

GRANGE ACADEMY BULLETIN

7th October 2019

BETH

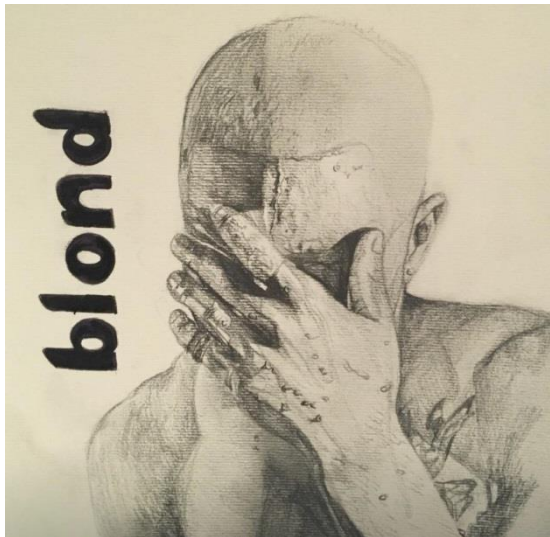
We are very proud of Beth Speirs who, at only 14, has been accepted into the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow. She will study the fourth year of modern ballet and advanced contemporary dance.

In her recent exams, she achieved distinctions both for ballet and modern.



LANA

Here are some examples of the beautiful art created by Lana McCracken which have been exhibited at Kilwinning Library since July. Amazing. There's still time to catch the exhibition before it closes in a couple of weeks.



CONGRATULATIONS, DR SARGENT

The Scottish Poetry Library has awarded a teaching fellowship to our very own Dr Sargent.

It has been awarded in association with *Moniack Mhor* and the fellowship has been extended to teachers from a range of backgrounds, experience and regions in Scotland.

The fellows will become 'Scottish Poetry Library ambassadors' who promote poetry as a tool to support literacy, creativity and wellbeing. They will be trained and encouraged to develop fresh ways to teach poetry and to encourage not only pupils but also colleagues to get over a 'fear' of poetry often cited as hindering classroom engagement as well as reading poetry for enjoyment.

ACTIVE GIRLS DAY

Active Girls Day was a massive success again this year. Well done to everyone who took part.

It was lovely to have former pupils Melanie and Hannah back in school as leaders and role models. Pictured, too, is Carmen - Kilmarnock Cricket Club Juniors' first ever female captain.



ENTERPRISING MATHS

Congratulations to our dream team of Hannah Henderson, Olivia Sharp, Hannah Martin and Cameron Cairns who were successful in qualifying from the East Ayrshire heat, meaning they'll represent us at the National Finals of the 'Enterprising Maths in Scotland' competition in November up at the Glasgow Science Centre.

The team insist that their Maths skills were responsible for this triumph but Mr Smith reckons Hannah's π earrings clinched the victory!

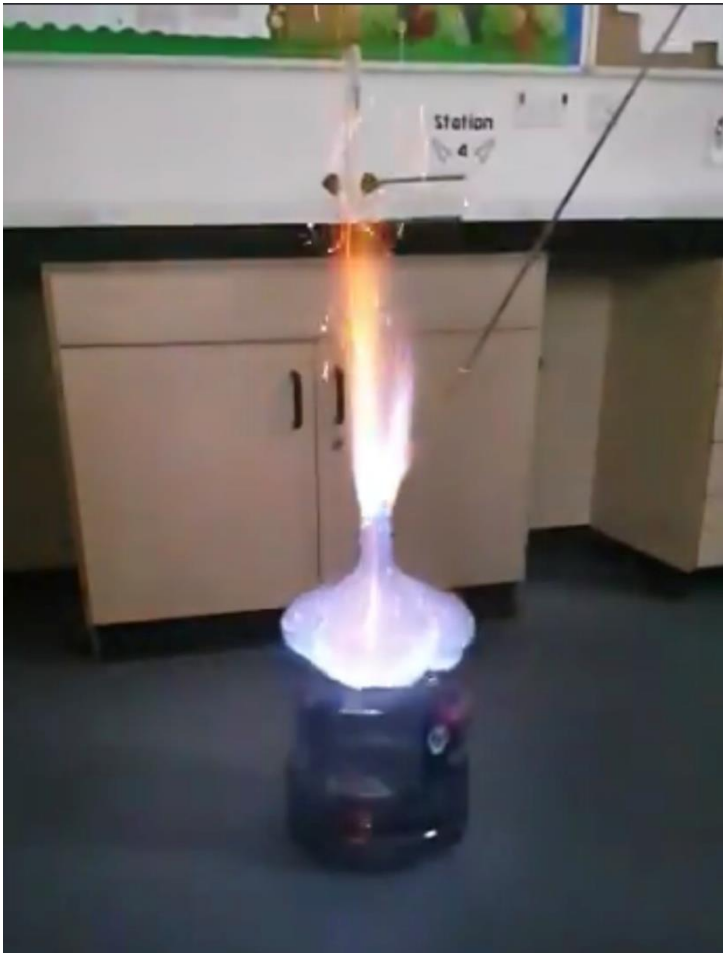


MATHS WEEK SCOTLAND

Have you been having a go at the Depute First Minister's Maths Challenges? Pupils and teachers from across Scotland and beyond have been in touch to say how much they've enjoyed them and been challenged. Thank you to all the pupils who agreed to be filmed by the BBC. Maths stars!



ALCOHOL AND FIRE



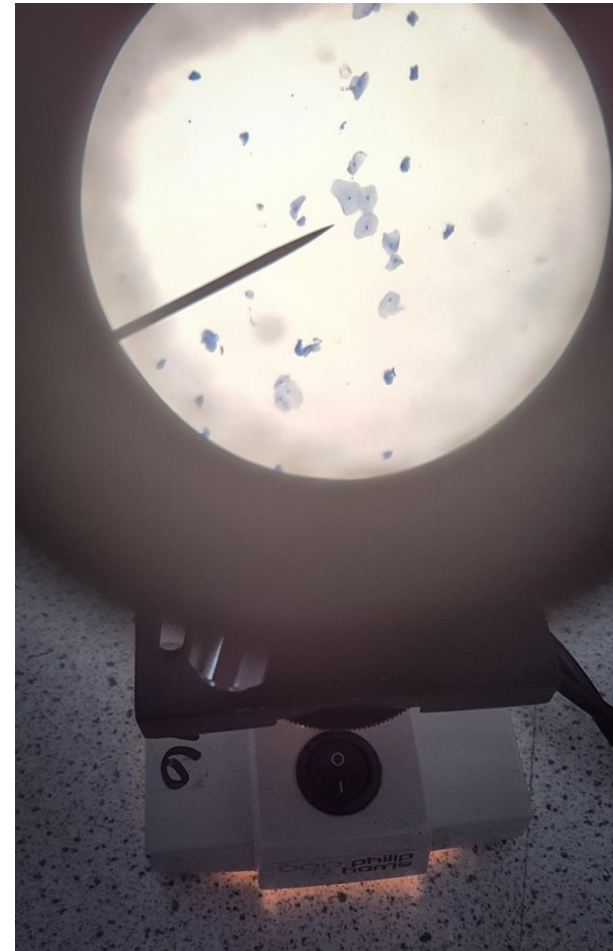
In science, some classes have been **igniting** their interest in chemistry by exploring some of the less well known properties of alcohol.

#SciencePuns

CELLS IN SCIENCE

S1 scientists have been **cell-ebrating** their **ex-cell-ent** new microscopy skills by examining cells from their own cheeks.

#SciencePuns



DNA

Ms Baird's biologists have been extracting DNA from strawberries.

Did you know that strawberries have 8 copies of each chromosome in every cell?



CROSS COUNTRY



Well done to everyone who took part in another very successful cross country event last week.

MANDARIN TRIP



A group of S3 and S4 Mandarin pupils enjoyed their trip to the Chinese supermarket where they practised various skills from numeracy to chopstick use!

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES



Last week's European Day of Languages was a huge success and a reminder of the many benefits of being multilingual.

Well done to all involved.

MODERN STUDIES IN NORTHERN IRELAND



Thank you to Miss Boyle who accompanied a group of pupils from various schools on a trip to Northern Ireland last week. They were learning about diversity and tolerance.

DRESS DOWN DAY

The last day of term before the October break (Friday 11th) is a non-uniform day. This is in support of World Mental Health Day.

Thank you to the senior pupils who have been at the heart of leading this.

If they can, parents and carers are asked to give £1 on ParentPay please. Thank you.



MAY HOLIDAY

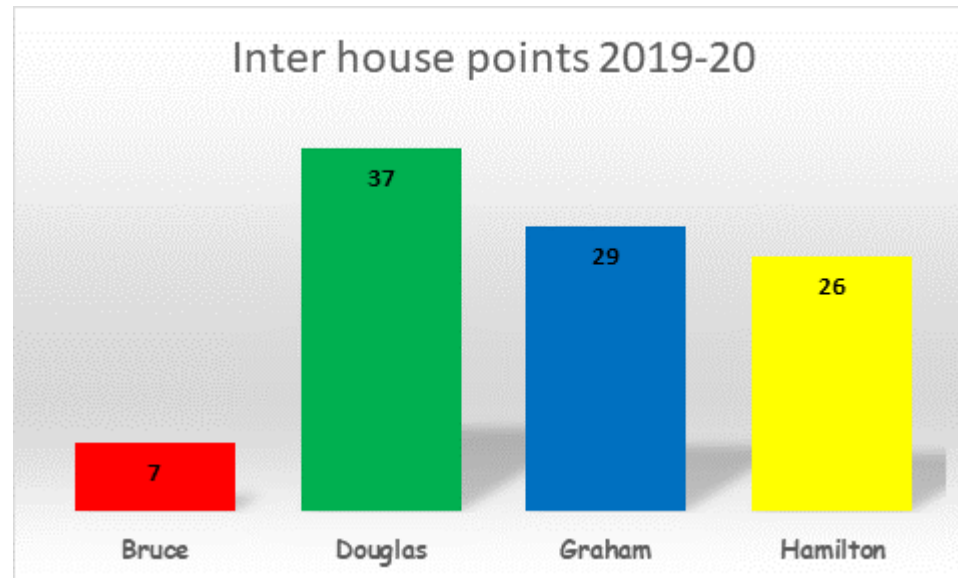
Please note that there has been a change to the May Day holiday in 2020. Instead of being on Monday 4 May, it will be on Friday 8th May.

Thank you.

INTERHOUSE SPORTS

This year there will be a selection of interhouse sporting events throughout the year for you to take part in. Every pupil who takes part gets 1 point for participating with extra points available for winners and runners up. Last week's Cross Country was our first event with the upcoming Active Girls Day and S1 Dodgeball Tournament your next chance to win points for your house.

The House totals currently stand as follows:



AUTHOR VISIT



On Monday 28th October, Miss Cooper will be taking a group of pupils to St Joseph's Academy for a talk by author Non Pratt. Non has won several awards for her young adult books which tend to focus on the problems faced by teenagers.

The talk is open to all year groups, but it will not finish until 3.30pm - this means pupils who take the school bus should not attend unless they can make other arrangements to get home. If you are interested, please see Miss Cooper in the library to sign up.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CAREERS ADVISOR:

Reminder for all pupils that there are 2 Careers Advisers working in school should you need to speak to them. Rebecca works in school on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Angela works in school on a Tuesday, Wednesday and a Thursday afternoon. Their room is in Pupil Support next to the big meeting room. You can follow their twitter page for updates on things like UCAS, college applications, apprenticeships and job opportunities at @grange_careers

Rebecca works out of the library on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Could all pupils who are using the library throughout the day please refrain from sitting at the desk at the back in the Careers Corner please. Thank you.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

All Bronze and Silver DofE Evidence must be uploaded by 11th of October. Any problems with obtaining evidence, please speak to Mrs McGregor asap.

To be included in the next Gold Award Presentation at Holyrood Palace July 2020, all Gold should aim to have completed their Award by the end of November.

All PowerPoint presentations should be completed before the end of the 28th of October. Please ensure that your power point is given to Mrs McGregor.

Mrs McGregor and some Gold seniors will be available on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at lunch and after school in G174 to offer help if required.

**DofE Bronze, Silver and Gold Presentations: Assembly Hall, 7pm - 29th October
DofE Bronze, Silver Awards Ceremony: Grand Hall, 7pm - 6th November**

PREFECTS

There will be a meeting for all prefects this Wednesday 9th at 1.25pm in Mr Brennan's room (F084).



**SOME KIDS STARTED
THE BONFIRE FOR
A LAUGH...**

**...IT COULD HAVE
DELAYED US ATTENDING
A SERIOUS HOUSE FIRE.**

**PLEASE ATTEND ORGANISED BONFIRE AND
FIREWORKS DISPLAYS THIS YEAR.**

Visit firescotland.gov.uk for detail of times and locations



**SCOTTISH
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE**

Working together for a safer Scotland

JOIN SCOTLAND'S FIGHT AGAINST FIRE

Badminton Coaching Club

Sunday 11am – 1pm

£5 per child for 2 hours

Ages 5 – 18 years

Grange Leisure Centre Kilmarnock



Modern Languages Lunch Club

- Our two new Modern Languages Ambassadors are running a club on a Monday and Tuesday lunch time. Come along for some help with your homework (doesn't need to be modern languages), someone to talk to or something to do.



- We would love to hear your ideas so why not pop along to Mrs Jacksons room (C17, 4) on a Monday or Tuesday and give us your ideas. You can also bring your lunch!



we can
help



Junior Choir for S1/2 pupils is on every Tuesday at lunchtime,
starting at 1.30pm. Room F042

All welcome.



Drum Club for S1/2 pupils is on every Tuesday at lunchtime,
starting at 1.30pm.

All welcome.



OCTOBER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 15 th October	Howard Centre 12pm – 5pm	Planetarium Drama Arts & Crafts Stop Animation Baking/Pizza Making
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All activities are FREE.
Lunch is included.

contact Fiona or Vickie on: 07384211622

Fiona.rankin@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Vickie.frazer@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

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BSL – BRITISH SIGN LANGUAGE LUNCH CLUB (S1–S3)

- DO YOU WANT TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE?
- DO YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR HANDS UNDER WATER/THROUGH WINDOWS/IN THE CINEMA/WITH A DEAF PERSON?
- DO YOU WANT TO MEET NEW FRIENDS?



- WHY NOT COME ALONG TO MR GRAY'S CLASSROOM IN SOCIAL SUBJECTS ON A THURSDAY LUNCH AND LEARN FROM OUR S6 PUPIL AIDAN WRIGHT WITH SOME SUPPORT FROM OUR BSL TUTOR MRS TAIT.
- THIS IS AN AMAZING OPPORTUNITY SO WHY WASTE IT!
- THE CLUB WILL START AT 1:25PM ON THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER SO IF YOU HAVEN'T FINISHED YOUR LUNCH BRING IT ALONG WITH YOU!
- HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE

S1 - S3

After School

when?

Thursday 3:35 - 4:30

Art Club

where?

@ Mrs Lennox classroom



Please bring permission from your parent/ carer in the form of a written note or text message.

Run by Rebecca Morton
(Advanced Higher Art pupil)



S1 Halloween Disco!!



Thursday 31st October

7pm – 9pm



Tickets sold after the October Holidays

£2.50

HAVE A GOOD WEEK, GRANGE!

Work hard.

Be kind.