 lessons missed	35 lessons missed	95 lessons missed	145 lessons missed	190 lessons missed	235 lessons missed
190 days of education	183 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
175 days at home	182 days at home	194 days at home	204 days at home	213 days at home	222 days at home
The best chance of success. Greatest opportunity for progress to be made.		Less chance of success. Difficult to make progress. Classed as Persistently Absent.		Limited chance of success. Unlikely to make progress. Court action likely.	

# One School One Vision

## 100 Years of Remembrance (1918 – 2018)



Primary and Secondary students have worked hard to show their respect to the fallen, creating a number of displays, one of which can be viewed in school and another which can be viewed by the public at the Shopping City. Students also paid their respect on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November by observing a minute's silence following a moving sounding of The Last Post, played on the trumpet by Mr Beavon.

The display that is currently held in the reception area of the school is to commemorate all of the fallen soldiers from Runcorn and to mark 100 years since WW1 ended. Students from across the whole school have contributed towards the display by making various poppies. Mrs Skerrett and Mrs O'Neill then put the display together.

## LEST WE FORGET



## REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



### Inspirational Fundraising

Well done to Lexie Branigan in 6S who climbed Mount Snowdon with her Grandad recently. She raised an amazing £250 for Children in Need!

Primary students in school also raised £175.38 for this amazing cause, well done everyone.





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## Catalyst Museum and 'Talking Science' Sessions



There are some amazing sessions available at the Catalyst Museum (over the Mersey Gateway Bridge by Spike Island) for your children if they are interested in Science and Discovery. See website [www.catalyst.org.uk](http://www.catalyst.org.uk). They cover Science topics such as Space, Solids, Liquids and Gases, Soap making, Electricity and Volcanoes. It is certainly worth a visit.

'Talking Science' is a series of family friendly talks from the Science and Technology Department at Daresbury Laboratory. There are talks for pupils of all ages from age 5 to age 14+. The Scientists are using community venues in the area to bring Science to families. In December there is a talk on Space, which will take place at St Peter and Pauls Secondary School. In April there is a show about the Science of the Circus and Blue Peter Science guy, Greg Foot, will be presenting information about the creatures of the deep ocean. See website [www.stfc.ukri.org/dltalkingscience](http://www.stfc.ukri.org/dltalkingscience) for more information. These are great free events for all the family!

## Year 6 Viking Day

Year 6 celebrated their Viking Day by acting in role, writing postcards about their raid, writing secret messages in runes, creating amulets with Viking pattern designs and investigating Viking poo to see what they ate. It was interesting and so much fun!



## A visit from Status Quo

Students in Year 5 to Year 10 had an excellent time engaging in a workshop with Jeff Rich, the drummer from Status Quo. Students thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and their participation and behaviour was fantastic.

When a student asked Jeff 'how long did it take you to learn to play the drums', Jeff had these comments and advice for students: "I'm still learning. I've been playing for over 50 years and I am still learning. You never stop learning. Whatever you want to do in your life, you need to put effort in. The more effort you put in, the more you get back. I practice for 2 hours every day."



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## Nursery to Reception Admissions 2019

Starting school for the first time, or transferring from one school to another, is an important step for parents and children.

It is important that you complete and submit a preference form before the closing date of **15th January 2019**, as a late application will normally only be considered after the main allocation of places has taken place and may result in you not obtaining a place at your school of preference.

**Complete a preference form online at:**  
[www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

**If you have requested a paper form, Halton residents should return this form by hand to a Halton Direct Link Office:**

Halton Direct Link  
Concourse level  
Rutland House  
Halton Lea  
Runcorn  
WA7 2ES

**Or return the form directly to\*:**  
School Admissions  
People Directorate  
Rutland House  
Halton Lea  
Runcorn  
WA7 2GW

Halton Direct Link  
7 Brook Street  
Widnes  
WA8 6NB

**\*As receipts cannot be issued for paper copies of the preference form received via postal services, it is strongly recommended that you send the form by a recorded delivery service.**

Please do not return your form to a school.

## Book Fair

Thank you to all of our parents, students and families who visited our Book Fair between 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November. Lots of brilliant new books were purchased, which means lots of book vouchers will be earned for school.



Milly Dyer in Year 7 particularly enjoyed reading the latest instalment of 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid'.

## Taxi Parking

Please can we remind all parents, carers, staff and visitors about not parking in the taxi bays at school.

We have a number of SEND students who are dropped off and picked up in arranged taxis each day and these spaces need to be left available for them at all times.

Thank you.



## Primary Celebration Afternoon (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018)

Can we please ask that, on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, students bring in gifts for the Christmas Fair such as selection boxes, biscuits, wine, anything towards tombola or any gifts for the gift stall. **If we can gather a lot of items we will have a reward for all of the children.**

The Christmas Fair is taking place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

Thank you in advance.



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

## BLACK BELTS

Name	Form
Aimee Taylor	9EVN
Kacy Evans	9MEY
Sophia Ijaz-Woodward	9MEY
Georgi Walker	9MNY
Kyle Thomas	9RDD
Robyn Hankinson	9RLG
James Barrett	9RLG
Grace Smith	9RLG
Jennifer Tully	9RLG
Jade Hardy	8CRZ
Alex Rowe	8REY
Kaci Bazley	8REY

## Maths STAR of the Fortnight!

Well done to the following learners 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 - Alfie Flannery  
Year 8 - Myuzhde Asenova  
Year 9 - Chris Young  
Year 10 - Emily Formby  
Year 11 - Dylan Bunting



## Year 10 Prestigious University Event

The 5<sup>th</sup> November saw a group of Year 10 students visit Cronton College for a Prestigious University event. This informative day was opened with a speech by Dr. Luke Macmahon, Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator, providing an overview of the opportunities available at Cronton College, and also to encourage students to consider their options of further study.

From a wide range of A-Level subjects, students chose two curriculum areas to immerse themselves in, learning more about A-Level study and experiencing Cronton College's fantastic resources. David Austin told the staff of Cronton College that he had "really enjoyed learning new skills in Maths" and Niamh Main stated, "I'm definitely considering taking my A-Levels at Cronton!" The group of students were fantastic ambassadors for The Grange Academy, exhibiting excellent manners, respect, enthusiasm and a real love of learning.



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## Christmas Events 2018



Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018

We would like to invite you to our annual school Christmas Fair on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm onwards. There will be lots of stalls and activities including a visit from **Father Christmas in his grotto**, tombola, lucky dip and raffles etc.

We look forward to seeing you all there and enjoying lots of festive surprises together.



### Save the Children CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Staff and students may wear a Christmas jumper with their full school uniform on **Friday 14th December**. If you are not wearing a jumper then we ask for full school uniform instead. If students wish to wear something under their Christmas jumper then it must be shirt and tie.

We are asking if everyone can bring in £1 on the day, which we will donate to support the 'Save the Children' charity.

### Secondary Attendance Trip Reminder

Get your  
**SKATES** On



A reminder that our trip to celebrate students with 96%+ attendance within our monitoring period is taking place on **Monday 17th December**.

The monitoring period runs from Monday 8th October to Friday 30th November. We are now just over half way through this monitoring period and strong attendance from now until the 30th November is vital in ensuring your child can attend.

Letters will be given out to all students who qualify on Monday 3rd December and the £10 payment will be due by Monday 10th December at the latest.

### School closes for Christmas on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018

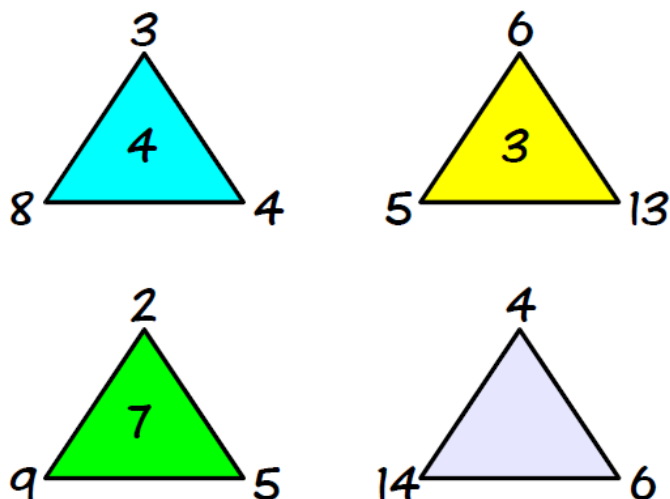
Secondary students will leave at 12.10pm

Primary students will leave at 12.30pm

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## Numeracy Challenge

What number should go in the last triangle?



## Literacy Challenge

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

*If you have good thoughts. . .  
they will shine out of your face  
like sunbeams and you  
will always look lovely.*



## Appeal for inflatables

If anyone has contact details or knows of anybody who runs a local bouncy castle/inflatables firm, please get in touch with Ms Kenneway at school or email [info@thegrange.com](mailto:info@thegrange.com). Thank you

## Thought of the Week

*In a **WORLD**  
where you can  
be **ANYTHING**,  
**CHOOSE KIND***

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
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
Reception – Year 5 Primary Immunisations	Tue 27 Nov '18	9.00am – 3.00pm
All through Choir singing at Town Hall	Sat 01 Dec '18	AM
Nursery – Year 6 Parents Evenings	Tue 04 Dec '18	3.15pm – 6.00pm
Whole School Christmas Fair	Wed 05 Dec '18	3.15pm onwards

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