



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust



ASPIRE FOR EXCELLENCE

Friday 29th November 2019 – Issue 6



Staff Profile

Associate Principal – L McPartland



Education

St. Vincent's Primary School - Penketh
St. Gregory's RC High School – Great Sankey to study GCSEs
Priestley College – Warrington to study A Levels
Coventry University – BSc (Hons) Psychology
Merseyside and Cheshire Graduate Teacher Programme – Qualified Teacher Status

Hobbies and Interests

Whilst growing up I was a keen swimmer and swam regularly for what was the Widnes Swimming Club. This was a big commitment whilst I was studying as it meant training 4 times a week with competitions most weekends. During my A Levels I decided to go into the coaching side of swimming and coached the Master group at Widnes Swimming Club for a number of years.

Proudest Moment

My proudest moment was completing my National Professional Qualification for Headship which I completed as part of my professional development in 2017. It is difficult both studying and working full time so I think that is why I am most proud of this achievement.



Attendance – Week 111

HIGHEST ATTENDING YEAR GROUP:

Year 5 – 96.2%

HIGHEST ATTENDING CLASS:

3W – 97.7%

HIGHEST ATTENDING FORM:

11WLM – 97.8%

ATTENDANCE COMPETITION

The highest attending class in Primary and the highest attending form group in Secondary each week will receive lunch time front of queue passes for the following week.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE TARGET 97%

Aspire for Excellence

Attendance

The Assessment window has started in the Secondary Phase for Years 7 to Year 9.
Good attendance is crucial in students making progress. Year 10 and Year 11 mock exams start
Monday 2nd December 2019.

A community that works together to create an exceptional learning journey for all.

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Christmas Events



Ho Ho Ho!
**Christmas
Bingo**

50p entrance
Refreshments included
Adult and children's tombola
Raffle All welcome!

Thursday 5th December
Doors open 5.45pm
Eyes down 6.15pm



Christmas Beanies

Christmas Beanies went on sale week commencing 25th November in the primary phase. They are £1.50 each and all monies raised are in aid of Halton Haven Hospice.

Christmas Productions

Reception ~ 16th December 2pm + 5.30pm

KS1 ~ 17th December 2pm + 5.30pm

KS2 ~ 18th December 2pm+5.30pm

Further details will follow in a separate letter.

Primary Phase Christmas Parties

Friday 20th December

Further details to follow in a separate letter.

Whole School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December

Further details to follow in a separate letter



Last day of term



Friday 20th December

Secondary Phase finishes at 12.05pm

Primary Phase finishes at 12.15pm

Further details to follow in a separate letter

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Team of Library Assistants

This year we had a fantastic response from students to work in The Grange Academy school library. The successful candidates range between Year 7 to Year 11 and will be working with our fantastic collection resources and helping students with their studies.



Congratulations to our poets!



We are informed that Poetry judges from The Young Writer's organisation are so impressed with our student competition entrants that their work is going to be published. Our four students submitted a piece of poetry in the theme of 'Through their eyes' and despite tough competition from over 10,000 entrants our creative students have succeeded through to the next round. Well done to our students and best of luck in the next round!

Look out for their work in the Young Writer's edition due out 2020.

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 2nd December)

This week's word is

Physical (adjective)- relating to the body or an actual object perceived through senses

(week beginning 9th December)

This week's word is

Biology (noun) - the study of living organisms

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

WOW!
word of the week

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Year 1 Visit to Simonsfield Care Home

This week, Year 1 visited Simonsfield Care Home to ask the residents about old toys. We played games with the residents, made cards for them, sang with them and learnt all about the toys from the past. We had a great time and loved making new friends. The children were fantastic and enjoyed themselves.



Career of the Week

Career: Chef

Skills:

- to be thorough and pay attention to detail
- knowledge of food production methods
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- leadership skills
- the ability to work well with others
- knowledge of manufacturing production and processes
- maths knowledge
- the ability to work well with your hands
- you will be expected to use a computer confidently as part of this job

Average salary:

Starter: £13,000

Experienced: £50,000

Useful Subjects:

Maths, English, Science, food technology, computing



Well done

Demi-Leigh Hughes!

A proud moment for the Grange Academy as one of our students raises a huge amount of money for charity.

Every Saturday morning Demi runs a 5km parkrun. She gets sponsorship from friends and family for the runs. Over the last month or so Demi has raised over £500 for Halton Haven Hospice in memory of her nan. This is something that Demi wants to continue to do in order to raise as much money as possible for the charity close to her heart.

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Hegarty Heroes



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All homework in maths is now set weekly on hegartymaths.com if you want to know more please check the link on the school website.



Most learning hours - Year 7 - Cerys Findlow

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Lily O'Neill

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Lucy-Ann Keatley

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Ben Watts

Most learning hours - Year 11 - Annie Leyland

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Most questions answered Year 7 - Kerian Grant

Most questions answered Year 8 - Isabel Thomas

Most questions answered Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most questions answered Year 10 - Louis Goodall

Most questions answered Year 11 - Holly Ryder



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Most video hours Year 8 - Callum Farrell

Most video hours Year 9 - Gracie Carr

Most video hours Year 10 - Jamie-Lea Wall

Most video hours Year 11 - Holly Ryder

Extreme Hegarty Maths Challenge!

We set students a challenge of completing their Hegarty Maths homework in extreme/strange environments.

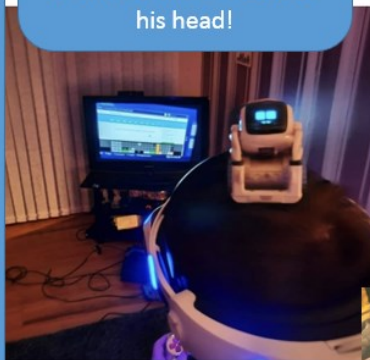
This was to promote engagement and raise the profile Maths, we did this through the use of Instagram.

We had some fantastic entries but our winner was Dylan Jellicoe 7KNI.

WINNER!

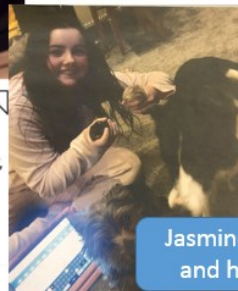
Dylan Jellicoe

He completed his homework through the use of VR and with a robot on his head!

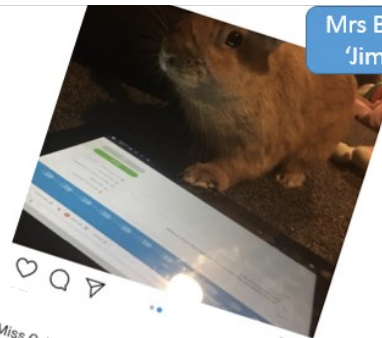


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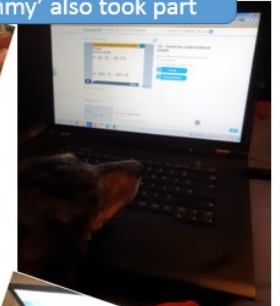
Doing hegarty maths on the psvr, Cosmo on top of my head, I think he is enjoying it! :) #thegrangeacademy #extremehgartymaths @grangeacademymaths



Jasmine Ogilvie and her pets



Mrs Bibby & Sausage Dog 'Jimmy' also took part



An upside down Gabriel Phillips



Mrs Cullen's 'Cecile' the spider got involved!

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Safeguarding, Emotional, Wellbeing and Mental Health



Parent To Parent Project

Our Aim: To offer parents and their families the highest level of support through trained volunteers and partnership work. This support should provide information and choices through a non-judgemental and friendly approach, to help build confidence and provide opportunities. Empowering families to make positive changes, take control of their lives and address any boundaries. The support offered to families will be both emotional and practical depending on the needs of the family.

Ice Project

Our Aim: To offer parents the highest level of support through a six week intensive cleaning and de-cluttering programme. This support should provide knowledge and information on household cleanliness and routines, through a non-judgemental and friendly approach. This programme should help parents make positive changes regarding their homes and address any barriers that may be preventing this. By the end of the six weeks parents should have a better understanding of cleanliness and be able to put in place and maintain their own routine.

Referrals: Referrals for support can be accessed by contacting Louise Hicks, Parent To Parent Coordinator on 07467045209

Volunteer: Volunteer applications can be accessed by contacting Louise by telephone or email: louise.hicks@venuscharity.org

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Come along to our coffee mornings where you can meet other parents and carers and receive Parent-to-Parent support from our staff and trained volunteers. Have a cuppa and meet new people in a relaxed and friendly environment!

www.venuscharity.org

Add us on Facebook &
Twitter: Venus Centre

Registered Charity No: 1054622

Where: Holy Spirit Church,
Fernhurst, Halton Brook, WA7
2NL

When: Thursday mornings from
9:30 – 11am (term time only)

Where: Ditton Library, Queens
Avenue, Widnes, WA8 8HR

When: Friday mornings from 10-
12pm (term time only)

Who: Everyone is welcome!

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Road Safety

Despite parent/carer/drivers having access to the school car park and the drop off and go system, many are still choosing to double park on the keep clear zig zags and double yellow lines. This behaviour is restricting the line of sight of the 'lollipop lady' making it extremely hazardous for pedestrians to cross the road safely even with her assistance.



In addition the buses and emergency vehicles frequently have problems trying to navigate through Latham Avenue due to the double parking.

In view of this, the Road Safety Team from Halton Borough Council plan to carry out a 2 week campaign outside the school, in conjunction with the police. This will involve speaking to parents, children and handing out road safety literature. We also plan to display 1m high pop ups of school children each displaying a road safety message.

Staying Healthy

We have recently had a lot of children who have been absent due to flu symptoms or vomiting bugs. Here are a few reminders to help you stay healthy during the winter months:

- Wash your hands frequently, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, sneezing, being with ill people and especially before you eat.
- Avoid sharing objects.
- Avoid touching your nose, mouth and eyes.
- Get enough sleep and avoid getting "run down"
- Use tissues for coughs and sneezes and dispose of them immediately and appropriately.
- Eat right and get regular exercise.
- Avoid crowds and keep your distance from people whom you know are ill.



If your child is not well enough to attend school, please ensure that you contact the school on the first day of absence either by:

Texting the school via MYEd app

Ringling the absence line: 01928 562660 and pressing 1 for absence line and leave a voice message

Email using absence@thegrange.com



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Year 5 Art Project

Class 5OI have loved their recent Art projects. They have learnt how to weave like the Vikings and how to draw using 2 point perspective. We have been very impressed with their resilience when learning these new skills, with excellent results. Well done!



Fundraiser Fanatics

On Wednesday 20th November, a fundraiser was organised by the prefect team. The team planned an event in which younger students (in Years 7 and 8) would be given the opportunity to participate in a broad amount of activities. Students would pay 50p in exchange for 5 tokens. The tokens could then be given in to the prefects on the different activities in return for participation in them. For example, 1 token could be given in to the prefects behind the rope-ladder activity. The student could then attempt the activity and aim towards beating or matching the high-score.

The fundraiser resulted in an amount just short of £40. Around 80 students from both Years 7 and 8 attended, with their money being used to fund the Christmas Meal for residents of a local retirement home. This event will allow for the residents to visit The Grange Academy and share a traditional Christmas Meal, with carols and entertainment provided by the school choir.

Head Boy and Head Girl, Robert-Moss Rathbone and Niamh Main



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Request for old sports trainers

If any students, parents or carers have any old, unused sports trainers lying around at home, we would be grateful if we could use them in school for students who have forgotten theirs. Any donations welcome - please bring them in a bag and label them for the attention of Mr Allen.

Star Readers

Well done to our Star Readers of last half term who were chosen because of their wonderful attitude towards reading in school and at home.



Thought of the Week

Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better.

- Maya Angelou -

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Year 11 Mock Exams	2nd Dec onwards	
Christmas Jumper Day	13th December	
Christmas Dinner	13th December	
All Through Christmas Concert	17th December	
Primary Christmas Parties	20th December	

School closes for Christmas - 20th December

Primary Christmas Performances

Reception	16th December	2pm + 5.30pm
Key Stage 1	17th December	2pm + 5.30pm
Key Stage 2	18th December	2pm + 5.30pm

