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# Grange First Weekly News



Dear families

What an incredible time our Year 4 children have had this week! They have had an amazing experience orienteering, completing the inflatable obstacle challenge, shooting arrows, singing crazy songs around the campfire, building dens and camping out at school. I have been so impressed with their positive attitude, resilience and enthusiasm. They are an absolute credit to their families and to Grange First School. The weather was wonderful for the whole 2 days until about 8pm last night when the heavens opened and the tents began to leak! Did this stop us? No way! We just camped in the school hall! There are some photos below for you to enjoy looking at but there are many more on Twitter and I know Mr Carr and Miss Johnson will be compiling some of the best ones to share with Year 4 parents in the near future.

An enormous thank you to parents for allowing your children to spend the night at Grange and for washing all the wet, dirty clothes. If your child has come home with random items, please return them to school so we can try to reunite them with the correct owner. I would also like to thank all the staff who gave up their time to make this experience possible. We may be sleep deprived but we wouldn't have missed it for anything. It was so much fun! If you've never experienced a silent disco before, I would highly recommend it!

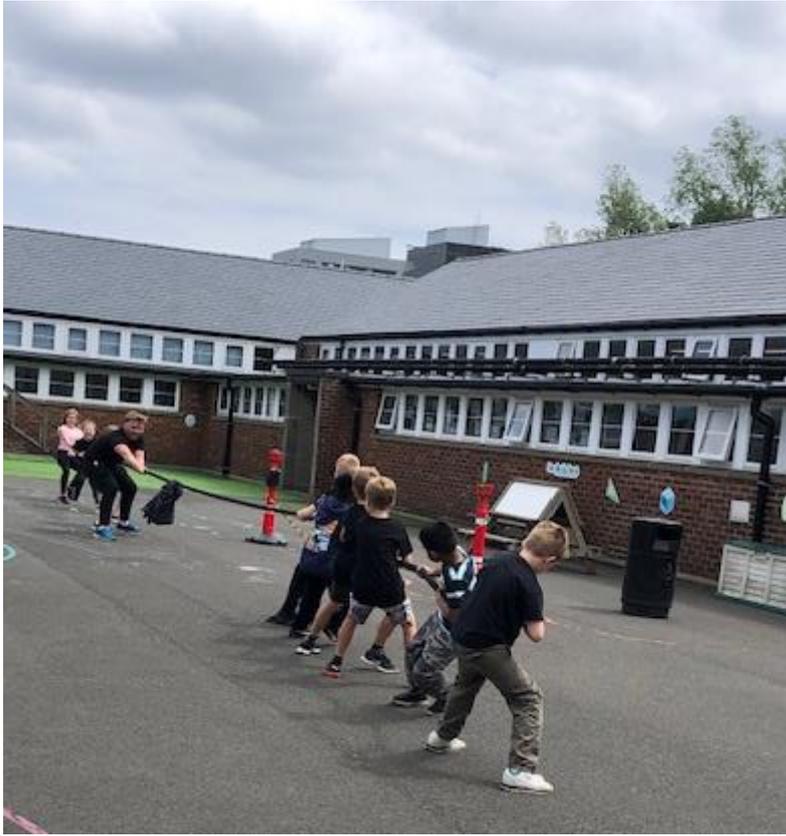
## Covid Cases

We currently have 4 members of our school community who have tested positive for Covid. Fortunately, only one of these cases has required us to ask staff and children from Grange to self isolate to date. The number of cases we are hearing about in school reflects what is happening across the city.. The number of positive cases in the last seven days was 907. This is more than double what it was in the previous seven days. Newcastle has 300 cases per 100 thousand, compared to 174 in the North East and 103 in England. It's high.

- **If you are a close contact of a confirmed positive case, you must now get a PCR test.** If you receive a negative result, this DOES NOT change or affect your isolation period, you MUST continue to isolate and complete the full 10 days isolation.
- Whilst the most common symptoms of COVID-19 are, a new continuous cough, a high temperature and/or a loss of or change in normal sense of taste or smell, these are not the only symptoms and these symptoms do not always present themselves. The new variant is more likely to cause headaches or cold like symptoms. It is therefore important that you **do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell for any reason. Please 'think COVID-19' first.**
- **If your child tests positive for Covid, please contact school immediately. At the weekend, please do this by emailing [admin@grange.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@grange.newcastle.sch.uk).** I log on to this email account frequently on a Saturday and Sunday at the moment.

## Year 4 Residential

Here are just a few photos to give you a flavour of the fun we had at Grange with our Year 4 children this week. The rest of the school also took advantage of the inflatable obstacle course and all had a least one turn with their classmates.





Have a good weekend everyone. I am looking forward to a lovely long sleep. Year 4 you've worn me out!

Clare Clougher