



GRANGE ACADEMY WEEKLY BULLETIN

12th June 2023

WEEKLY PUZZLE

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

What well-known phrase is represented by the graphic below?



Camping

Night


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In case you missed it...

New timetable information for 2023/24

New S5 and S6

S5/6

You've chosen to return to school for another year – WELCOME BACK!

These two years are often viewed as the most significant in your school career as your achievements and results from these year form the basis of applications to university, college and employment. It's important to get off to the right start and to maintain this throughout the session.

Between now and August your teachers will track how you are progressing at this level. Are you coping with the level of demand? Is your attendance and timekeeping impacting on your progress? That will help us as a school make a decision on which level you should be presented at with the SQA.

ASSESSMENTS

Your prelims will take place in December of this year.

You will have final practical exams, assignments and submissions for SQA due throughout February and March.

Final exams will be held during late April to early June 2024. The SQA will confirm the exact dates later this year.

College

College courses begin tomorrow afternoon. In S5/6 (due to every subject receiving 6 periods) there are two additional periods that fall on a Monday and Wednesday.

You will find staff and rooms allocated on your timetable however everyone has been assigned to the same room.

Pupils in S5 (excluding 5G1 and 5H1) should go to the PE Classroom (Art) Period 2

Pupils in S6 (and 5G1/5H1) should go to S013 – Mr McPherson.

Please make sure you have completed your college pre-enrolment.

If you were unsuccessful or given a waiting list place – we will be in touch to get you to rechoose a school-based subject.

ICT in the Senior Phase

It is crucial that you have access to the various ICT platforms that we use in the school so that you can keep up to date with your coursework, teachers and any year group announcements.

Details about how to sign up to the school app will follow during the normal Monday Bulletin.

For coursework you should have the following apps:

Teams

Outlook (Email)



Both require you to sign in using your Glow username and password:

eap.smithjohn@glow.sch.uk

If you are unsure – Miss Cooper in the Library will be able to help you



YASS (Youth Applicants in Scotland)

For S6 pupils interested in studying a YASS Course (SCQF Level 7) through the Open University please email Mr Cowan by the end of the week.

We hope to get applications send away before the summer holidays.

SCOTTISH CUP CHAMPIONS

Massive congratulations to our U14 boys' football team who lifted the Scottish Cup last week!

After picking up the Scottish Cup Plate last year, the boys have gone one better by defeating St Peter the Apostle 4 – 0 in a highly competitive final match.

Very well done to the squad for your fantastic performances through the season, and thanks to Mr Adams for coaching!



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PRIZE GIVING REHEARSALS

All pupils who are receiving an award at the Prize Giving Ceremony on Wednesday should attend a rehearsal in the **assembly hall** at the following times:

Old S1 - S3: Tuesday period 4

Old S4 + S5: Tuesday period 6

HANDBALL

Well done to all pupils who attended the National Handball Finals at Ravenraig.

The boys' teams finished in second place, Grange 1 girls also placed second and Grange 2 girls in third.

Great work, everyone!



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S4 PSE WORKSHOPS

All S4 pupils will receive 3 workshops this week as part of your PSE programme.

Go straight to the allocated room - **do not register with your timetabled class first**. You will be registered when you arrive for the workshop.

Please look at the following slide to make sure you know where and when your sessions are running...

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S4 PSE WORKSHOPS

Period	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Session
Monday 12 th June	4B1 G164	4B2 G164	4D1 G164	4D2 G164	4G1 G164	4G2 G164	4H1 G164	1
Tuesday 13 th June	4B1 G164	4B2 G164	4D1 G164	4D2 G164	4G1 G164	4G2 G164	4H1 G164	2
Wednesday 14 th June	4B1 G171	4B2 G171	4D1 G171	4D2 G171	4G1 G171	4G2 G171	4H1 G171	3
Thursday 15 th June	4H2 G171	4H2 G171		4H2 G171				

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AIMEE

Aimee Banks was at the Fire Station to pick up awards for 2 courses she has completed, and show what she has learned.

Congratulations, Aimee - this is a fantastic achievement!



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Pupil voice opportunity

Are you...



Passionate
about equity
and fairness

Interested in
society and the
rights of people
within it to have
everything they
need to live a
happy life

Driven to help make
a change?

If so, we have an opportunity for you that will allow you to use your pupil voice.

We are looking for volunteers to take part in a pupil group to learn about and discuss welfare rights and challenge perceptions and judgements of those who are in poverty, to drive change at Grange.

Please see Mrs Causer in guidance if you would like more information or to join.

SCOTTISH MATHEMATICAL COUNCIL PRIZE-WINNERS



Nine young Mathematicians from Grange Academy attended Strathclyde University for a prestigious prize giving of the 2023 Scottish Mathematical Council Maths Challenge.

Kate (S5), Ethan and Rebecca (S4), Charlotte, Eilidh, Harriet, Leo, Lucy (S3), Cole (S2) picked up Awards in a room crammed with super brainiacs.

Impressively, Grange scooped over 10% of all the Gold Awards from 14 local authorities across Central Scotland!



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INTER-HOUSE SPORT

After a fantastic year of inter-house sport the final results are in. With addition of the points from the S1-3 schools Athletics championships last month, the table stands like this:

1 st – Hamilton	110
2 nd – Graham	105
3 rd – Douglas	90
3 rd – Bruce	90

Congratulations to all Hamilton House pupils who took part in order to secure the House Shield. It will be proudly displayed on Mrs McDowall's and Mr Alldridge's desk in the guidance office.

Next year's inter-house calendar is already being planned with even more events. Make sure you get involved and support your house group!

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INTER-HOUSE SPORT – LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Mr Alldridge is looking for S5 or S6 pupils who would like to help run the Inter-house Sport calendar next year.

This could be a great volunteering opportunity for anyone doing Leadership, Duke of Edinburgh, NPA Sports Development or for anyone with a genuine interest in sport.

Your role will be to help plan, advertise, organise and run inter-house sporting events throughout the 2023-24 session starting in August.

Please give your name to Mr Alldridge if you are interested.

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YOUR MIND MATTERS

Mrs McCaffrey has received funding for new Health and Wellbeing resources which are now available in the library.

There are colouring supplies, Sudoku books, journals, and leaflets with helpful information. There's even a jigsaw puzzle that pupils can all do together!

Head to the library to make use of the excellent resources, and keep an eye on the bulletin for more updates about our "Your Mind Matters" programme.



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BRILLIANT BAKERS!



Mrs McDowall's S4 class were busy in the kitchen, making these delicious empire biscuits!

Well done!





KILLIE KIDS SUMMER CAMP



A Summer Camp will be running throughout **July and August** with **Kilmarnock Football Club**, taking place at Rugby Park:

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th July

Monday 10th – Friday 14th July

Monday 24th – Friday 28th July

Monday 31st July – Friday 4th August

Monday 7th – Friday 10th August

Each day (10am – 3pm) will be led by Killie Community Coaches, where each young person (**aged 5 – 12**) will have the chance to take part in fun, educational, outdoor activities and receive a healthy footballer's lunch.

The total price for **one full week is £80** and the total price for **one half week is £40**.

Places can be booked via the QR code.



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WORKING INDEPENDENTLY

Last week, we focused on **ATTENTION**.

This week we will look at **INDEPENDENCE**.

Which of these statements do you think suits you best? If you are yellow or red, what steps can you take to move towards green?



I can work on a task on my own.



I get started but sometimes I get distracted and start chatting. With a prompt from the teacher I can easily get back to work.



I need regular, individual prompts from the teacher to keep me on task.

Why is independence important?

- To achieve qualifications, you need to be able to independently show your own knowledge and skills.
- Employers are looking for people who, once they have been trained, can be trusted to work independently.
- In life, you will want to make your own choices and be as independent as you can.
 - In class, teachers show you what they're looking for, guide and support you in your learning.
 - They will then want to see you practising the learning independently.
 - When you can work independently, it shows you are learning successfully.
 - Regularly doing your homework is a good way to improve your confidence at working independently.

Have your say on how we can make things better for LGBT+ people living, working and learning in Ayrshire.

“Join the LGBT+ Conversation in Ayrshire” is a conversation café event organised by the Ayrshire Equality Partnership (AEP).

It will include conversations on the following key themes:

- Connections
 - Safety
 - Services
 - Support

The events are open to both LGBT+ people and those who have an interest in positively informing the LGBT+ experience in Ayrshire.

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The Ayrshire Equality Partnership invites you to:

Join the

LGBT+ CONVERSATION

in Ayrshire

6 June 2023 / Irvine Royal Academy
8 June 2023 / UWS, Ayr Campus
15 June 2023 / Ayrshire College,
Kilmarnock Campus

Scan the QR code for more info about the event taking place in Kilmarnock College on Thursday 15th June (4.15pm – 6.15pm)



FOODBANK COLLECTION



Now that we only have **3 weeks** until the summer holidays, Miss Cooper will be taking foodbank donations in the library.

Anything you can spare – even just one item – makes a huge difference to families in need in our local area.

Thank you so much in advance for anything you are able to give.

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SCHOOL SHOW RAFFLE



We are looking for raffle prizes for our school show week.

We would appreciate if anyone can bring in a donation and drop it off at the Music Department by Monday 19th of June.

Thank you.



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SCHOOL SHOW

A School production by arrangement with The Really Useful Group Ltd.

GRANGE ACADEMY
presents

THE NEXT GENERATION

**SCHOOL
of
ROCK**

THE MUSICAL

JUNE 21st, 22nd & 23rd - 19:30

tickets available from
ticketsource.co.uk/grangeacademy

Based on the Paramount movie written by Mike White
Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber
Book by Julian Fellowes Lyrics by Glenn Slater

This year's school show is **SCHOOL OF ROCK**, with performances taking place on June 21st – June 23rd!

Visit the ticketsource website, or scan the QR code to get your tickets now!



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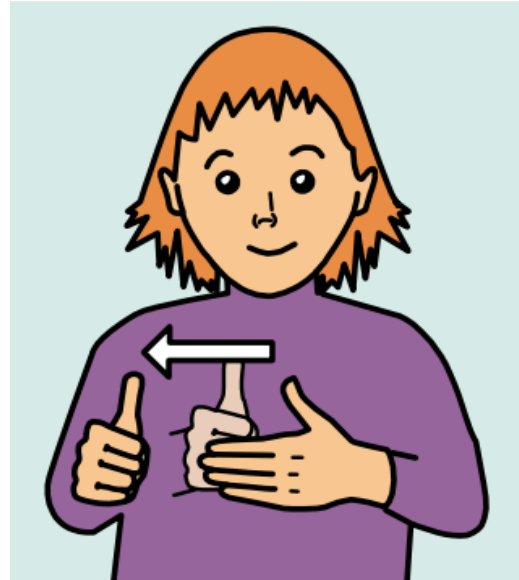
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BSL SIGN OF THE WEEK



Preparation

Hold both hands with your fingers spread and tap your thumbs near your shoulders



Routines

Hold your left hand flat. Make a thumbs-up with your right hand and brush your knuckles along your left palm



Attention

Hold both hands flat near the sides of your head. Move them forward so your fingertips are pointing forward and almost touching the fingertips of the other hand.

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Did you get it right?

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HAVE A GREAT WEEK, GRANGE.

WORK HARD.

BE KIND.

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