

# Grange first Family Weekly News



Autumn Term Week 5 5<sup>th</sup> October – 9<sup>th</sup> October

## A Message From Mr Ward

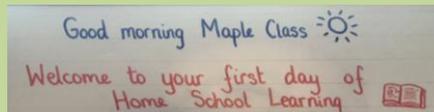
Grange First School this week (including Grange Home School!) has been full of energy, creativity, a lovely buzz of happy children and lots of learning. There is a danger that with so much of our focus on the impact of Covid we forget to see just how well our children are doing back in school. It is sad that I can't get to see quite as many children to talk to as I normally would, but I am still getting to see and hear about so much great work in every class and seeing everyone out on the yard. Please thank each and every one of your children for all their effort this week!



## Our Achievers This week!

Oak: Lorenzo and Phoebe  
Beech: Jessica and Aava  
Hawthorn: Freddie and Ruairidh  
Silver birch: Annabella and Bryce  
Juniper: Oliver, Adhiyagna and Paige  
Hazel: Oliver, Annie and Sophie  
Sycamore: Harry and Finley  
Willow: Damian, Sophia and Charlie  
Maple: Olivia, Adam and Elodie  
Elm: Eshan and Grace

## Home Learning



Delivering a day of teaching remotely is a new experience for us all and we are learning all the time. Maple Class children have been fantastic this week in engaging with our learning and Mr Carr and Mrs Nicholson are very proud of all their efforts! A key message for everyone is to ensure you have your **SEESAW** or **Tapestry** accounts up and running now!

## Dates For Your Diary

- 23<sup>rd</sup> October Staff Training Day
- Half Term 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – 1<sup>st</sup> November
- Back to school Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.
- (Telephone) Parent Consultations - week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> November

**Outdoor Learning and Trees:** Learning outside and our Forest Schools are an important part of the Grange Curriculum. We think that children learn best from hands-on experiences, exploring nature, developing problem solving skills and learning how to make decisions about their safety. Following on from the tragic incident at Gosforth Park First School, some parents have asked us about how our trees are checked. We have many varied and much valued trees on our site and we have a Service Level Agreement with the Newcastle City Council who carry out detailed inspections of our trees and recommend and carry out work that is needed to maintain safety or to keep our trees healthy. Teachers working outside also make careful checks before working near our trees.



## GRANGE JOB OPPORTUNITY – HELPING TO MAKE DINNERTIMES FUN!

We are looking for two additional people to join our amazing team of dinner time supervisory assistants after half term. If you are interested in being part of the team that work so hard to make dinnertimes, safe and fun for our children, get an application form from the office and **return by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October.**

