

Grange Academy Hearing Impaired Department Spring Newsletter 2023

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Staff Deaf Awareness

During the February inset day, over 30 staff from around the school attended our Deaf Awareness session. This session provided information for staff on use of equipment, deaf friendly classroom strategies, differentiation and some fun and games too. Thank you to all of the staff who attended this.



S2 pupil Harry

Harry recently went out of school with the PE department to attend the Parasport Festival at Linwood. Pupils had the chance to take part in a range of sports including swimming, judo, snow sports, boccia and football. Harry: "It was a good, fun day out. I would recommend it."



Options choices



Pupils are currently making their options choices in PSE. Pupils have been doing a lot of work on this in PSE classes and all have access to the My World Of Work website which they can use at home. If you are applying to college (S3+), please make sure this is done before the deadline at the end of March. Please make sure you have an idea of the subjects you wish to take next year before attending this interview with your guidance teacher.



Uniform

You will have seen information on the school app from Mr Robertson explaining that the school want to see an improvement in uniform. If you are struggling to provide uniform, don't hesitate to contact the school as we have uniforms we could give out to pupils.



S5 Pupil Judy



Judy provided the BSL interpretation of a new children's book by DC Stuart Fleming. This is in conjunction with I Am Me Scotland and is the second book in the series. Judy will feature in the YouTube video providing a BSL translation. What an amazing opportunity and we will share the finished video when it goes live. Judy received lovely comments from those involved and will be praised again on Friday 17th March at Kilmarnock Police Station!

The previous video can be found at this link or by scanning the QR code: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qclldqwpyPng>



BSL Success for staff and pupils!



A huge congratulations to the 7 staff members and 3 pupils who completed their introduction to BSL course at the end of the year. Mrs Smith and Miss Walker put an amazing amount of work into creating and leading the course and the feedback from staff has been amazing.



Earth Hour

On Saturday 25th March from 8.30pm – 9.30pm it is Earth Hour. This is where the whole world will be encouraged to switch off all of our devices, electronics and appliances.

In school we will be participating period 5 on Friday 24th March.

This edition of the HI newsletter was edited by S2 pupil Harry.