



## A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first issue of our Newsletter for 2021. I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

Following the Christmas break there have been many last minute changes nationally, but especially in education. Schools have had to respond quickly to ensure we provide high quality remote education, provide places for key worker and vulnerable students, provide free school meals, support colleagues to work from home when they can and continually amend plans in light of SATs and exams being 'cancelled.'

I placed cancelled in inverted commas as there is a consultation due from the Department of Education (DfE) and OfQUAL about mini assessments in the Summer term for Year 11. Year 11 should expect mock results shortly and I will provide more information regarding exams then.

Despite all the challenges I mentioned above, I am extremely proud of how our school community have and continue to respond to these. I understand the challenges you face with home education and that's why we have distributed ICT devices received from the DfE; we are looking to secure more from them to ensure learning can continue at home. We have ensured a blended approach to remote learning in both phases and in Secondary we are not always 'live', so work can be completed independently and devices shared amongst siblings where possible.

We are carefully monitoring engagement to home learning, in both phases, and it is imperative that you encourage your child(ren) to complete all of the work set. If ICT is a barrier then you should contact the school so we can look at how we can overcome this.

The safety and education of all our students is paramount and we are doing all we can to ensure we do both exceptionally well. I want to ask for your continued support to ensure work is completed and returned to school so we can continue to support every child. It is crucial your child(ren) are ready to start learning at the normal time. This will ensure they stay in a routine and also support their transition when schools are fully open. Encouraging them to wear their uniform at home is a good way of maintaining these habits and routines.

These are indeed very challenging times but, as we have done for ten months, we must continue to work together for the benefit of everyone.

Please continue to follow all the guidance regarding COVID-19 and stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives.

Best wishes,

Mr Critchley





## Home Learning

Students across both Primary and Secondary phases have been engaging and producing some fantastic work via the Remote Learning channels.

For Primary students, Tapestry and SeeSaw are used to ensure high quality education is provided.

Primary



**Tapestry** - <https://tapestryjournal.com/>



**SeeSaw** - <https://web.seesaw.me/>

Primary Home Learning packs are also available on our school website under [Primary > Home Learning](#). These are an excellent resource relevant to your child's class and can be downloaded to complete at home.

If you have any problems with remote learning, please contact staff through these apps directly or email:

[KS2Primary@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:KS2Primary@thegrangeacademy.co.uk)

KS1 and [EYFS@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:EYFS@thegrangeacademy.co.uk)

Secondary

Secondary students should continue to follow their normal timetable and all lessons and resources are available through Microsoft Teams. This may be in the form of 'live' lessons, pre-recorded lessons, class notebook or external resources.

Setting up Microsoft Teams:

[https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/downloads/setting\\_up\\_microsoft\\_teams\\_-\\_student\\_guide\\_v2.pdf](https://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk/downloads/setting_up_microsoft_teams_-_student_guide_v2.pdf)

It is imperative that students and parents keep up to date with the latest information and updates regarding home learning, so please keep checking our website [www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk](http://www.thegrangeacademy.co.uk) as well as our social media platforms as these are our main forms of communication.

Facebook: @grangeacademy

Twitter: @Grange\_School

Instagram: @thegrangeacademy



There are currently some answers to 'Frequently Asked Questions' on our social media pages, if any students or parents have any queries over home learning.

BBC

For both Primary and Secondary students, the BBC have provided schedules containing lots of brilliant content to help with learning at home. This can be accessed via the BBC website, TV or social media. Please refer to their weekly schedules for more information.



## Outstanding Primary Work

### Willow Class

Mia has been creating a Gacha Life Stories animation of Romeo and Juliet.



Katie has been decorating a plate using the Victorian technique of decoupage. This is her work in progress.

### Rainbow Class



Millie has been busy using her Maths and English skills fantastically at home.



Lillian has been trying hard with her reading at home and has been doing some lovely writing too!

Sam has been doing some fantastic reading about animals. He decided his favourite animal was a panda so he got creative and made his own panda mask.



Sophie has been accessing lots of work at home. She has been using coins at home to practise her number work, even exploring addition.

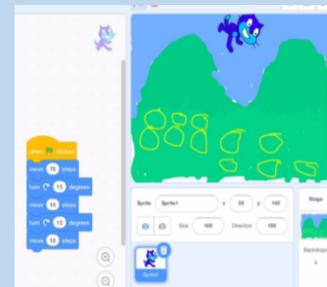
### Green Class



Cian has been working hard on his multiplication and division whilst at home and uploading it to SeeSaw.



Our Key Worker students have been enjoying their work in school this week on Ancient Egypt and produced some lovely art work.



Connor has been experimenting with computer coding using Scratch.

### Oak & Elm Class



## Home Learning Superstars



Most work posts since Christmas

Key Stage 1		
Rowan	Indigo	40
Lula	Blue	26
Heath	Violet	26
Olivia	Blue	25
Anna	Indigo	24

Key Stage 2		
Hannah	Cedar	80
Evan	Cedar	59
Jamie	Spruce	53
Millie	Oak	42
Alex	Elm	41



Number of quizzes completed



Reception	David	9
Year 1	Olivia	13
Year 2	Millie	7
Year 3	Chloe	8
Year 4	Lily-May	4
Year 5	Alice	3
Year 6	Lois	2



### TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Name	Coins Earned
Tyler Kinley	69,680
Rania Hodis	59,456
Kelsie-Mai McAuley	30,745
Harry Furnival	16,690
Alice Jones	15,980

### NUMBOTS

Name	Coins Earned
Harry Pines-Gallagher	8948
Millie Burnett	8687
Rowan Mckeirnon	7989
Kaolan Smith	7143
Teegan Ormson	5687

## Outstanding Secondary Work

### HOME LEARNING HEROES

**Abigail in Year 7**

Great work in English As your progress tutor and English teacher, Mr Elliott is very proud of your hard work.

**Spencer in Year 8**

Fantastic work in drama looking into political messages and sharing your opinion on the positive impact of gaming.

**Keep it up!**

### HOME LEARNING HEROES

**Renee in Year 11**

Excellent, thought provoking photography work.

**Dylan in Year 11**

Fantastically presented Maths work, with clear demonstration of understanding

**Keep it up!**

### HOME LEARNING HEROES

**Darcie in Year 8**

Great work exploring the theme of Mental Health.

**Well done!**

**Erin & Evie in Year 9**

Some excellent Maths calculations, well presented!

**Keep it up!**

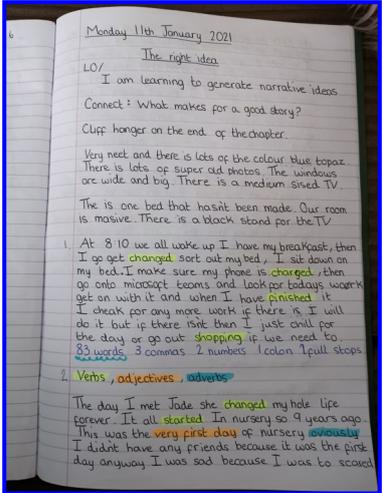
### HOME LEARNING HEROES

**Georgi in Year 11**

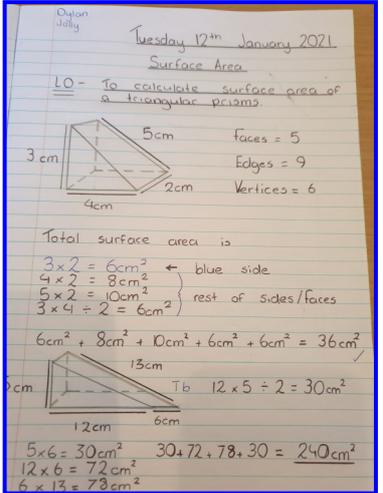
A fantastic amount of thought, detail and explanation in your History work.

**Good job!**

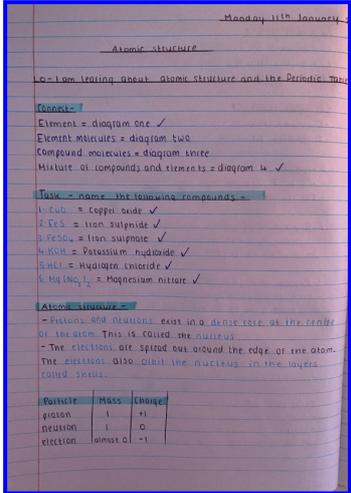
Well done!



English work by Abigail (Year 7)



Maths work by Dylan (Year 11)



Science work by Lily (Year 9)

## Hegarty Heroes

All homework in maths is now set weekly on [hegartymaths.com](http://hegartymaths.com). If you would like to know more please check the link on the school website.



Most video hours Year 7 - Keaten Boyle

Most video hours Year 8 - Elisha Boden

Most video hours Year 9 - Cian Tummon

Most video hours Year 10 - Matthew Jackson

Most video hours Year 11 - Samantha Main

Most correct questions answered Year 7 - Alex Tiernan

Most correct questions answered Year 8 - Macy Howard

Most correct questions answered Year 9 - Tyler Mawson

Most correct questions answered Year 10 - Mickey Wilson

Most correct questions answered Year 11 - Chloe Goble

Most learning hours Year 7 - Elysha Kilpatrick

Most learning hours Year 8 - Gabriel Phillips

Most learning hours Year 9 - Tyler Mawson

Most learning hours Year 10 - Jamie Parsons

Most learning hours Year 11 - Chloe Goble

## Maths Competition



## WoW - Word of the Week

Word of the Week (WoW) is our weekly investigation into vocabulary. Each week we look at a high-frequency, useful word (which may be difficult to interpret) and explore the definition, sounds, spelling, word-families, grammar and history surrounding it.

(week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> January)

This week's word is

**purpose** (noun)

- a reason or plan that guides an action; design or goal

(week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> December)

This week's word is

**vertices** (plural noun)

- points where two or more line segments meet. They are corners

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

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## Thought of the Week



Love is not cancelled

Reading is not cancelled

Devotion is not cancelled

Music is not cancelled

Imagination is not cancelled

Kindness is not cancelled

## SMSC

18th-24th January 2021

### British Values - Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Every individual has their own idea about how to say thank you to others. I respect the fact that their ideas may not be the same as mine.

### UN Rights of a Child

Our teachers help us to understand that we have the right to express our thanks in our own way. They also teach us to respect the fact that the way others say thank you may be different from ours.



## Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

**we are  
withyou**

**A local support service for young people**

### **Webchat Service**

Our Web Chat service which is available to young people or anyone who is concerned about a young person in Pan Cheshire remains available.

**This service is available every Tuesday and Thursday 6pm - 9pm.**

The webchat service can be accessed during this time by messaging us on our Facebook or Instagram page or by clicking the following link:

<https://direct.lc.chat/8944385/23>

**For those pupils who are aged 13+ and need some support, please refer to the below Instagram page:**



We have recently launched an Instagram page that is tailored towards children and young people and is updated on a daily basis. Please share with children and young people as appropriate:

<https://www.instagram.com/wearewithyoupancheshire/>

## Supporting your mental health during lockdown

While everybody is spending more time online, it is important to look after our online safety and wellbeing. Here are some tips to help students and parents/carers:

### Stay connected with friends

Organise a virtual catch up

Start a fitness or dance challenge with friends online

### Manage your mental health

Stay connected with friends and family

Take a break from social media if you are feeling pressured or overwhelmed

Let your teachers know if you need extra support

### Balance your time online

Make a plan to study and set routine breaks

Turn off notifications for social media and try limiting your gaming time

**STAY POSITIVE**

