



NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our bumper issue Newsletter. What a half-term it has been. We have packed so much in; from residentials, to drop down days, sporting events, theatre trips and reward experiences. It is all part of the wider enrichment here at the Grange Academy and is a reminder of what a special place this is.

The school building celebrates 10 years this April. It presents a moment to reflect on what a wonderful resource and space we have to develop and grow. This term it was the chosen venue for the Cheshire Championship of Irish Dancing. Our very own Mr Rogers, a primary teacher here at the Grange Academy, was the judge and organiser of a 2000 competitor and spectator event. It attracted dancers from around the globe as they prepared for the world championship.

Thank you to all students, parents and staff who have made me feel welcome in my first term as Principal. It has been a good start to my time here at the Grange Academy and I look forward to a successful summer term.

In our collective ambition to address standards I am requesting your support on tightening up agreed policies.



Mobile phones are a wonderful technology that enrich our lives in many ways, however in schools they are often a distraction from learning.

In the summer term we will be taking steps to uphold the existing policy which is mobile phones/smart devices should not be brought onto the academy premises by students.

Parents who wish their child to have a mobile phone on their person, to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety on the way to and from the academy, must support this policy by expecting their child to hand their phone/device to staff during registration at the start of the day. The phone should clearly be labelled with the child's name and form. (Bags will be provided if necessary.)

This phone/device will then be available to collect at the end of the day. We have invested in secure boxes with protective foam to keep them safe and secure.

The policy can be accessed through our website at: [mobile_devices_policy_2022-2023.pdf](#)

Please appreciate that this is not a new rule, it is our existing policy. As your Principal, I seek to sustain the high standards and adherence with agreed policies.

There will be a forum for consultation with parents on the policy as it stands in the summer term. I welcome all view points and will work with you to ensure the school is the safest and most secure environment for our youngsters to learn, develop and grow.

Good luck to our Year 6 and Year 11 students this summer term as we move into end of year exams.

Mr R Hicks
Principal

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



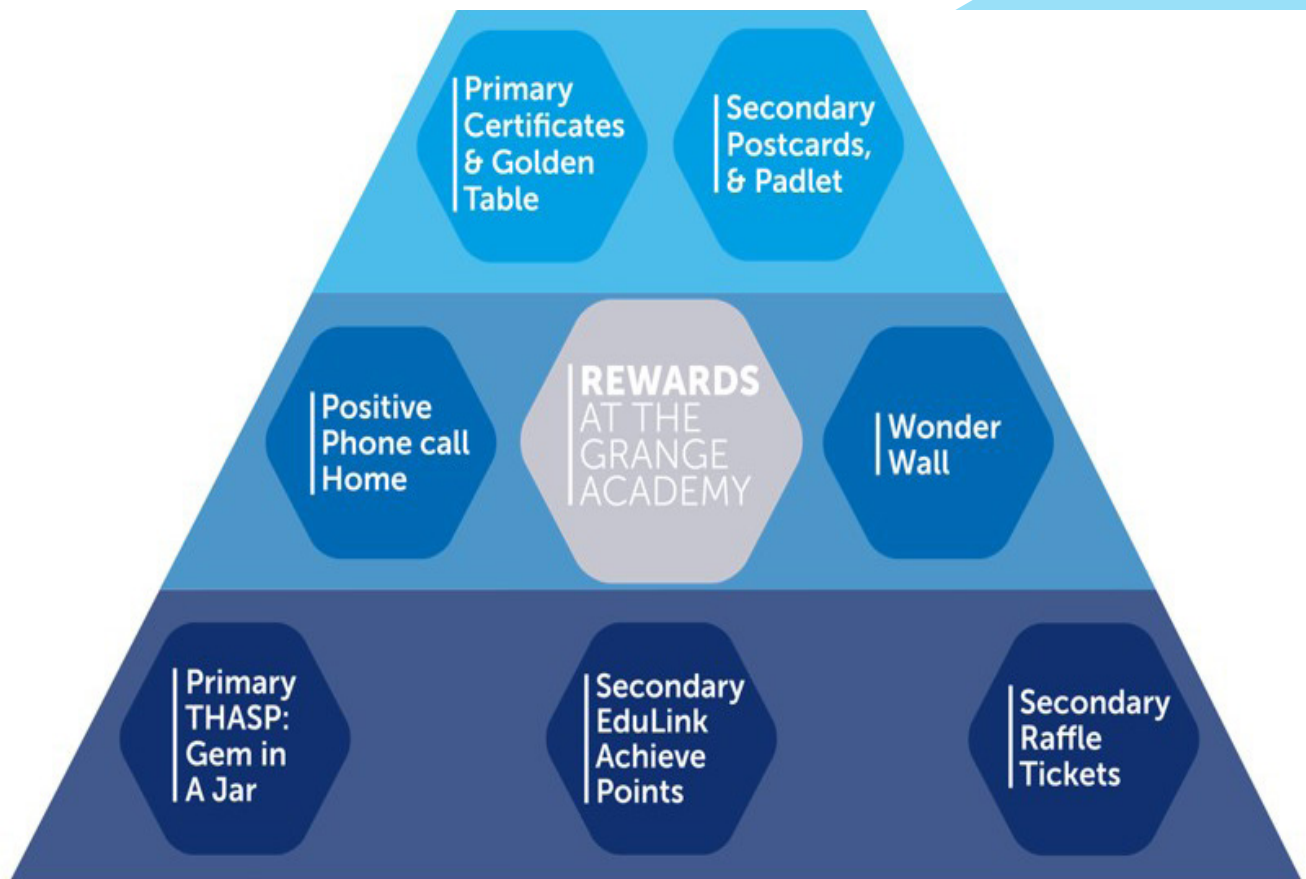
New Rewards Policy

As a school, we know how important is it to reward students and acknowledge their achievements, perseverance and contributions to the school and wider community.

Our new rewards policy will be in place after the Easter holidays this will give more opportunities to reward students for doing the right thing.

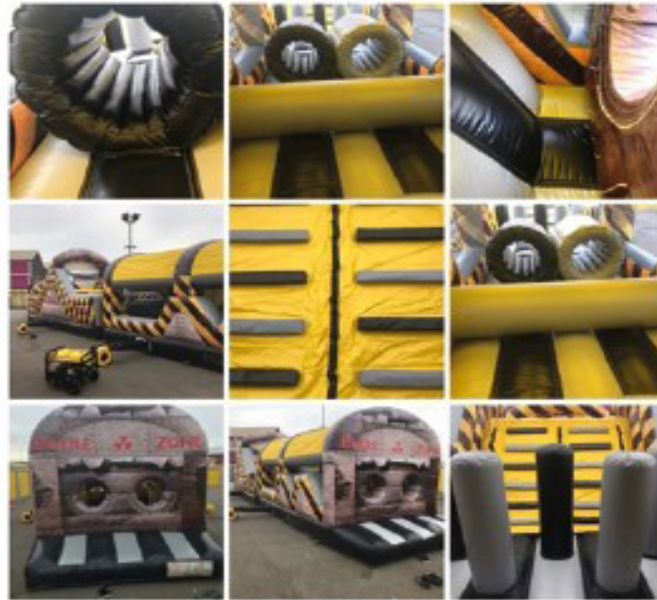
Whilst many aspects of the reward policy will remain in place, there will be some additions in both phases. For example, in Secondary, we will be reintroducing 'Achievement Points' which all parents/ carers will be able to view on Edulink.

We will continue to develop and refine the plans to allow more students to feel valued and appreciated for the good that they are doing.



ATL 500 & Primary Reward Bounce

Students have been working hard in both phases to earn their place in our Easter Bounce reward event. By working hard, showing resilience and receiving ATL 1s, students have been able to maximise their reward time. We hope they all had a fantastic time, we know that the staff definitely did when we had our turn!!



Year 11 Newsletter

I would like to congratulate the Year 11 students on their hard work and determination they have shown through their Easter mock exams. The next time the students will undertake a series of exams will be during the Summer GCSE period. It is important to note that with a few weeks to go there is still time for the students to impact positively on their results in the Summer.

We recognise that the mock exam period has been stressful and draining for students, whilst we are sensitive to this, we also recognise that time is now precious for students to fully prepare for their final exams. You will be receiving invites to our targeted school sessions and I would appreciate you discussing attendance to these sessions with your child.

We have a shared goal, for our young people, that is to be successful so that they can build on a strong platform to go on and enjoy lifelong success.

I would like to congratulate three of our students who have secured places at LIPA sixth college, where there are limited spaces and thousands of applicants we are delighted they will continue their lifelong ambitions, Well done Jessie Evans, Milly Dyer and Deakin Parry.

Mrs Bibby

ENRICHMENT



ENRICHMENT PRIMARY TIMETABLE HALF-TERM 4



Monday
Dance Y5 & Y6 Miss Swift
Yoga/Skipping Y3 Miss Williams
Scooter Club Y1 & Y2 Mr Catherall

Tuesday
Irish Dancing Y1 & Y2 Mr Rogers
Netball Y5 & Y6 Mrs Ireland
Games Club Y5 & Y6 BGS
Fun Club Reception Mrs Alcock
Maths Y6 (Invite Only) Mrs O'Connell

Wednesday
Choir Reception - Y6 Miss Hogan, Miss Weston & Miss Maltz
Dodgeball Y3 & Y4 Mr Catherall

Friday
Choir Y5 - Y11 Mr Gallagher



Parents/carers will receive a letter regarding the activities and the reply slip must be returned to your child's class teacher.
Confirmation of your child's place at the club will be given prior to the start date.



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ENRICHMENT SECONDARY TIMETABLE HALF-TERM 4



Monday
Badminton Y7 - Y9 ALN
Crystal Appreciation Y7 - Y10 FOS
Sports Science Y10 COP
Brilliant Club Y8 COP
Eco Club Y7 - Y9 Geography Department
Science Club Y9 MGW
Computing Y7 - Y10 DAE

Tuesday
Rugby League Y7 & Y9 INS
Crochet Club Y7 - Y11 FOS (Lunchtime)

Wednesday
Pop Choir Y7 - Y11 FOS
Gymnastics Y7 - Y9 SWI
Gardening Club Y7 - Y10 OCA
European Film Club Y7 & Y8 EIS/THO
Debate Mate Y7 - Y9 EVA

Thursday
Band Y7 - Y11 (invite only) FOD
Choir Y5 - Y11 Mr Gallagher

Friday
Band Y7 - Y11 (invite only) FOD
Computing Y7 - Y10 HTO



ASPIRE FOR EXCELLENCE

Year 7 September starters

We look forward to welcoming our new cohort of students into Year 7 in September and working with them to reach their full potential and succeed throughout school and into later life. There will be many opportunities for new students to develop their talents in a wide range of subject routes and activities.

Here at The Grange Academy we follow ASPIRE values and we expect all students to think about how they will meet each one of these each day as they begin their journey with us.

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO OUR SEPTEMBER 2023 YEAR 7 COHORT

We look forward to
meeting you all soon!



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The Grange Y8 Jnr NBA team (Memphis Grizzlies) travelled to Great Sankey for the last of their triangular basketball fixtures. Unfortunately, Rainhill School were unable to attend the evening, so the team played an extended game Vs Great Sankey. The squad played fantastically and have improved after each round of fixtures. Unfortunately, the team narrowly missed out losing 40-31 to the home side but they were pleased with their performance overall. All players have acquitted themselves exceptionally well, with special mentions to J.Bryan and I.Ireland for their contributions throughout, and E.Smith who was outstanding in the final games. Congratulations to all of them for being fabulous ambassadors for The Grange Academy.



WALTON GARDENS



On Wednesday 22nd March, our Woodlands pupils visited Walton gardens. We practised our road safety skills and learnt interesting facts about the animals in the zoo. We also implemented skills such as turn taking in the playground. We finished the visit with a tasty ice cream. The children were incredibly polite and well-mannered, and we are so proud of them all.



Colomendy Year 6



Year 6 had a fantastic time on their residential to Colomendy. They took part in lots of exciting activities including The Leap of Faith, The Giant Zip Wire and Caving. They definitely stretched their bravery muscles! Our staff were proud of the children's teamwork, resilience, communication skills and behaviour. Lots of memories were made.



Colomendy Year 7



Y7 students demonstrated endeavour, resilience and perseverance on all activities! Some students overcame fears and challenges and all staff members were incredibly proud!

Well Done!



ROCKSTEADY

Over the last 18 months some of the children in our primary phase have been taking part in rock band lessons with Rock Steady.

Children have a lesson each week and they learn how to play a song on their chosen instrument. The children then perform in 3 concerts across the year.

Our band leader, Oliver, and our school were recently in the top 4 schools across the whole of the country for their effort and progress.

Well done Rockers!!



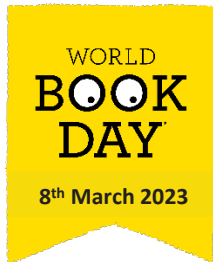
Irish Dancing Culture Event

Cheshire Championships of Irish Dancing celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the event by selecting the Grange as the chosen venue. Attracting Irish Dancers from across the UK, Europe and as far as the USA and Australia. The Academy was pleased to host an event of this standard. With over 2000 competitors and spectators in attendance throughout the day, from dancers competing from the age of 3 years to 20 years plus, a variety of age groups and competitions were catered for.

Mr Rogers, a Primary teacher within The Grange, who organised the event stated that he was thrilled with how the Championships took place within our modern and spacious facilities. A huge appreciation goes to all the SPIE team for their assistance and key department heads who assisted to ensure the school could host and showcase the event at its best.



WORLD BOOK DAY



On Wednesday 8th March 2023, primary students came to school dressed as their favourite book character and classroom doors around school were decorated with book themes. There was a wonderful atmosphere and the classrooms were filled with excitement and enthusiasm.

Reception class visited the library where they listened to a story and then talked about the characters they had come to school as. Year 1 also visited the library and after listening to a story from Miss Nelson and investigating the books in the library, the children were treated to a story from Mr Hicks.



Year 3 focused on author Roald Dahl and made Snozzycumber sandwiches. They used prepositions in their writing to write instructions. They also made dream jars.



Reading buddy sessions also took place in primary where junior children read with infant children.

In secondary, Year 7 – 9 participated in a book quiz during form time.

Our Reading Week competition coincided with World Book Day. Students in secondary were challenged to write an alternative ending to their favourite book or film. The standard of entries was very high, we clearly have some budding authors in our midst. It was a challenge to choose the winners for each year group, however, huge congratulations to each of you.



Staff throughout school also dressed up and encouraged the students to talk about their favourite character and the book they were from. A real buzz about reading for pleasure and the love of books was felt from Nursery through to Year 11.

Many thanks and congratulations to the staff who participated in the event and made it such a success. Your costumes were fabulous.



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