



THE GRANGE ACADEMY

Wade Deacon Trust

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A Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are fast approaching the end of this academic year and although there are only three weeks left, the school is still incredibly busy.

Due to a rise in Covid-19 rates locally we have recommended testing of Secondary students once per week. Can I ask for your support to ensure that they are taking a further test at home and the results are reported to the school. No one wants 'bubbles' sent home and required to self-isolate. Regular testing is an important step to ensure we keep students in school and our community safe.

During the last few weeks we will have several visits to the school from colleagues at the Wade Deacon Trust (WDT). These visits are to quality assure the work that we do and also as part of our commitment to keep improving the provision for our students, your children. Even though the year has been challenging we are still committed to making this school the best it can be. Therefore, for the last few weeks can I still ask for your support in ensuring your children are well equipped, attend on time and in full school uniform and demonstrate our motto of 'Aspire for Excellence.' I know many students are tired, but it is important we do not lose any learning time.

Additionally to the visits from colleagues in the WDT, we will be undertaking another Challenge Partner review which will begin on Monday 5th July. This is an external review, led by a current OfSTED inspector, and although this will take place remotely due to the local restrictions, we know it will be a valuable process. I will share their findings with you following the review.

Over the summer holidays the school will be a hive of activity. We are having many of the areas re-painted and new flooring is being laid too. We are having a new 3G pitch surface and many classrooms in both phases are having new interactive screens and computers. This involves over 100 new computers and over 40 new screens across the school. All this work is part of our commitment to providing the best possible facilities and education for your children. This work will ensure that the school is looking its best and ready for a positive, and less disrupted, new academic year.

During the final week of the summer holidays we will be hosting our Summer School to support the transition of current Year 6 students into Year 7. We already have a good uptake in numbers and should you want a place for the Summer School, please email: newstartersyear7@thegrangeacademy.co.uk.

Finally, please can I ask for your consideration when phoning the school office to speak to a member of staff. Teaching staff and leaders often have full days of teaching and/or meetings and will always endeavour to get back to you the same day. It shouldn't be necessary to call the office more than once, as the message will be passed on to the relevant member(s) of staff.

Enjoy the weekend and please keep safe.

Best wishes

Mr Critchley

Attendance Weekly Winners					
Week 35					
Best Attending Year Primary			Best Attending Year Secondary		
Year 06 with 97.6%			Year 7 with 93.6%		
Woodlands	100	Hazel	96.3	9CLN	98.6
Orange	98.0	Oak	96.0	9WNG	96.2
Violet	98.0			7GRC	96.1
Elm	97.9				
Spruce	97.9				
Blue	97.5				
Willow	97.2				
Indigo	96.7				

This Week:

- Primary - examples of excellent work
- Secondary - examples of excellent work
- WoW, Hegarty Heroes, Career of the Week, SMSC
- Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health, Halton Libraries 'Let's Go Green Festival'

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

PRIMARY

So far this term we have seen some excellent examples of work from our Primary students. Here are just a few samples.

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you as I am concerned greatly about the land for sale opposite my house. The area which is home to a crucial part of the eco system is at great risk. You are chopping down trees the wildlife use for homes and the trees we use to breathe. This is making the pollution of our planet worse.

Many years ago our world was full of natural green beauty and vivid animals. All around the world our environment is being destroyed and replaced with homes, shops and rubbish dumps. Whilst I was growing up I lived in the country side now that has turned into a city of litter and buildings. I if we didn't change the way we lived in the past our world would be full of nature and forests.

Whilst I appreciate that the population is growing and we need more places to live, we need to consider that our is being destroyed and harming our world. Collaboratively we need to work together to plant more trees to try and be more sustainable. We can work together to make our town more green.

Yours faithfully
Neve Roberts

Neve from Year 5 has written a persuasive letter about deforestation.

Ben from Year 4 has written a City Sounds Poem. He explored using a variety of verbs and adverbs to create effect.

City sounds

Cats howling viciously in the distance.

Car doors banging loudly along the road.

Babies wailing endlessly in the town.

Footsteps tapping irritably in the park.

Wind whistling rapidly through the busy streets.

Dogs barking aggressively at passers by.

Rats squeak menacingly in the town.

Doorbells ding loudly in the streets.

Doors slam furiously in the distance.

Clocks chiming irritably in other houses.

People laughing endlessly at other peoples jokes.

Ben - Pine

Well done



Year 5 explored mixing colours, blending, shading and different stroke techniques when using watercolours as apart of their project—Window by Jeannie Baker

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS

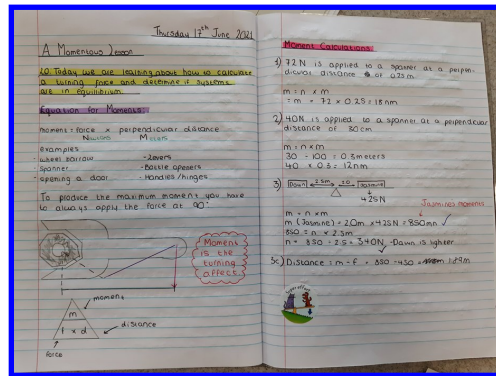
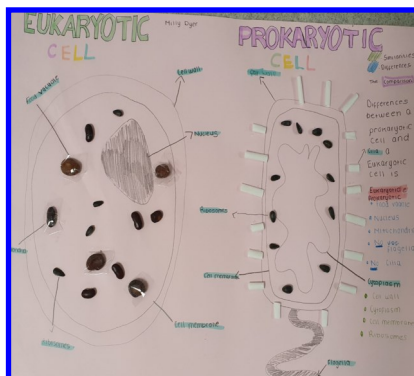
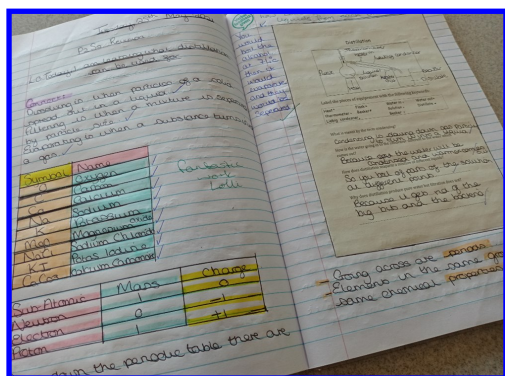
Name	Coins Earned
Arthur (Oak)	48,900
Rania (Lime)	31,650
Kelsie Mai (Lime)	30,031
Ruby (Pine)	19,991
Jayden (Willow)	16,690

NUMBOTS

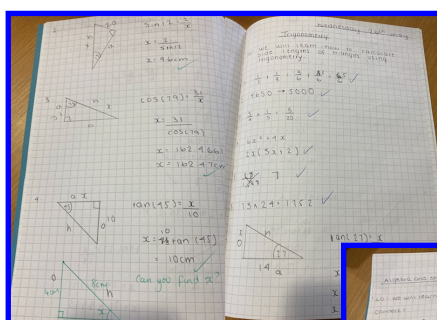
Name	Coins Earned
Olivia (Blue)	8,286
Millie (Violet)	7,633
Evan (Violet)	5,952
Harry Bartlett (Blue)	4,385
Mia Currie (Indigo)	4,360

SECONDARY

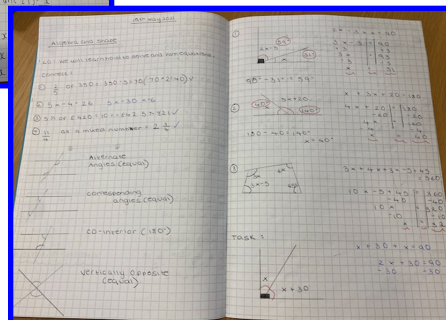
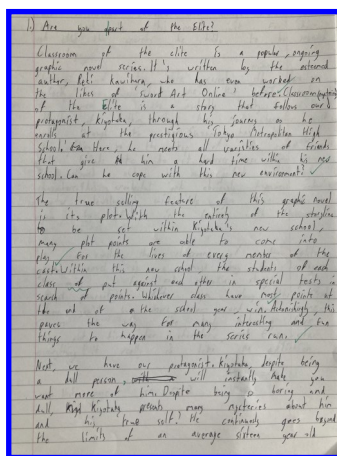
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In Science we have seen excellent examples of Year 8 revision as well as Year 10 Physics work– investigating Hooke's Law, Moments and Gears. Year 9 Biology classwork and revision has brought out some great presentations, good use of blue pen feedback and using models to remember key information.



Some excellent examples of Trigonometry, Algebra & Shape and Index Laws from our Year 10 Maths students.



Year 11 students made some very impressive dishes for their GCSE Catering exam this year!



Excerpt from an excellent review written by a Year 10 student as part of his English mock exam.

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 28th June)

This week's word is

defend

(verb)

-resist an attack

(week beginning 5th July)

This week's word is

chronology

(noun)

- the study of time/ the arrangement of events or dates in the order they occurred

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 video hours Year 7 - Toby Holding

Most video hours Year 8 - Katie Riley

Most video hours Year 9 - Jaiden Grant

Most video hours Year 10 - Libby Incledon

Most correct questions answered Year 7 - Toby Holding

Most correct questions answered Year 8 - Olivia Clare

Most correct questions answered Year 9 - Jaiden Grant

Most correct questions answered Year 10 - Libby Incledon

Most learning hours - Year 7 - Toby Holding

Most learning hours - Year 8 - Daniel Hazlehurst

Most learning hours - Year 9 - Jaiden Grant

Most learning hours - Year 10 - Leah Humphreys

Career of the Week

MIDWIFE

Most jobs are in the NHS but you could also work in private hospitals and clinics, or overseas.

Your day-to-day tasks could include:

- Giving pregnant women advice on issues like healthy eating
- Explaining options like giving birth in hospital or at home
- Running classes about pregnancy (antenatal) and parenting
- Checking the health of mother and baby during pregnancy

During labour, you'll:

- Check how labour is progressing
- Monitor the baby during labour
- Give pain relief or advise on ways to manage pain
- Deliver the baby
- Call a doctor if you notice any problems

After the baby's born, you'll give advice to families on caring for their baby.

You could also visit people's homes to check on mother and baby.



SMSC

21st - 27th June 2021

British Values - Rule of Law

There are laws in place so that people use e-scooters safely. If e-scooters are used a lot more in the future, laws may have to change to protect everyone.

UN Rights of a Child

There are laws around the use of e-scooters. Adults should help children to know the law and become responsible members of their communities.

Safeguarding, Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health



HALTON LIBRARIES LET'S GO GREEN FESTIVAL

Children and family events

Don't Step on a Bee Day
Saturday 10th July, Widnes Library, 10.30-12pm

Love Our Planet workshops: design & create animal headdresses
Saturday 10th, 24th & 31st July, Halton Lea Library, 11-1pm

Honey Day
Tuesday 20th July, Ditton Library, 4-5.30pm

Mind Your Own Beeswax Day
Tuesday 27th July, Halton Lea Library, 10.30-12pm

Old MacDonald and the Three Pigs Plus Show
Saturday 24th July, Widnes Library, 10.30-12pm

A Book In Danger Show
Saturday 24th July, Halton Lea Library, 3-4pm

Recycled art: book sculpture workshops
Tuesday 27th July, Widnes Library, 10.30pm & 12pm

Save Our Planet: Placard Art workshop
Wednesday 28th July Halton Lea Library, 10.30-12pm
Thursday 29th July Widnes Library, 10.30-12pm

Indoor Bug Hunt
Wednesday 4th August, Halton Lea Library, 10.30-12pm

Please visit halton.gov.uk/libraries for full information and booking details

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