



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust



ONE SCHOOL ONE VISION

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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.

The attendance target for all students is 96%

COMPULSORY CATCHUP

Those students whose attendance is below 96% are below our target and are less likely to achieve. Any Secondary students missing periods of time in school will be given a catch up log card by their Progress Tutor on return, which they then need to have signed off by their class teacher to state they have completed all missed work.

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

Year Group	No of Students
Reception	36
Year 1	50
Year 2	50
Year 3	49
Year 4	57
Year 5	53
Year 6	46
Year 7	93
Year 8	103
Year 9	107
Year 10	84
Year 11	74



ATTENDANCE MATTERS
every school day counts.



...the higher the percentage of sessions missed across the Key Stage, the lower the likely level of attainment at the end of Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 4.



Well done to the 335 students who have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!



Year 10 and Year 11 Mock Exams are running from Monday 3rd December – Tuesday 17th December

A reminder that all Secondary students should have a pencil case with them every day. As well as preparing students for exam etiquette, this also prevents students carrying around equipment in blazer pockets which can pop and damage the blazers.

To become a leading all age school through excellence in teaching and learning

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Asthma Awareness



On Friday 23rd November, family of the 'Kira Gwilym Foundation' presented The Grange Academy with two emergency asthma kits. This was a special moment with Kira's brother and niece who helped to present the kits.

The foundation is raising asthma awareness for their "Because Every Breath Counts" campaign, which has already raised a huge amount of support and awareness in local schools.



Book Fair Thank You!

Thank you to all of our parents and students who came along to the Book Fair and purchased new books. Thank you also to our fantastic students who helped at the Book Fair. Together we have raised an amazing £747 in free books for our school.

Well done everyone!



Oxford OWL



Did you know you can access a wide range of free ebooks to support your child's reading at home?

Visit <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/pages/for-home> and register for free to access these fabulous resources!



Charity Hair Donation

Ciara Bignall had 11 inches cut from her long locks so that she could donate her hair to help children and young adults who suffer hair loss due to illness. Ciara, now sporting a trendy bob, is proud to have been involved with The Little Princess Trust who make a difference to so many young lives.

Well done Ciara!



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Spot the Dog

The children in Nursery had a very special visitor on Friday 30th November....Spot the Dog! They were busy all week making wrapping paper and wrapping presents for Spot, writing cards, making pictures and baking and decorating a cake for his party. The children sat patiently and wished Spot a happy birthday and gave him his presents. We had a quick game of musical statues with Spot before he dragged Mrs Nelson off with his new lead. We then enjoyed some party food and a game of pass the parcel.



Student transformed into a creator

Well done to Elliot McGrath, who recently featured in a Transformers magazine after building a large variety of Transformer characters in his spare time and creating a picture of Bumblebee.

Elliot should be proud of all his hard work and appearing in this edition for thousands of other fans to read.



Look at all these fab drawings of Cyberverse heroes! Send in your pictures of your favourite characters and they might feature in a future issue!

Alexander
Alexander wins our star letter prize - an **Ultimate Class Megatron** figure - for his awesome drawing of Bumblebee!
Subject to availability. Styles may vary.

Jack
Optimus Prime is an amazing battle hero!

Eoin
It's Rachel!

Nathaniel
Don't mess with Grimlock!

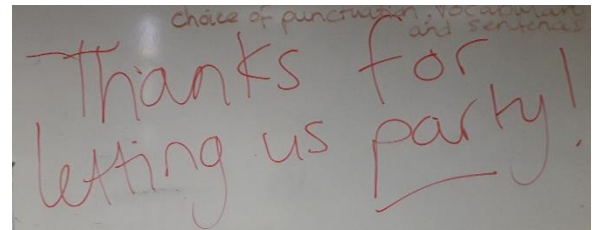
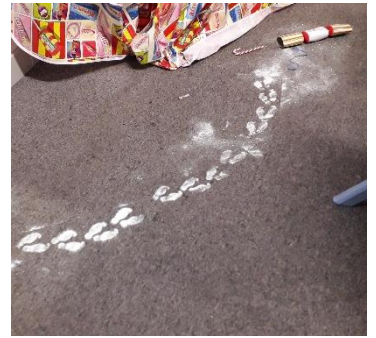
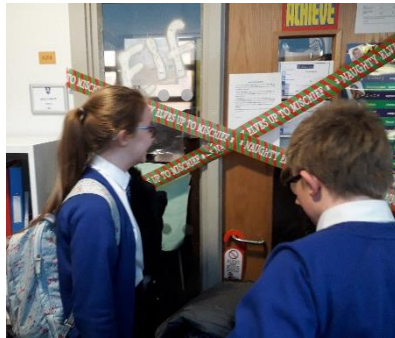
Joshua
Great drawing of Bumblebee!

Elliot
Elliot is a huge TRANSFORMERS fan! He even has a Bumblebee costume, and can't wait for the new movie to come out!

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Christmas surprise in Class 6M

Class 6M had a shock when they entered class on Tuesday morning this week. It looked like a Christmas party had been held during the night. When they checked the 'Elf Cam', they found something even stranger.....Santas' reindeer dancing on the classroom tables!



Winter Reading Challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is available at Halton Libraries over the Christmas holidays for 7-11 year olds.

This is a great way of students keeping on top of their reading while they are off school over the festive period.

Chatter Books
Book Club
for 7-11 year olds

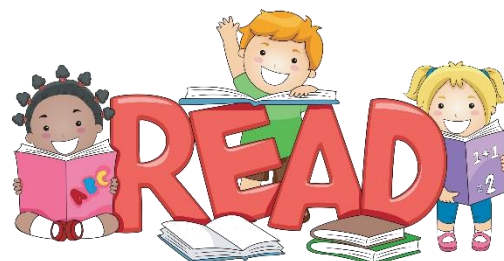
Halton Libraries' Chatterbooks meetings are filled with activities, games and plenty of time to share your love of reading with other children

Widnes Library's group meets on Mondays 4-5pm
Halton Lea Library's group meets on Thursdays 4-5pm

At our meetings we:

- Talk about books that we are reading
- Read together from our book of the week and discuss it
- Finish with some puzzles, drawings, writing or any other activities we can think of

For more information please contact Nikki Lamb -
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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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Form</u>
Brittany Parkinson	7FOS
Phoebe Brown	7FOS
Ethan Falconer	7FOS
Mya Helps	7OCA
Tyler Mawson	7OCA
Emma Pearson	7OCA
Tia Hudson	7OCA
Leon Birkenhead	7SLV
Lewis Ainsworth	7WNG
Abbie Ratcliffe	7WNG
Isabel Thomas	7WNG
Daniel Chen	7WNG
Tom Watson	8COP
Charly Waller	8CRZ
Rachael Jones	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.



Choir excelled at Town Hall Open Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Town Hall Open Day on Saturday 1st December for our performance. The choir did a fantastic job and we value the support of parents, carers and staff.

The choir will be performing again at the Shopping City on Thursday 13th December at 11am.



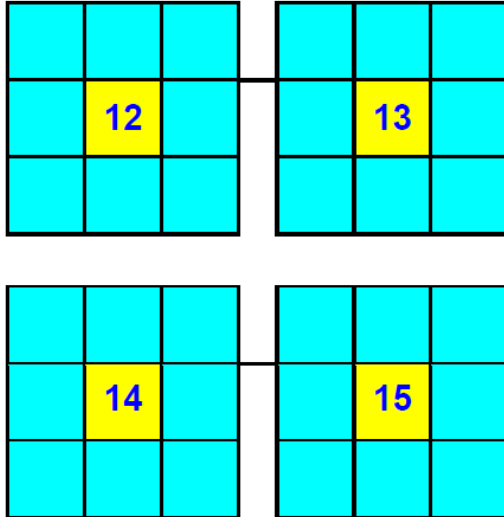
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Numeracy Challenge

Can you put the numbers 1 to 8 in each of the squares so that each side adds up to the middle number?



Literacy Challenge

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



REMINDER

School closes on Tue 18 Dec

Secondary leave at 12.10pm
Primary leave at 12.30pm

Thought of the Week

“Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it.

The time will pass anyway.”

Earl Nightingale

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
KS2 Christmas Show	Tue 11 Dec '18	10am-11am 2pm-3pm 5.30pm – 6.30pm
KS1 Christmas Show	Wed 12 Dec '18	2pm-3pm 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Reception Christmas Show	Thu 13 Dec '18	10am-11am 2pm-3pm
Nursery Christmas Show	Fri 14 Dec '18	10.30am-11.30am 2pm-3pm
Christmas Dinner for Primary	Fri 14 Dec '18	
Christmas Jumper Day (with full uniform and £1 donation to 'Save the Children')	Fri 14 Dec '18	
Christmas Dinner for Secondary	Mon 17 Dec '18	

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