



# GRANGE ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

10<sup>th</sup> January 2022

WELCOME BACK!



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# WEEKLY PUZZLE

Let's get our brains warmed up with a quick riddle. Can you solve it?

What 5-letter word becomes shorter when you add 2 extra letters to it?

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# PRELIMS

Good luck to all senior pupils who are sitting prelims from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Here are some things to remember:

- Make sure you arrive **at least 10 minutes** before the start of the exam and check your seat number before entering.
- Your seat number will be displayed outside the assessment room. Please arrive in plenty of time to avoid crowding.

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# PRELIMS

- Keep bags and jackets under your table during the assessment. Phones, smartwatches and other devices **MUST BE SWITCHED OFF** (not just on silent!) and placed inside your bag, or left at home.
- You must wear school uniform while attending for prelims.
- When you finish an assessment, please help to keep the area quiet – do not loiter in The Street, the library or other areas of the school.
- All pupils must wear masks during assessments unless exempt.

# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Thank you for all your submissions to our competition last term. There were so many beautiful cards it was hard for our Prefects and Captains to choose!

The winning entries went to our local Care Homes along with our Christmas video messages of good cheer.

1. Stephen Connell S3
2. Freya Lee S1
3. Maisie Muir S2



# A VISITOR

Speaking of Christmas...

It was lovely to have a visit from Santa on our last day before the holidays!

Thanks Amy Morgan (S1) for bringing us some extra festive cheer!



# ESCAPE ROOM FUN

On the final day of school in 2021, teams were set an Escape Room challenge designed by Mr and Mrs Smith.

A series of clues needed solving and codes needed cracking to unlock boxes and triumph in record time.

Everyone earned themselves a limited edition 'I escaped Grange Academy' medal and the times were VERY close...



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# ESCAPE ROOM FUN



Winners!

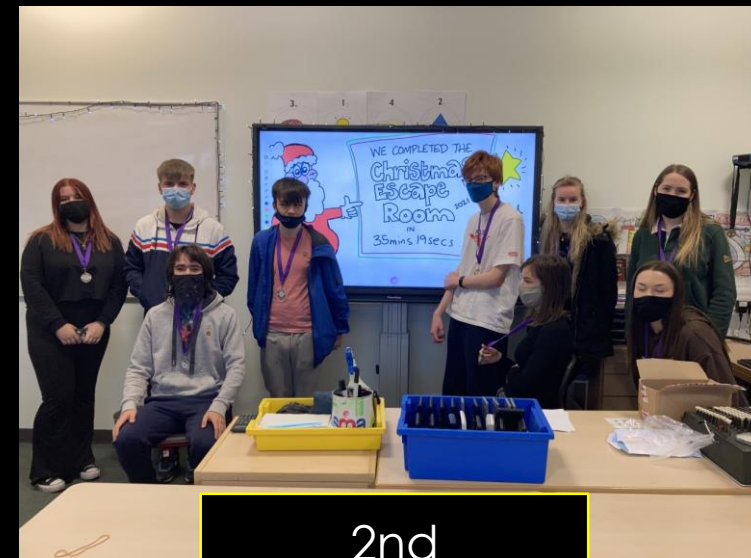
**Winners:** S3 (33mins 3secs)

**2nd:** S2 (35mins 18secs)

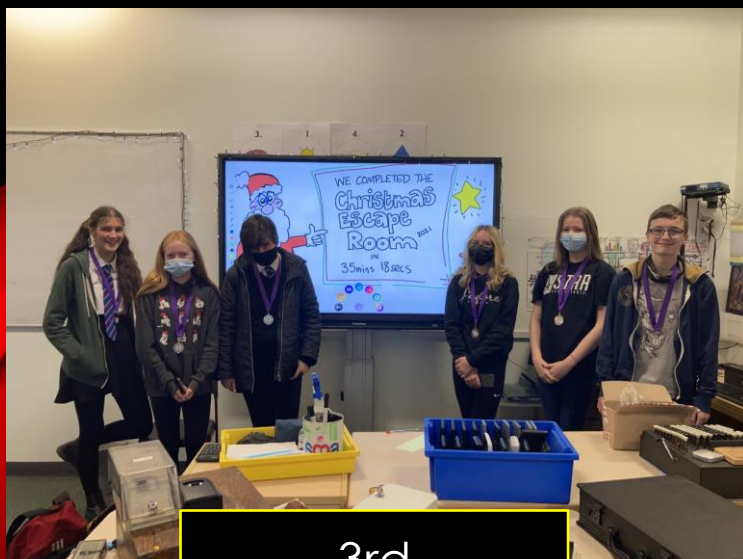
**3rd:** Senior E (35mins 19secs) – only 1 second behind S2!

**4th:** The Fab Four (43mins 37secs)

Well done to everyone who took part!



2nd



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4th

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# PSE



## Fill | BGE PSE mid year pupil evaluation

Your views on PSE are important to us as we strive to make the lessons relevant, valuable and enjoyable. Please tell us what you think.

[forms.office.com](https://forms.office.com)

We want to hear your views!

Look out for a pupil survey in your PSE classes and tell us what you think we should do to make PSE lessons the best they can be.

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# WOODWORKING AND DESIGN & MANUFACTURE

S5 and S6 pupils:

If you studied **N4/5 Practical Woodworking** and/or **N4/5 Design & Manufacture** last year, you can now take your projects home.

These should be collected by **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January.**



# “SIRENS FOR SUCCESS” PROGRAMME



All pupils who are taking part in the “Sirens for Success” programme, please go to the PE department today (Monday 10<sup>th</sup> January) at break time for a short meeting.

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# GRANGE MATHS STARS

Huge congratulations to our Advanced Higher Maths pupils, who took part in Ritangle – a maths competition Mr Smith describes as “the most fiendish but satisfying maths contest out there”!

Our team – Lois, Duncan, Harris and team captain “The Johnstonator” – competed against elite teams from around the world and got a shout out on the Ritangle website. Even though they didn’t win, they figured out 32 puzzles to unlock Stage 3 and reach the big finale.

To show how impressive this is, check out question 1 below...

## Question 1

The equations below feature six three-digit numbers.

$$abc + def = ghi$$

$$cba + fed = ihg$$

You are given that the digits  $a$  to  $i$  are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 plus an extra 6.

No number starts with a 0.

What is  $g \times h \times i$ ?

# MVP LEADERS

All MVP leaders, please go to the PE department at break time tomorrow (Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January) for a short meeting.

Reminder: there will be no MVP lessons this week.

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# S2 HALLOWEEN SCRATCH COMPETITION WINNER!

Congratulations to **Charlotte Dippie**, whose Scratch Halloween game was selected as a winner in the **nationwide** [dresscode.org](https://www.dresscode.org) Halloween competition!

All S2 pupils in Grange participated in this competition whilst building their coding skills in October, with the best games from each class being submitted to the competition.

Charlotte's game was selected from hundreds of entries as a winner, and she won a programmable pixel art display! Amazing work, well done!



Charlotte with her prize!



Charlotte's winning game!

# RUGBY NPA: S4-S6

We have 20 fully funded places available on this course for S4, S5 and S6 pupils.



The course is NPA level 5 (this gives pupils an additional National 5 qualification!), and pupils will also gain the new equivalent of a UKCC Level 1 coaching certificate.

The course will run on Friday afternoons (2pm - 4pm) from 14th January 2022 and in addition, everyone on the course will be on a rota to volunteer at the Gordi Reid Rugby Academy at Kilmarnock College one Tuesday per month (3.30pm – 5.30pm) to coach primary school pupils.

If you are interesting in applying, see Mr Houston for more details.

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# FIFA TOURNAMENT REFUND

Pupils who signed up to take part in the Children in Need FIFA Tournament last November – if you have not yet had a refund, please go to the office to collect your money!

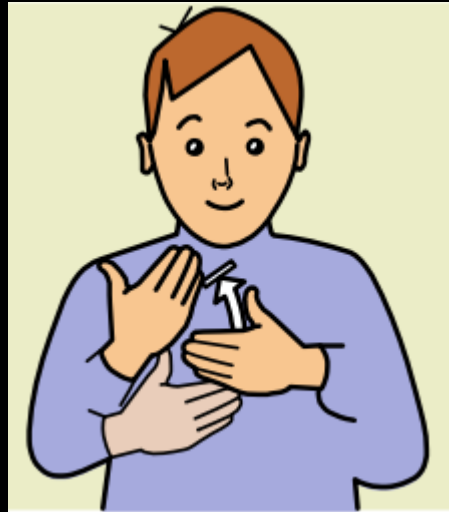


# BSL SIGN OF THE WEEK

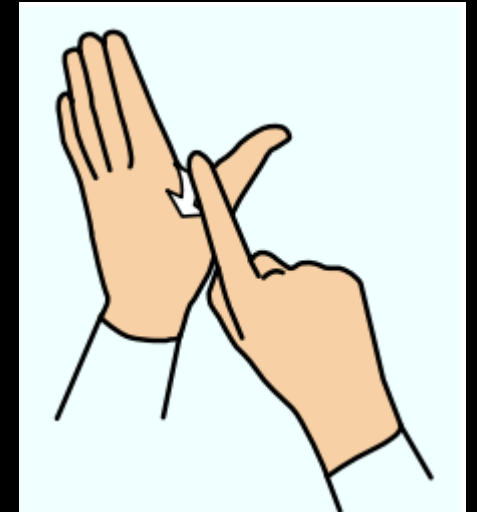
## “HAPPY NEW YEAR”



“Happy” – clap the heels of your hands together x2



“New” – both hands with palms facing your body. Bring together to overlap in the middle and point up.



“Year” – pointer finger and thumb make the curve of a letter Y. Draw a line down from the base of your thumb.

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Did you get it right?

What 5-letter word becomes shorter when you add 2 extra letters to it?

Answer: SHORT + 2 letters (ER) = shorter

**SHORT+ER**

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HAVE A GREAT WEEK, GRANGE.

WORK HARD.

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