



# Grange Academy Bulletin

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3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

# Mandarin Speaking Competition

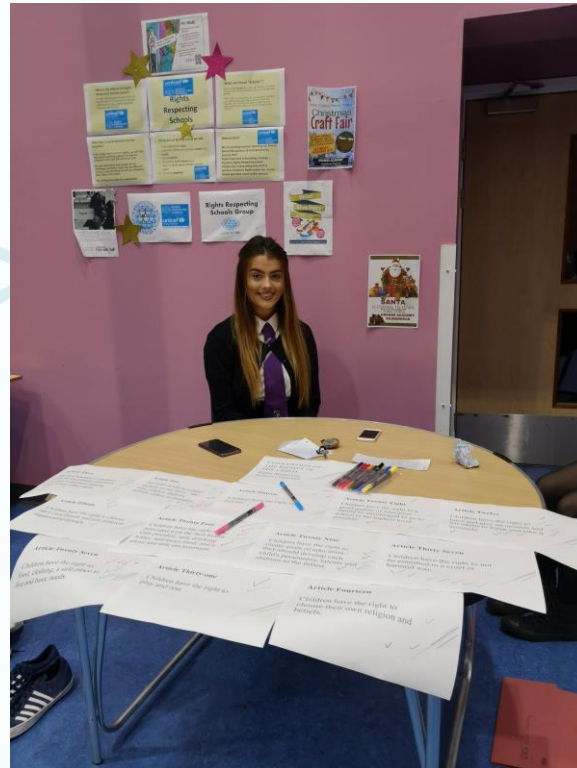


Well done to everyone who took part in last week's Mandarin Speaking competition in Edinburgh. There were excellent performances from Drew Steele, Victoria McDowall, Lottie Labert, Connor Bolton and Evan Davidson.

#excellence

#ambition

# We Are a Rights Respecting School



Thanks to Holly and Georgia (S6) for attending the S3 Parents' Evening to survey S3 parents and carers about which children's rights they feel most strongly about. Interesting discussions all round!

#responsibility

#respect

# House Points

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House points continue to flood in from across the school for all 4 houses. Points have been awarded to seniors pupils who coordinated the hugely successful Children in Need event last month, all Duke of Edinburgh pupils who completed an award last year and the S3 helpers from the primary maths transition event. From these 3 events Douglas and Graham both amassed an impressive 51 points, Hamilton and Bruce managed 36 and 35 respectively.

The leader board now looks as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Graham 194
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Douglas 187
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Hamilton 157
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Bruce 146

A big thanks to Mr Alldridge for his leadership of the House points system.



# SCILT Business Lunch

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Could the following pupils please remember to meet at 8.45am on Wednesday 5th December for SCILT trip to Royal Concert Hall. Please bring £3.60 for the train, a jacket and some lunch with you.

- Christopher Connell
- Jamie Tulloch
- Nathan Wilson
- Victoria McDowall
- Aimee Wardle
- Kieron Tang
- Niamh Craig



# Mentors in Violence Prevention

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Can all Senior MVP Mentors come to the PE Department at 1.30pm during lunch to meet with Mrs Linton to review your experiences so far and discuss the opportunity to gain a Personal Development Award through the work you have been doing with PSE classes.

# Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions

Current DofE pupils hoping to go on either the Gold Sailing , Walking or Sea Kayaking Expeditions should hand in forms to Mrs McGregor no later than Wednesday 5th of December.

S5/6 - If you are not currently a DofE participant and you would like to be considered for any of the above Expeditions as a Direct Entrant, please see Mrs McGregor asap.





# Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award

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Congratulations to all of the S4 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh pupils who have completed their Award. All names will be in the bulletin very soon!

Please pick up a new registration form from Mrs McGregor asap so that you can continue with DofE and work towards completing the Silver Award.

If you are not a current DofE pupil and would like to start as a Direct Entrant to Silver, please speak to Mrs McGregor for information.







# *Christmas Shoeboxes: A Message* From Senior DofE Leadership Pupils:

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In addition to collecting for some of our elderly neighbours, we will be working with East Ayrshire Churches Homelessness Action who are based in Laigh Kirk; they distribute food and toiletries to people in need such as those on a low income, victims of domestic abuse, the homeless - many of whom are veterans. In addition to tins of food and dry items, there is also a great need for toiletries and in particular, shower gel, shampoo, sanitary items, tooth brushes and tooth paste.

Can I ask that you donate what you can - a tin or two, a gift box of essential toiletries?

We aim to deliver our donations the week before Christmas, so if donations could be handed in to the school by the 15th of December that would greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance of your generosity.



# *Smalls For All: A Message From Senior DofE Leadership Pupils:*

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In the library there are two coloured boxes labelled “Smalls for All”. This box is for donations of unused underwear and/or money so we can buy more underwear. This box of donations will be sent to the children in Africa to prevent sexual assault and help with their education.

The countries that will receive our donations may be :

South Africa, Gambia, Ethiopia, Zambia, Sierra Leone, Madagascar and a lot more.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Thank you!





# A Message from the Parent Council:

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- The Christmas Fayre is aiming to raise money for the school.
- This money will fund materials, activities, events and opportunities for wider achievement which all pupils will benefit from.
- It would be really appreciated if all members of the school community could play their part in supporting this.
- For it to be a success,
- **YOUR CHRISTMAS FAYRE NEEDS YOU!**



# A Message from the Parent Council:

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We are looking for donations of the following :

- Chocolate – Santas, selection boxes, bars, lollies etc
- Toiletries – soap, bubble bath, bath bombs, shower gel, perfume, scented candles
- Bottles - shampoo, sauce, wine, vinegar, water, beer etc (anything in a bottle!) Please note any alcohol should be handed in directly to the school office.
- We are also looking for suitable donations for our BIG Christmas Fayre Raffle. These could include vouchers from local businesses, signed footballs and shirts, hampers etc. Please ask at home to see if anyone could help out with this.
- Hand in donations to the Modern Languages base or in the case of alcohol to the school office!


# A Message from the Parent Council:

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"HO HO HO!"



SEE YOU AT THE  
CHRISTMAS FAYRE!



Most lunchtimes for the last two weeks of term, you're invited to come along to Mr Smith's room (F052) to start the Christmas celebrations early by singing a few Christmas carols together!

No auditions. Definitely not just for musicians. Even if you only usually sing in the shower, that's ok. It's about getting together to belt out some of the tunes that remind us about the real Christmas story!

So everyone's welcome.

Kicking off about 1.30pm on these dates:  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>





# Have a good week, Grange!

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Work hard.

Be kind.

Don't be a litterer.