



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and enjoy reading this Newsletter. The good news is local infection rates are still low and we are approaching another date where we have the opportunity to open up society further. I am sure you are all looking forward to Monday 17th May and some more of the freedoms this will bring. However, it is still important we continue to follow the current guidance and I am pleased to say that I continue to be impressed with how our students have started back.

This is a particularly tough time for Year 11, and their teachers, as they continue to work on collecting evidence in order to support Teacher Assessed Grades. The amount of work from students and staff to ensure the results are fair this year is enormous; I am really proud of the effort from both students, staff and express my gratitude to the parents of Year 11 for all their support. This doesn't mean all the other year groups are not working hard; they absolutely are. In both phases we had a recent 'learning week' which encouraged all students to recall what they have learnt and what they are currently learning. We were really impressed by their knowledge and recall.

In order for students to gain knowledge attendance is vital and is still a huge factor in determining how well students progress academically. As we have seen rates come down locally and nationally it is important we continue to get back to normal quickly. This means that students should attend school everyday and this is the best possible way to help them make academic progress and develop socially. I would like your support to ensure your child(ren) attend every day, on time and bring a positive attitude to learning.

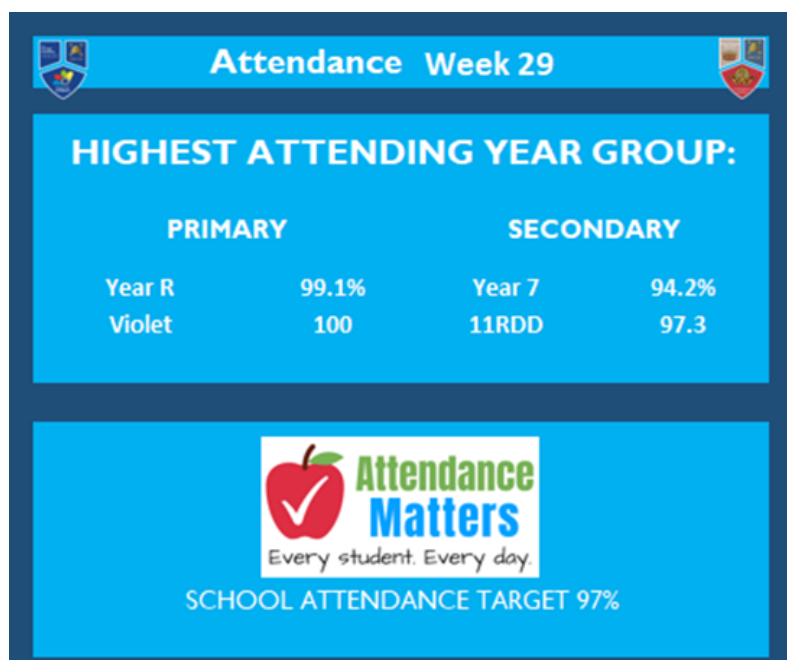
It has been brilliant to see extra-curricular activities start again, in both phases. As you will see within the Newsletter, Year 10 Sports Studies students were able to develop their skills at Go Ape in Delamere Forest. We want to see more students at extra-curricular activities and I am delighted to say the enrichment and extra-curricular offer next academic year will be fantastic. More information on our plans for this, and improvements to our facilities, will be shared before the summer break.

I am also delighted to offer a Summer School for our new Year 7 cohort and this will run during the last week of the summer holidays. Again, information has already been shared with our new starters and we have had a really positive response so far.

Finally, a plea from me regarding reading at home. Can you encourage, if you already don't, your child(ren) to access myOn and 'read for pleasure.' There are many great books for all ages, abilities and interests. Engaging in this will ensure they have the necessary reading skills to excel in school and beyond.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes.

Mr Critchley



This Week:

- Primary Events and Information
- Secondary Events and Information
- Whole School Events
- WoW, Hegarty Heroes, Career of the Week, SMSC
- Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

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

PRIMARY

Reading Activities

We have lots of exciting things happening with reading this term. As Reading Support Coordinator, Mrs Marshall is overseeing myON, Accelerated Reader, Lexonik and Reading for Pleasure. If you would like any support, guidance or further information on any of this, please get in touch with your child's class teacher who can speak to Mrs Marshall for you.



On 23rd April, students in Primary and Secondary took part in St George's Day activities to celebrate the Patron Saint of England. There were presentations, quizzes and even competitions—some of which involved being artistic or using photography skills; creating a comic strip or even making Maths challenges for Mrs Bibby to unlock!



Lime Class learnt about the bravery of St George and how we can be brave and show courage. Then they practised their times tables while creating an image relating to St George.



We each made our own England flag – Miss Mulligan



In Blue class we each made our own England flag and celebrated outside with a street party.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

Name	Coins Earned
Tyler (Cedar)	146,137
Jayden (Willow)	86,370
Kelsie-Mai (Lime)	28,653
Arthur (Oak)	25,842
Harry (Cedar)	25,432

NUMBOTS

Name	Coins Earned
Reuban (Violet)	3568
Mia (Violet)	3179
Mia (Indigo)	2736
Zakk (Violet)	2447
Oliva (Blue)	2120

SECONDARY

New Year 7



The free Summer School for our new Year 7's starting in September has now been extended to help students with their transition. If you would like your child to attend, please complete this form if you haven't already done so:

[#summerschool](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=kGSC6rbgAk2BMLvfMAKGDDXePGSeYmtAksnwy_zHLKBUMDBMSIhNOE9UQzdERU1CM0YxS0lM1FMTS4u) [#transition](#)

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 students have been issued with letters and forms to arrange their own Work Experience placements this year. We strongly encourage students to arrange their placements themselves to simulate the job search process and to develop their resilience. Support is also on hand from staff and the school Careers Advisor, Mrs Conlon.

Work Experience will take place from Monday 12th - Friday 16th July 2021.



House Event

Students across the Secondary phase will be taking part in a form time quiz this week as we commemorate VE Day, with prizes for the winning form!

Go Ape for Sports Studies

On Wednesday 5th May, a group of Year 10 students visited Go Ape at Delamere as part of their Sports Studies course.



Year 9 & 10 Catch up Immunisations

Year 9 and 10 students are having their catch up immunisations on Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th May in school.

Please can we ask for all forms to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible before these dates and for students to wear either a short sleeved shirt on the day or a vest top underneath their shirt to make it easier for the immunisations and protect modesty.

If any parents/carers have queries, please contact the Immunisation Team on 0151 495 5066.

Upcoming Progress Update Evenings:

Year 7 - Thursday 17th June

Year 10 - Thursday 24th June

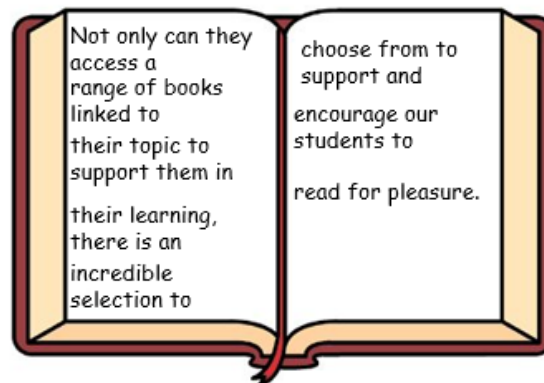
Parents will be notified nearer the time to when the school cloud booking system is open to make appointments.

All appointments are via video call with teachers.

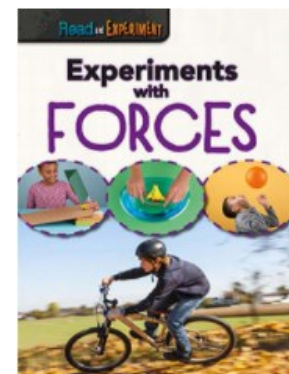
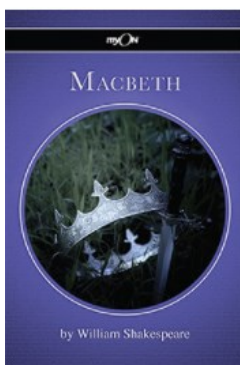
Whole School Events

Reading News

Within school, we now have access to an exciting new online reading platform called myON, which enables our children to have unlimited access to thousands of online books linked to all areas of the curriculum, in school and at home.



In school, staff will show the children how to access and use the features of the program so that they can be confident and able to access it from all devices at home using the website www.myon.co.uk. There is also an app available on Apple devices.



The program will also help us to keep track of the amount of reading that the children undertake, helping us to support their learning further.

Some of the features include an audio option for books to be read to them and a dictionary to support with the meaning of unfamiliar words.



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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 10th May)

This week's word is

vary (verb)

-differ in size, amount, degree

(week beginning 17th May)

This week's word is

debate

(noun)

- a formal discussion on a particular matter

(verb)

argue about a subject (in a formal manner)

How you can help:

Encourage the use of the word in speaking and writing;
model the use of the word when you talk.

Hegarty Heroes

Most learning hours - Year 7 - Chloe Kendall

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Penelope Wilson

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Thomas O'Brien

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Leah Humphreys

Most learning hours - Year 11 - Najem Nabhan

Most correct questions answered Year 7 - Hollie Higginson

Most correct questions answered Year 8 - Penelope Wilson

Most correct questions answered Year 9 - Rachael Dempsey

Most correct questions answered Year 10 - Layla-Jayne McNulty

Most correct questions answered Year 11 - Emily-May Nation

Most video hours Year 7 - Chloe Kendall

Most video hours Year 8 - Maisie Richards

Most video hours Year 9 - Thomas O'Brien

Most video hours Year 10 - Charlotte Anderson

Most video hours Year 11 - Harlee Lloyd

Career of the week



Early years teacher

Salary:

£25,714 Starter to £36,961 Experienced

What you'll do:

As an early years teacher, you'll need to:

- motivate and stimulate a child's learning abilities, often encouraging learning through experience
- provide pastoral care and support to children within a secure learning environment
- assist with the development of a child's personal, social, language and physical coordination abilities
- develop and produce visual aids and teaching resources
- encourage mathematical and creative development through stories, songs, games, drawing and imaginative play
- help children develop curiosity and knowledge
- work with others, including teaching assistants and nursery nurses as well as volunteer helpers, to plan and coordinate work both indoors and outdoors
- share knowledge gained with other practitioners and build and maintain relationships with parents
- observe, assess and record each child's progress
- ensure the health and safety of children and staff is maintained during all activities, both inside and outside the nursery or school
- attend staff meetings and staff training days
- keep up to date with changes in the curriculum and developments in best practice.



Entry requirements:

You'll usually need:

- 4 or 5 GCSEs at grades 9 to 4 (A* to C), or equivalent, including English, maths and science.
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

Skills required:

You'll need:

- knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- sensitivity and understanding
- the ability to work well with others
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to understand people's reactions
- the ability to come up with new ways of doing things
- to be flexible and open to change
- excellent verbal communication skills
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

SMSC

3rd - 9th May 2021

British Values - Mutual Respect and Tolerance

It is important to respect other people's feelings and check if it's OK before we copy someone. Some people may not mind if we copy what they do or say, but others may get upset.

UN Rights of a Child

If someone copies us, we have the right to be protected from being exploited by them. This means that no one should take advantage of us when they copy what we say and do.

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Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

Meaningful May 2021

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Make a list of what matters most to you and why	2 Do something kind for someone you really care about	3 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	4 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	5 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 Notice the beauty in nature, even if you're stuck indoors	10 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	11 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	14 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	17 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	18 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	19 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	20 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	21 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	24 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	25 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	26 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	27 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	28 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others
29 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	30 Today do something to care for the natural world	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				

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Mental Health Awareness Week
10-16 May 2021
NATURE
WILL YOU JOIN IN OUR '5 WAYS TO WELLBEING'?

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week, where we will be focusing on connecting with nature. We will be looking at this theme with students and looking at '5 Ways to Wellbeing'.

