

GRANGE'S TEAM TAKE PART IN THE AYRSHIRE READER'S CUP

Grange Academy Library Newsletter

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New Beginnings by K Cooper

Let me start by saying a big hello to everyone at Grange – all the staff and pupils I've met so far have been incredibly kind and welcoming, so thank you for making me feel like a part of the team already. I intend to pick up exactly where April left off and, although I know I'll have big shoes to fill, I'm looking forward to getting my teeth into the library.

Reader's Cup

On Wednesday 13th June, Grange Academy attended the Ayrshire Reader's Cup competition which was held at the new Kilmarnock Academy and hosted by Billy and Bex from the West FM Breakfast show. Our team was: Aimee Orr, Natasha Hawley, Rachel Walker and Ruth Cairns (see photo above). Although they didn't win, these pupils managed to score 29 points out of a possible 50 – congratulations to them for all their hard work. Congratulations also to Loudon Academy and their winning team – we'll be ready for them next year!

Accessing the library online

A quick reminder that staff and pupils can access the library catalogue 'Oliver' online in their Favourites folder via Internet Explorer. This service allows you to search library

resources and check availability. You can also renew books that you already have on loan, and reserve books which can then be collected from the library.

Library booking system

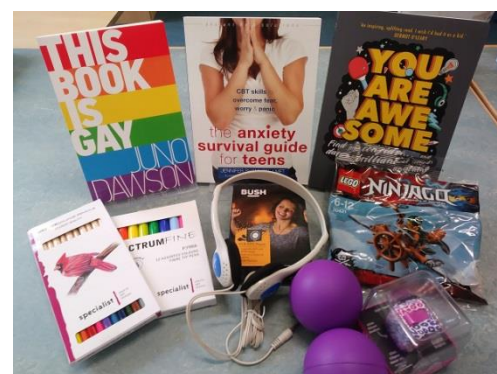
The library booking system has been working well, and has recently undergone a few slight changes to make it easier to use. As before, feel free to check the availability of either the library computers or the main area and book classes in where you need to.

You can find the booking sheet in Staff Share > Library.

Mental Health First Aid Kits

I'm pleased to announce that school libraries in East Ayrshire were recently awarded funding to kick start this new initiative. Each school has been allocated resources which include books, DVDs, colouring materials, stress balls, fidget cubes, Lego kits and much more (see photo right). These resources are intended to be used by pupils who are struggling with any kind of issue which may be having a detrimental effect on their mental health (e.g. bereavement, anxiety, sexuality or gender identity...). Many of the resources deal with certain issues directly, while others are merely intended as "distraction"

techniques for pupils who just need something to take their mind off of whatever is troubling them. I hope this can be brought to the attention of as many pupils as possible - if anyone feels they would benefit from the use of one of the kits, please refer them to their guidance teacher who will then work with me to put together a kit for each individual pupil.



Returns before summer

Please remind all pupils to return their books before the summer holidays!

Have a happy summer ☺

All that remains is to wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday – I hope you have a relaxing break and I'll see you all refreshed, recharged and ready to start all over again in August!