

Grange Parent Update – 31 March 2021

RECOVERY UPDATE
As children and young people returned to school in August 2020, many things in education look and feel different. Here is an update from Grange Primary Headteacher, Lorraine Will, on how they have moved on and have adapted their practice for the current context.

GRANGE Primary School
School leaders and staff have a relentless drive to ensure **NO CHILD MISSES OUT**

CLASS TRANSITIONS
Post-lockdown our teachers have used the **LEARNING LADDERS** to identify individual learning to inform **CLASS TRANSITIONS**

SAFE
HAPPY
BACK ON TRACK WITH LEARNING

WELL-BEING WEBS
regular opportunities FOR FEEDBACK

PROMOTING A SENSE OF shared responsibility FOR SAFETY

GROWING CONFIDENCE ACROSS THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

IMPROVED USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES and USING DATA EFFECTIVELY - targets what learners need

New possibilities To IMPROVE IN WAYS never imagined

Logos: Education Scotland Foghiam Alba, Angus Council

It has been super to have three full weeks of all children back in school. Teachers have worked tirelessly to re-establish routines and relationships in class. Of course children and staffs' health and wellbeing remain at the heart of school operations, alongside stringent safety and hygiene practices. Numeracy and literacy learning plans for term 4 are evolving following a review of coverage and engagement in each stage's learning ladders during terms 1 and 2 in school, and then part of term 3 remotely. In some cases, children may receive targeted support to facilitate learning gaps and will be in touch with you directly if this is planned. It might be that additional practice will be learning done at home. Families will receive a written pupil progress report at the beginning of June, which will take into account the block of remote learning. **#progress**

Individual Education Plans (IEPs) # progress

If your child has an IEP, the current version will be evaluated at the end of April. The new draft IEP will be shared with you by the 7th May. This will allow for a two-week period of consultation between parents and teachers before the new IEP is finalised. It will run from May until the end of September 2021.



Collaborate Cara Learner Quality Focus #positivity

We are focusing on the collaboration learner quality going into term 4. Since returning to school some children have found managing their emotions and reactions during social interactions, such as playtimes, tricky. This week's learn to learn session has been used as an opportunity to share ideas for beautiful and peaceful playtimes. Here is the link to the input if you wish to watch it and discuss at home: <https://youtu.be/cFFag4Y7d1k>

Grange Primary School Blog #rightchoices

Mrs Smith has been hard at work updating our Glow school blog with relevant and current information. It is still under construction but we wanted to share some great links from our Educational Psychology Service under the Support for Families tab, regarding the return to school and also coping with the worries around the pandemic:

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/grangeprimaryschoolblog/covid-19-advice-on-returning-to-school/>
<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/an/grangeprimaryschoolblog/covid-19-helping-young-people-cope/>

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Run North Sea - Term 4 Topic #engageyourself

Building on the theme and importance of health and wellbeing, our whole school topic for term 4 will be all about the positive benefits of exercise on mental health. We will be following Louise Johnstone's endurance run around the North Sea. For more information about this:

<https://www.facebook.com/louisejohnstoneOCR/>

"Sports Day" Plans #rightchoices

Unfortunately, sports day will not be the usual family picnic day this year. However, Miss Kean is in the process of organising sports day type events which will be completed by every class over one week, earning points for houses. It is planned that events will run from 17 to 21 May. The Parent Council are kindly organising ice lollies for all participants.



Parent Council Update #community

Our main school fundraiser will be through the virtual kiltwalk, which runs 23-25 April. The Parent Council has registered the Granger's Gang Team. If you wish to join/register please see details of how to do this in the separate attachment with parent council news. If you would like to donate to members of Granger's Gang: <https://virtual.thekiltwalk.co.uk/teams/grangers-gang>

Gold Reading Accreditation #ReadingTogetherwithGrange

Mrs Anderson has some updated reading recommendations for the Easter holidays (for adults too) so please keep an eye on #ReadingTogetherwithGrange page on Class Dojo.

<https://www.scottishbooktrust.com/learning-and-resources/reading-schools>

New Monifieth High School Community Consultation #community

Angus Council want to hear from everybody who will be in some way involved with the new school including young people, staff, parents/carers, and the wider community. They would like your ideas for the new building so that they can build the best possible school within the available funding.

You can get involved via:

https://www.angus.gov.uk/directories/current_consultations/monifieth_learning_campus

Whole School Dates:

2 April – Easter Holidays commence at 3:10/ 3:20 pm.

19 April – Start of term 4. Staggered start and end times continue for A and B classes.

23 April – Dress down in sportswear day (donate £1 towards Kiltwalk)



Thank you for all your hard work and support from home throughout term 3. We know it has not been easy but we couldn't have achieved what we have without you!

Wishing all our families a lovely Easter break!

**#safehappy&learning
#believe**