



# NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Hello everyone. I'm glad you're taking the time to read our Newsletter.

This month's issue is once again packed with some wonderful extra-curricular events to celebrate. The historic event of King Charles III Coronation has been marked by a special themed celebration picnic in school. So many amazing red, white and blue crowns!

Beyond the coronation festivities there was a trip to Farmer Ted's and the Year 1 Local Geography Walk. In addition, there was also Year 8 Brilliant Club Graduation, gardening clubs and the KS2 Choir supporting the Eurovision festival in Liverpool.

While you are here, I want to take the opportunity to champion the hard work of the Year 6s who completed their SATs last month. A huge well done to all those involved. Such a massive relief to complete their formal assessments as they near the end of their primary phase of education. This month it's the turn of the Year 11s as they embark on their GCSEs.

Finally, can I take a moment to say goodbye to a long-serving member of the staff team, Lynn Ashbridge who has left us at May Half-term after serving 32 years as our Secondary Science Technician. She will be missed.

Thank you parents and carers for your ongoing support. We are better when we work together.

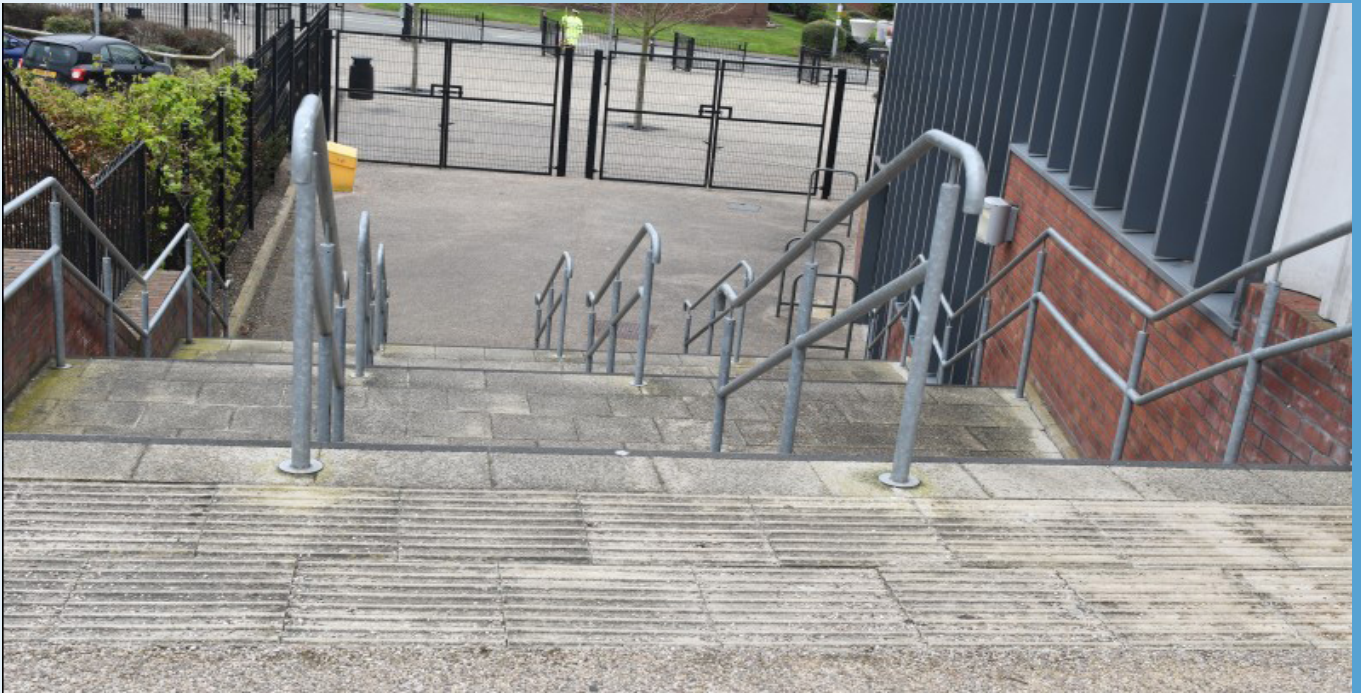
Warm regards

R. Hicks

Principal



# SECONDARY ENTRY AND EXIT



- Entry and exit into the school will be through the side entrance.
- Uniform will be checked at the door with Blue slip issued if required. (2 days to rectify any issue)
- Gates to the side entrance will be closed at 8:35am, after this time all late students must enter through the front main entrance.
- Late detention will take place during breaktime.

## Primary

**Start of the Day is 8:40am**

Registration 8:40am - 8:50am

Period 1 - 8:50am - 9:50am

Break 9:50am - 10:05am

Period 2 - 10:05am - 11:05am

Period 3 - 11:05am - 12:50pm

Lunch - 11:35am - 12:50pm

Period 4 - 12:50pm - 13:50pm

Period 5 - 13:50pm - 14:50pm

**Finish of the day is 14:50pm**

## Secondary

**Start of the Day is 8:30am**

Registration 8:30am - 8:50am

Period 1 - 8:50am - 9:50am

Period 2 - 9:50am - 10:50am

Break 10:50am - 11:05am

Period 3 - 11:05am - 12:05pm

Period 4 - 12:05pm - 13:05pm

Lunch - 13:05pm - 13:35pm

Period 5 - 13:35pm - 14:35pm

**Finish of the day is 14:35pm**

# CAR PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

As our car park gets extremely busy during drop off and pick up times, we ask parents/carers/visitors to ensure that they do not block in or obstruct other vehicles and do not park on the zig-zag markings on Latham Avenue.

Disabled bays are allocated for parents/students who have limited mobility and must display a blue badge.

Please be observant of pedestrians and also remind children of the importance of road safety - using zebra crossings correctly, checking before they cross the road etc. We appreciate your support in keeping all members of our community safe.



ASPIRE FOR EXCELLENCE

## EduLink One

We have already had a great response to the launch of our new parental communication app.

Over 800 parents/carers are now using the EduLink One app, thank you to all those who have downloaded it.



It is really important that all parents/carers download the app and regularly log in as it our main form of communication and going forward we are aiming to become a paperless school. You can view your child's timetable, attendance, clubs, detentions if applicable, homework set, achievements and any letters relating to your child.

There are useful links in the Links section and information on the Noticeboard will be updated regularly. You can also keep us up to date with your child's latest contact details and report any absences.

If you have not received log in details or need a password reset please email [info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk)

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# Welcome to Dobbie and Ron



We are very excited to introduce our new school visitors – Dobbie and Ron.

Dobbie (black and white) and Ron (ginger) are Canine Therapy dogs. They are highly trained to work in schools with children. Dobbie and Ron also have a highly trained owner who will visit with them and manage each session as the owner knows the dogs best and is tuned to their mood.

Canine therapy dogs are calm and friendly and able to happily tolerate lots of attention from children. Dobbie and Ron are going to visit the Primary phase for 1 hour every fortnight and will be used for a range of reasons including, with groups of children to support reading, attendance, emotional needs or to build confidence.

The sessions and are governed by how the dog feels, so if too much the owner will decide to either give the dog a break or leave until next visit. We are very excited to meet them. Miss Gittins has been working hard (since before Covid lockdown) to bring a therapy dog to our school, so we are delighted that finally we have been matched with such beautiful dogs.

# Brilliant Club Graduation

On Wednesday 17th May, a group of year 8 students attended the University of Liverpool for their Brilliant Club Graduation. 12 students completed the course; having weekly tutorials from a university tutor and completed an essay on Literary Theory. Students were then graded on these essays using university grading, our students excelled and their tutor was delighted with their dedication to the course. Whilst at the graduation, the students completed a university tour and were provided the opportunity for a Q&A with current university students. A huge well done to each student!



# Mad Science Assembly

On Monday 22nd May, every year group in primary had the opportunity to take part in an exciting Mad Science interactive assembly. It was amazing, we made funny animal sounds from everyday objects and Scientific Susan shared with us a scientific explosion with real fire! Each child has taken home a letter to offer them the opportunity to sign-up for a six week club after half term. Places are limited but the instructions on how to sign up are on the letter.



## Nursery Garden

Bridgewater Garden Centre donated some lovely plants, soil and pots and the nursery children have had so much fun looking after our garden.



## Primary Garden and Gardening Club

For a number of months staff and children have been working hard to develop a garden area. So many people have donated unused tools, seeds, plants and some local businesses have donated items to help get us get started.

"We would like to thank Farrell's Independent Traders for their generous donation of two large boxes full of brand new potato grow bags, plant tags and gloves for our Gardening club."

Getting the children outside in the fresh air, learning about plants and vegetables and seeing them grow is a fantastic experience and a way to learn new skills and make new friends.

We may be looking for some volunteers in the future to help so watch this space.

## KS2 Choir

The KS2 choir went into Liverpool to celebrate the MiHi Eurovision festival at Liverpool University. The children were on BBC and ITV news and did a wonderful job performing a song in French and they represented our school very well.



# Coronation Crown Winners

The children had lots of fun decorating our school with Union Jack Bunting, making table decorations for their Coronation themed lunch and learning all about King Charles and the Royal Family for our school Coronation Celebrations. Nursery, Reception, Rainbow, Rainforest and Year 1 and Year 2 also enjoyed a Coronation Bingo in the morning. In the afternoon all of the children gathered on our school field ready for Queen Kenneway to judge our Crown Competition. The children had a brilliant day and well done to our winners!



Here are some of our Coronation Crown winners with Miss Kenneway our amazing judge:-

- Faith B - Rec
- Emmie S - Rec
- Scarlett C - Rec
- Gnarley-Jack M - Y1
- Libby H - Y1
- Joseph M- Y1
- Harrison H - Y2
- Kaylah H - Y3
- Harry T - Y3
- Amelia O - Y3
- Harry P-G - Y4
- Logan B - Woodlands
- Logan W - Y5
- Ava T -Y5
- Anayah-Rai M - Y5
- Oldie K - Y6
- Lacie E - Y6



# Year 1 Geography Walk

Year 1 enjoyed their walk to our local area. We spotted human and physical features on our walk and we walked all the way to St Edwards Church. After spotting all of our Human and Physical features we then visited and played in our local park.





# Farmer Teds

The Reception children had an amazing day at Farmer Ted's. The children enjoyed different sessions such as pony grooming, mini beasts, a tractor ride and Guinea pigs. The children learnt about lots of different animals. We also went to see a Sheep Show and Ferret Racing.

We got to have some free time in the park on a variety of things such as the swings, jumping pillows, toboggans and climbing frames. We went in the sandpit and played some games such as football shout out, archery and the hog splash. It was lots of fun!



# ENRICHMENT



## The Grange Academy

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### Enrichment Timetable

#### Half-Term 5

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Wellbeing</u> Year 3-4 Mrs <u>Betton</u>	<u>Boys Football</u> Year 4 & 5 Mr Catherall (20 max)	<u>Choir</u> Year 1-6 Miss Hogan/Miss Weston/Miss Maltz	<u>Choir</u> Year 5-11	<u>Animal Teach</u> KS1 (returning) 12/05
<u>Animal Teach</u> Reception 24/04, 15/05, 22/05 (Main Hall)	<u>Girls Football</u> Year 4 & 5 Miss Madders	<u>Animal Teach</u> KS1 (new) 10/05, 17/05, 24/05 (Drama Studio)	<u>Animal Teach</u> KS1 (returning) 18/05, 25/05 (Drama Studio)	
<u>Gardening Club</u> Year 3-6 Mr Hayes/Mr <u>Horsler</u>	<u>Maths Club</u> Year 3 & 4 Ms Burgess (16 students)	<u>Gymnastics</u> Year 1-3 Mr Catherall (letters sent)		



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<u>Crystal Appreciation</u> Year 7-10 FOS	<u>Drama Club</u> Year 7 – 10 BVN	<u>Gardening Club</u> Year 7-10 OCA	<u>Choir</u> Year 5-11	<u>Computing</u> Year 7-10 HTO
<u>Badminton</u> Year 7-9 SWI	<u>Crochet Club (lunchtime)</u> Year 7-11 FOS – collect a pass	<u>European Film Club</u> Year 7 & 8 EIS/THO		
<u>Sports Science</u> Year 10 COP	<u>Cooking</u> Year 7-9 & Staff KNI	<u>Debate Mate</u> Invite only EVA		
		<u>Pop Choir</u> Year 7-11 FOS		

Our community shop is open all year, this is a free and confidential service. Please contact us on 01928 560660 or alternatively you can email [Info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk](mailto:Info@thegrangeacademy.co.uk).

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## COMMUNITY SHOP



# SAFEGUARDING, EMOTIONAL WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH



## WAYS TO CHILL FOR CHEAP



PRETEND YOU'RE AN ART CRITIC



DANCE TO DRAKE



DO A YOUTUBE YOGA CLASS

HAVE A SUNSET PICNIC



BAKE A PACKET CAKE



WATCH A WEB SERIES ON YOUTUBE



NAILED IT!



MAKE SOME DIY BIRTHDAY CARDS

TAKE A NAP IN A BLANKET FORT



PRETEND YOU'RE A PHOTOGRAPHER

GO TO THE DOG PARK



DOWNLOAD THE 7 MINUTE WORKOUT APP



BROWSE THE PODCAST APP



GOOGLE "OTTERS HOLDING HANDS"



MAKE A CUP OF TEA



HAVE A TOTALLY TECH-FREE HOUR



CHOOSE A RANDOM BOOK AT THE LIBRARY





# BOYDELL'S

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## The Grange Academy Price List May 2023

### Primary

Uniform	Cost
Crew Neck Sweatshirt KS1	£12.00
Cardigan	£13.00
Tie	£5.00
V Neck Sweatshirt KS2	£12.00
PE Tshirt	£6.00
PE Shorts	£6.00
PE Bag	£5.00
20 x Iron on Name Labels	£4.00
Bookbag	£10.00



School uniform is available all year round.

**Please contact the shop with any queries**

**Shop Opening  
Times**

**Monday to Friday - 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturday - 9am to 12noon**

### AUGUST LONGER OPENING HOURS

**Saturday 9am to 5pm**

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**10am to 4pm August Bank Holiday**



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## The Grange Academy Uniform Price List May 2023 Senior

Size	Uniform	Price
Chest up to 36	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£37.00
Chest from 38	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£43.00
Longer Length	Bespoke Blazer with embroidered badge	£43.00
up to 32" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£27.00
From 34" waist 20" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£28.00
All sizes 22" drop	Bespoke Tartan Skirt	£32.00
<b>extra charge for special order size skirts</b>		
All sizes	Black Trousers	£25.00
One Size	Tie	£8.00
All sizes	White shirts twin pack	£18.00
All sizes	Black Plain V Neck Cotton Jumper	£18.00
<b>Size</b>	<b>PE Kit - Boys &amp; Girls</b>	
All sizes	Poloshirt	£16.00
All sizes	Shorts	£12.00
All Sizes	Socks	£6.00
All sizes	Outdoor Top	£25.00
All sizes	Outdoor Trackpants	£15.00
<b>Size</b>	<b>PE Kit -Boys</b>	
	Rugby Top	£25.00
<b>Size</b>	<b>PE Kit -Girls</b>	
All sizes	Skort	£15.00
All sizes	Leggings	£15.00



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