

Grange Academy Weekly Bulletin

9th October 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?



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Non Uniform Day

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Friday 13th October
Please bring in donations for the Christmas Fayre

Tombola

ROLL UP ROLL UP AND WIN A PRIZE

S1 - S3
Bottles
(sweet, savoury, pampering or alcoholic)
Drop off to the school office

S4 - S6
Chocolate
(boxes, bars, tins etc)
Drop off to the school office

Friday 13th October

S1 – S3: Bring a bottle (any alcohol must be handed into the school office by a parent/adult)

S4 – S6: Bring chocolate

The bottles & chocolate will be collected during P1, and will be used at the Christmas Fayre at the Tombola Stall.

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Inter-house Dodgeball Results

Well done to all pupils who took part in inter-house dodgeball last week. The results are as follows:



S1

- 1st Bruce = 20 points
- 2nd Graham = 15 points
- 3rd Douglas = 10 points
- 4th Hamilton = 5 points

S2

- 1st Graham = 20 points
- 2nd Bruce = 15 points
- 3rd Douglas = 10 points
- 4th Hamilton = 5 points



League Table

After the Dodgeball event, the points table currently stands:

House	Points Total
Bruce	35
Graham	35
Douglas	20
Hamilton	10

The next event will take place after the October holidays.

S5/6 Music Students

The visit to RSNO Concert will take place this week on Wednesday 11th October.

Please remember to bring a packed lunch. School packed lunches will be ordered in advance.

Go to the Assembly Hall at the start of period 5 to have your lunch. The group will leave from the Assembly Hall once lunch has been consumed.

Please also dress appropriately for potential adverse weather.

Football Stars!



Congratulations to McKenzie Anderson, Aaron Raeside, Harry Adams and Aidan Doyle on being selected for the Ayrshire Schools Under 15's Squad.

They played at Stenhousemuir FC against Forth Valley.

Ayrshire won 3 - 2 with McKenzie and Harry scoring for Ayrshire in the win.

Well done!

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Summer Immersion in China is back!!



- Dates: 8th July - 22nd July 2024
- Open to current S4 and S5
- Only pay for the flight ticket to China – food and accommodation are covered
- 10 spaces are available
- A brilliant opportunity
- **See Mrs Jackson or Mrs Jiang for more info**



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BAE Systems Virtual Work Experience

BAE Systems are pleased to offer a Virtual Work Experience programme with a focus on Engineering, taking place 6 – 10 November 2023.

It will include live teaching sessions, group discussions, independent research and Q&A opportunities with our apprentices and experienced engineers. Participants will complete an engineering-based project, and present their work on the final day.

This programme is suitable for students aged between 14 – 18, and will be delivered online. An Engineering Development Trust – Silver Industrial Cadet Certificate will be issued to those who successfully complete the programme.

If you know a young person who is keen to learn more about life at BAE Systems, they can register via the link below.

Applications will close 4 weeks prior to the programme, or sooner should we reach capacity.

Visit:

baesystems.com/en/careers/careers-in-the-uk/gaining-experience



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Pizza Presentation

Any S2 pupils who completed their JMA last year and paid their £3 are invited to a pizza presentation at lunch time tomorrow (Tuesday 10th October, 1.10pm).

If you're not sure whether this applies to you, the list of pupils is up in the PE department.

School of Football

Congratulations to the September winners of the School of Football Player of the Month!



Andrew Phillips 1B1



Nathan Hamilton 2G1



Ben Fulton 3B1

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Mandarin Scholarship

- The Confucius Institute is offering the opportunity for S6 school leavers to take part in a scholarship programme to study Mandarin for one academic year at university in Tianjin from September 2024 - June 2025. The scholarship is open for any current S6 pupil who attends a state school in a local authority that has a Confucius classroom hub.
- This is more than just a gap year. This is an immersive, life-changing experience which can broaden horizons, develop intercultural awareness and foster friendships that will last a lifetime.
- If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Jackson.



The poster features a green circular logo at the top left with the Chinese text '苏格兰中小学孔子学院' (Confucius Institute for Schools in Scotland). The main title 'CISS Scholarship 2024-25' is in large purple letters. A circular seal on the right contains the text 'CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE FOR SCOTLAND'S SCHOOLS (CISS)'. The background shows a traditional Chinese building. Below the title, a paragraph of text describes the scholarship. At the bottom, there are three columns with links for 'Watch', 'Read', and 'Learn'. A QR code and an 'APPLY NOW' button are also present.

CISS is working with our partners in Tianjin, China to offer current S6 learners the opportunity to study Mandarin at university in Tianjin for one academic year from September 2024. Applications are open now. Deadline: Friday 3rd November. Interviews will take place week beginning 20th November.

Watch	Read	Learn
Watch the video to hear more about this amazing opportunity	Read the blog posts from previous participants	Find out more about what's involved from our website

Chinese Language Scholarship to Tianjin for School Leavers

Think this could be for you? [APPLY NOW](#)



Young WEIR-WISE 2024

S2 Girls Only

About Young WEIR-WISE

The Young WEIR-WISE initiative, a partnership between the Faculty of Engineering at Strathclyde University and The Weir Group, is designed to inspire S2 female students to discover the excitement and personal satisfaction behind a career in engineering.



You will take part in a series of practical activities, including creating nano polymer bouncy balls, and building your own moveable hand.

The WEIR-WISE Programme

The programme will run in 2024 with 300 places available, which are open to all S2 girls in Scotland.

200 pupils will attend a two-day in-person event at the University of Strathclyde campus on either the 22-23 January 2024 or 25-26 January 2024, and 100 pupils will attend the one-day virtual event on 24 January 2024.

Participants will hear from staff at the University and colleagues from the Weir Group who will provide insight into studying and working in the field of engineering.

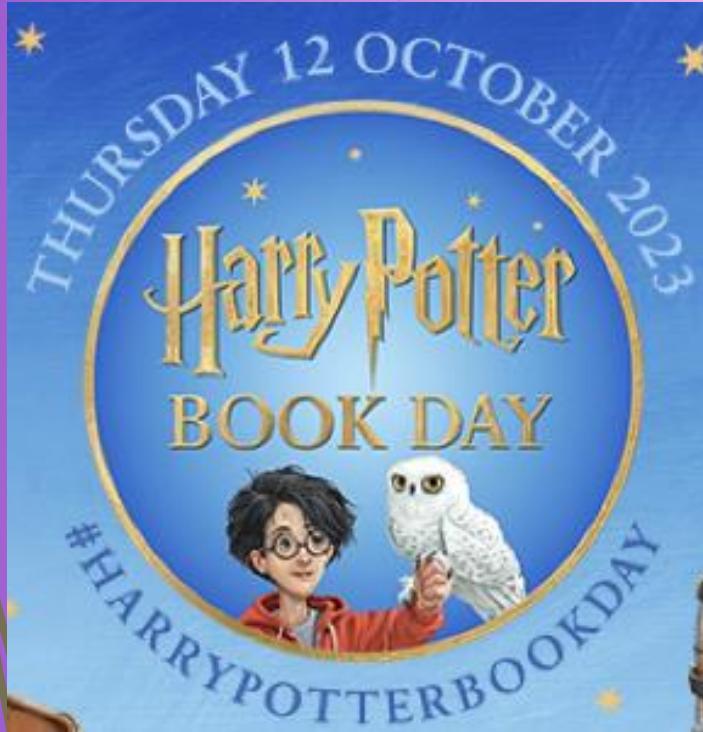
To Apply

If you are interested in applying for Young WEIR-WISE 2024, please see Ms Bell (Biology, S023) for more information.

The closing date for entries is Friday 27th October 2023.



Harry Potter Book Day



A reminder to all the pupils who signed up.

This event is taking place in the library at lunchtime on Thursday (12th October).

This means movie club is cancelled for this week, and will resume after the October holidays.

Interested in Learning to Make Films and Short Videos?

The **'Kilmarnock Media Hub' project** will be starting at Grange Academy on the following dates from 3:35 - 4:30pm

Tuesday 24th October

Tuesday 31st October

Tuesday 7th November

Tuesday 14th November

Who it is for?

Pupils in S1 – S6 who would like to collaborate on a film-making project like the ones you see on Youtube, Tiktok etc

What they would be doing?

Responding to creative briefs to produce a short film over the 4 weeks, using iPads to film and edit

Who would it best suit?

No film-making experience is necessary but an interest in stories, football, Kilmarnock FC, art, history, technology, sound/music are all useful skills to bring!

If you are interested, please give your name to **Mr Adams in the PE department.**

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Do you know someone interested in an automotive career?

We're very excited to announce the return of our Girls with Skills programme this November. Our programme is designed to help educate girls 15 and over about our apprenticeships. We want to address the gender imbalance in the automotive industry and encourage more young women to take on apprenticeships and careers with Arnold Clark, which is why the Girls with Skills programme provides a gateway to a full-time apprenticeship with Arnold Clark for all successful candidates.

This is a great opportunity for young women who are ready to leave school to experience what our apprenticeship programmes are like and get an insight into the working life within the automotive industry. With Mechanics, Aftersales and Bodyshop apprenticeships available, we have something for everyone.

We will be holding two taster days this year – one in Glasgow and Edinburgh – so if you know someone aged 15 or over who might be interested in a full-time apprenticeship with Arnold Clark, please ask them to sign up on our webpage below. All participants must have signed up by **20th October 2023**.

Key dates

- **Taster day** – GTG Glasgow, 8th November 2023, 10:00am – 4pm; or GTG Edinburgh, 14th November 2023, 10:00am – 4pm.
- **Work experience week** – This will take place between January and March.
- **September 2024** – Start your full-time apprenticeship with Arnold Clark.

Enterprising Maths



Well done to our S3/4 Enterprising Maths Team: Eilidh Cooke and Charlotte Gemmell from S3 and Ethan Chan and Carly Fraser from S4

They came second in the East Ayrshire regional heats to secure a place in the National finals of Enterprising Maths 2024 in November.

Good luck for the final, Team Grange!



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S4 Music Students

On Wednesday 25th October there will be two singer/song-writers leading a workshop on song-writing.

This will commence at the start of period 6 and last till the end of the day.

Please register with your teacher then come directly to the Assembly Hall.

Senior Study Cafe

Senior Study café has started up again in the library on Thursdays after school until 16:35

Senior pupils can come along with friends and revise or complete homework for any subject. There will be teachers there to support you.

Drinks and snacks will be provided to keep you going!



History Club

A new History Club will be starting on Wednesday lunchtime this week!

Run by Mr MacDonald and Miss Mora

Come along to G167 (Mr MacDonald's room)

All year groups are made welcome!



Astronomy Club

Will now be every Tuesday lunchtime in S026
with Mrs Robinson and Dr Telfer from tomorrow
(10th October)

All pupils welcome

Lunchtime club for anyone interested in stars,
galaxies and the universe.



Carbon Busters

Reminder that the Carbon Busters group is open to any pupil - ALL year groups - in Mr Miller's room (G164 Social Subjects) every **Thursday Lunchtime**.

Bring your lunch and join in.



Problem Solving

Last week, we focused on **WORKING INDEPENDENTLY**.

This week we will look at **PROBLEM SOLVING**.

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 use strategies such as re-reading instructions to push through when I am stuck.

I persevere and don't give up easily.
I will ask the teacher for help if I need to.

When I am stuck, my first reaction is to ask my teacher instead of trying to figure things out myself.

When I get stuck, I stop working.

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Why is problem-solving important?

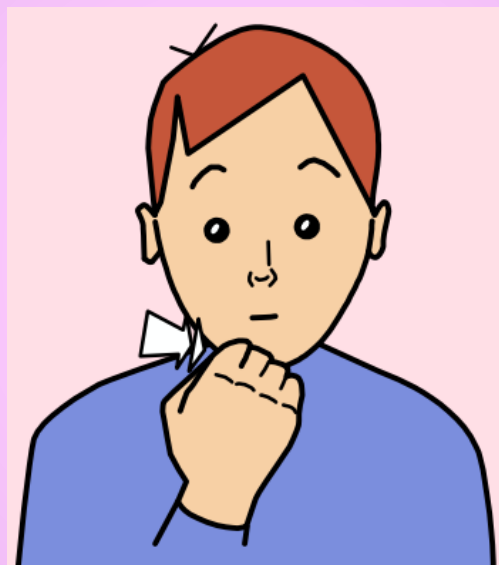
- Your teachers will give you strategies for tackling learning. For example...
 - *analysing word choice in English*
 - *“Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check” when learning vocabulary in Modern Languages*
 - *how to set up equipment in PE*
- Then they’ll prompt you to use these independently.
- Using strategies to tackle a challenge shows you are learning successfully.
- Learning isn’t meant to be easy.

Your brain is like a muscle. Work it hard and it’ll get stronger.

- When we learn something new, our brain forms new neural connections. When we struggle or make mistakes, our understanding actually **improves**.
- Psychologist Robert Bjork called the process of working through tough problems “**desirable difficulties**” because using strategies and putting in effort **strengthens our learning** and **makes it “stick.”**

BSL Recap

Can you remember the sign from last week?



Maths

Make a fist and tap your knuckles
against your chin twice

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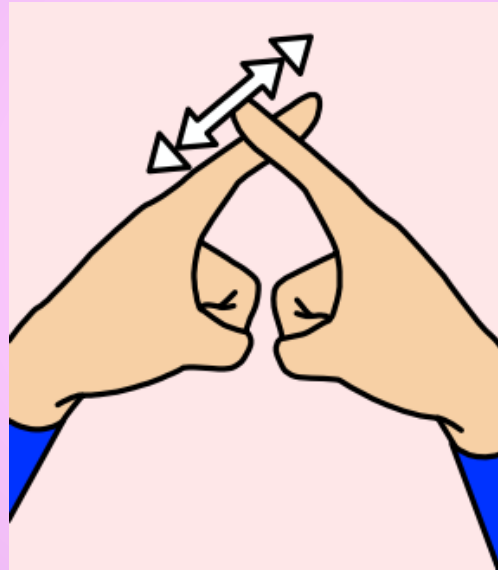
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BSL Sign of the Week

English



Hold out one pointer finger then move your other pointer finger back and forth along the top of it.

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Weekly puzzle

Did you get it right?



That

Fancy That



Have a great week, Grange.

Work hard.

Be kind.

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