



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust



ONE SCHOOL ONE VISION



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CHRISTMAS EDITION



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for your support over this first term. As a school community there have been many positive changes and I know there is still much more to come. Attendance has improved and this still remains a key focus for all staff. We need your continued support to ensure your child is in school every day.

Please take time to enjoy the festive season with friends and family. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Mr Critchley

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to those students who have reached their attendance target of over 96% attendance this term. We look forward to seeing all of our students back in school on **Thursday 3rd January 2019**. Can we please stress to parents the importance of your child's attendance, especially on the first couple of days back after Christmas, in order to keep on track with their target grades.

100% Half Term Attendance

Congratulations to those students who have reached 100% attendance this Half Term (October to December)

Year Group	No of Students
Reception	22
Year 1	32
Year 2	31
Year 3	27
Year 4	36
Year 5	31
Year 6	32
Year 7	49
Year 8	52
Year 9	47
Year 10	41
Year 11	30

100% Term Attendance

Congratulations to those students who have reached 100% attendance this Term (September to December)

Year Group	No of Students
Reception	15
Year 1	22
Year 2	25
Year 3	18
Year 4	30
Year 5	19
Year 6	23
Year 7	35
Year 8	38
Year 9	37
Year 10	25
Year 11	17

Congratulations!



Well done to the 305 students who have achieved 100% attendance since September 2018. Keep it up!



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

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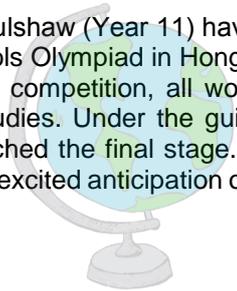
Author visit – Joseph Delaney

We had the pleasure of welcoming the esteemed author Joseph Delaney to our school recently. With thanks to our partnership with Halton Libraries, Joseph visited our school and spoke to our student audience about his career in writing, his ideas behind his stories, characters and also about his book 'Spooks Apprentice' becoming a major motion film. Our students thought Joseph was very interesting and creative. Joseph was very impressed with our school and said our students asked him the most 'fantastic questions'.



Team GB for Geography Schools Olympiad

Owen O'Neill and Samantha Culshaw (Year 11) have been accepted to represent Team GB for Geography Schools Olympiad in Hong Kong in 2019. Initially 9 students entered the competition, all working extremely hard on their research and detailed case studies. Under the guidance of Mrs Harkins, it was Owen and Samantha who reached the final stage. Their entry is currently being judged in London. We wait with excited anticipation of the final selection. Good luck to both students!



Halton Mayoral Debate Competition



On Tuesday 4th December 2018 our team of four amazing Year 8 performers, James Thwaite, Gracie Carr, Jaida Crowley and Robert Parr, prepared debates on the complex topics of who should be exempt from the new toll fees on the new Runcorn Bridge and whether cyclists should hold a licence. These complicated topics were then debated in the Council chambers, with our team up against teams from The Heath, Wade Deacon and Saints Peter and Paul. Every other team was made up of students in Year 10, and our team demonstrated that age is no barrier to doing a fantastic job. They were amazing. They debated with real passion and engagement and showed what Grange Academy learners are all about. The ability to adapt, to think on your feet, to be confident and develop ideas on the spot and under the scrutiny of the Mayor and the Debate Mate judges.

Mr Giles and Miss Lloyd, who accompanied the group and helped our team prepare, were so proud of the efforts of the team. They will gain so much from their experience this year and will be even more prepared to take on the teams next year, where the aim is to bring the trophy back to The Grange Academy. It's coming home...next year!

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Kindness Week (10th-14th December)

As part of our Them & Us programme, our students took part in a number of activities this week to promote kindness and mutual respect:

Random Acts of Kindness – each student chose one act of kindness they were going to complete each day.

Paper Chains – each form group created a kindness paper chain containing kind or thank you messages to people who have helped them.

Thank you notes - students wrote at least 1 thank you note for a student or member of staff who has helped them at some point this year.

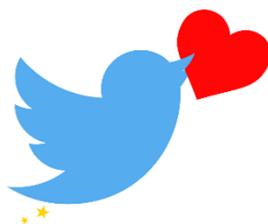
Kindness Assemblies - Assemblies were delivered by a mixture of staff and form groups with the key theme of Kindness running through the assembly.

Caught in the Act of Kindness – This involved daily updates on Facebook and Twitter using the hash tag '#kindnessweek' of people carrying out acts of kindness.

Staff Smile Competition - Students vote for the member of staff who they feel has been the happiest and most smiley throughout the week.

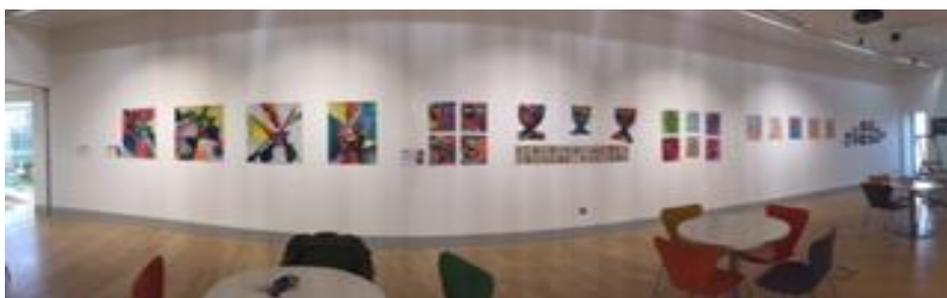
Peer Reading – This gave students the opportunity to support Primary students by reading to them and getting to know them better.

Choose
KINDNESS.

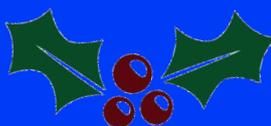


'In the name of ART'

Our fantastic art exhibition 'In the name of ART' is now on display at the Brindley Theatre. This is a collaboration with Wade Deacon, showcasing work that has been produced in the style of some famous artists. The display is up over the festive period until the end of January and we would definitely encourage you to pop down and take a look.



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Christmas Picture Competition

Thank you and well done to the students who entered the Christmas Picture Competition this year. We had a fantastic response and some amazing artwork was produced, including our worthy winners below! The pictures which were shortlisted are all on display outside the school Library. Each winner was awarded a certificate and a book voucher, which was presented to them by Mr Critchley for all their creative designs.

Winner in Infants

Congratulations to Bobby-Ray Holtom 1W



Well done!

Winner in Juniors

Congratulations to Millie Johnson 6S



Well done!

Winner in KS3

Congratulations to Elizabeth Young 7WNG



Well done!

Winner in KS4

Congratulations to Milly Morrall 9MEY



Well done!



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Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair was a huge success, with students and their families visiting to enjoy a wide range of stalls including tombola, hook a bauble, lucky dip, reindeer food, decorate a biscuit, guess the weight of the cake, name the teddy and sweet stalls to name but a few. We even had a magical visit from Father Christmas and his Elves! Congratulations to Miss Hemsley who won the Yule Log and Mrs Stewart who won the Penguin Christmas cake at the 'Guess the Weight of the Cake' stall. Thank you to Miss Graham's mum and Miss Wilkinson for providing the cakes.

We would like to thank everyone who came to support us and also contributed prizes towards the event. It was the hard work of the staff and parents who made this festive event happen and a huge thank you goes to Mrs Eastup for her organisation and time given to make it such a success.



A Message from Santa's Elves and Fairies

This year we did our traditional annual Christmas Fair, where we had a very special visit from Santa and his special helpers. While Year 6 dressed as elves and fairies to give Santa a little helping hand, as it was very busy, they also helped with the stalls which were absolutely amazing. Thank you to everyone who came to enjoy the event. We raised lots of money for school Christmas activities and opportunities for everyone. Since Christmas is just around the corner, we appreciate every penny that has been put into the event. We had so much fun helping you get around and letting the young ones have fun and filling their hearts with joy. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

From The News Paper People
(Millie, Ellie, Larna and Lexie)



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Christmas Choir Performance

Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Shopping City on Thursday 13th December for our Christmas Choir Performance. The students performed excellently and were fantastic role models for The Grange Academy.



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 - Paige Burnett
Year 8 - Joshua Gillies
Year 9 - Katie Jones
Year 10 - Leo Chamberlin
Year 11 - Owen O'Neill

Free Breakfast for Students

We are delighted to inform you that the school has secured a free breakfast for all students through the National School Breakfast Programme and we will begin serving on Monday 14th January 2019.

Primary

In Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, Primary phase students can choose to have a breakfast bagel should they wish. These will be served in their classrooms from 8.45am until 9.00am. In Nursery, Reception and our Primary Bases we will be able to offer students a choice of cereals with milk or a bagel. As the trial develops we will look to widen the choices available to Primary students.

Secondary

In the Secondary phase, our students can access breakfast in the school dining hall from 8.00am until 8.25am and choose from bagels and a range of cereals with milk.

Students who access the Secondary Resource Bases will have the opportunity to make their own breakfast from a range of items.

Research has found that at least half a million children in the UK arrive at school each day too hungry to learn and it has shown a direct link between the breakfast habits of children and their educational attainment. For example in primary schools where breakfast is provided, an average up to two months' additional academic progress can be made over the course of a year. We hope that this will ensure we can continue to have a positive impact on the achievement of all our students and prepare them for their learning.



Delivering the National School Breakfast Programme

Parking Reminder

Please can we remind all drivers entering the school car park about the need to park considerately in a proper parking space. Please do not block other cars in or park on the zebra crossings, especially at peak times, such as morning drop off and afternoon pick up, when our car park is at its busiest with cars and pedestrians. This also applies to disabled spaces and taxi bays as they are used regularly for a number of our students with limited mobility. They require access to these spaces at all times in order to be dropped off and picked up from school. Out of courtesy please can these areas not be blocked or parked in.

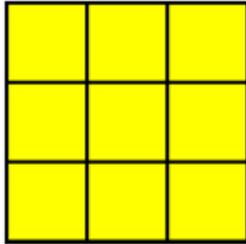
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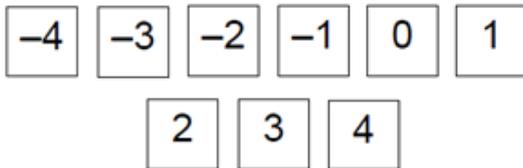
Numeracy Challenge

It all adds up to nothing!!



A magic square which adds up to exactly nothing.

Put these numbers into the square above so that each row across, down and diagonally adds up to zero.



Literacy Challenge

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



Some journeys take us
far from home. Some
adventures lead us to
our
destiny.

School closes for Christmas on Tuesday 18th December

Secondary leave at 12.10pm
Primary leave at 12.30pm

Thought of the Week

**“Never be cruel, never be
cowardly. Always try to be nice
and never fail to be kind.”**
- Peter Capaldi

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Christmas Bake Sale – outside school Library	Fri 14 Dec '18	10.50am-11.10am
School closes for Christmas	Tue 18 Dec '18	12.10pm (Secondary) 12.30pm (Primary)
School re-opens to students	Thu 3 rd Jan '19	Normal school time



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