



Grange Academy Library Newsletter

WE CELEBRATED ROALD DAHL DAY ON THE 13TH OF SEPTEMBER

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Welcome Back

Hello again folks, and welcome to Issue 2 of the library newsletter. I know the summer holidays seem like a dim and distant memory by now (have we really been back for six whole weeks already?!), but plenty has happened in the library since we returned so I hope you will find this latest instalment interesting...

Staff Section

As some of you will be aware, there used to be a collection of books in the Pupil Support Base which staff could help themselves to if they felt the need for a good read. As the base is being used more and more by pupils, it was decided that the books would be relocated to the library where I have set up a Staff Section to house them.

Any member of staff is welcome to come and borrow these books as often as they like – they don't need to be scanned or stamped so feel

free to grab one on your way past.

Also, if you have any good quality books looking for a new home they will be very welcome here – all donations gratefully received!



ICT booking system

In addition to running the booking sheet for the library, control of the ICT booking sheet has now been passed to

me. From now on, if you need to book out an IT suite give me a call or drop me an email with the details and I'll update the system for you – one less thing for Jamie to juggle!

You can find the booking sheets in Staff Share > STAFF > ICT Booking Form

Mental Health First Aid Kits

Just a wee reminder that school libraries in East Ayrshire have recently rolled out this new initiative. Each school has been allocated resources 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...).

Each kit is tailored to the pupil using it; they can come to the library and see me themselves or with their guidance teacher,

and together we will go through the available resources and allow the pupil to choose what they think will be of benefit to them.

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.

Please bring this to the attention of as many pupils as possible; in light of recent events in school I'm sure there are a few who would benefit from these resources.

If anyone would like more information about Mental Health First Aid Kits, don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Book Displays

This month in the library we have celebrated Roald Dahl Day on the 13th of September and Banned Books Week (23rd – 29th) which encourages pupils to celebrate their "fREADom" by reading a book that has been banned at some point in the past.



to come up during lunch time from 1.30pm onwards ONLY. Before this time, pupils must wait down in the street until I come and collect them. They are also welcome to use the library in the morning from 8.30am until the start of first period.

And Finally...

Thanks for taking the time to read this little update. I'll be back to clog up your inboxes again next month! I should probably take this opportunity to warn you that I take Halloween VERY seriously, so be prepared for decorations to start appearing in the library soon...

All the best and have a great October break when it comes!
Karen

Library Opening Times

Could I ask staff to remind all pupils that the library is closed at interval. They are welcome

