

Grange Academy Weekly Bulletin

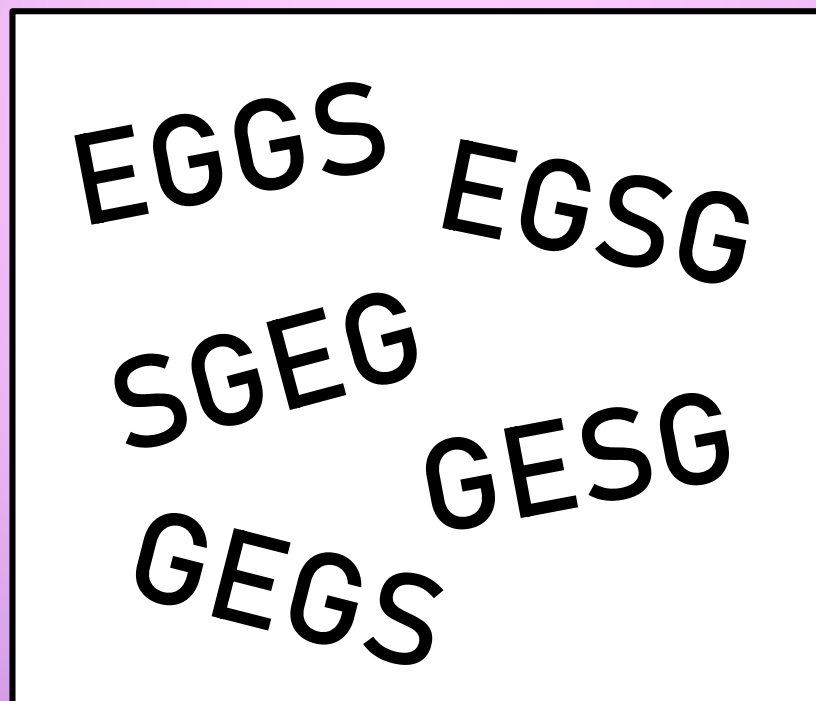
4th December 2023



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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S4/S5 Duke of Edinburgh



A message for all S4 and S5 pupils interested in doing DofE, and those who have already signed up for it this year:

Please attend a short meeting in Games Hall 1/2 at break today (Monday 4th December).

Thank you.

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S1 Inter-house Basketball Results

After 3 fantastic days of competition last week, the S1 Basketball results were very close with 3 teams finishing level, only to be separated by points scored.

Team	G	W-D-L	+	-	±	P
Hamilton	3	3-0-0	32	8	24	9
Bruce	3	1-0-2	20	24	-4	3
Douglas	3	1-0-2	14	22	-8	3
Graham	3	1-0-2	16	28	-12	3

Inter-house Points Table

After 5 events, the Inter-house Table now looks like this:

House	Points Total
Graham	75
Bruce	60
Hamilton	60
Douglas	55

The next event will be S2 Inter-house Basketball starting next week!

S2 Inter-house Basketball

S2 Inter-house Football will take place Monday - Wednesday this week.

All games will tipoff at 1:30 and finish at 1:45, taking place in Games Hall 3 & 4.

Pupils should head straight to the hall and play in school uniform – no changing facilities will be available.

No food or drink will be allowed in the hall.

If you have any questions, talk to Mr Alldridge or Miss Lyness.

Fixtures

Monday 4th December

Bruce V Hamilton
Graham V Douglas

Tuesday 5th December

Graham V Hamilton
Douglas V Bruce

Wednesday 6th December

Douglas V Hamilton
Bruce V Graham

Enterprising Maths in Scotland

Well done to Carly, Charlotte, Eilidh and Ethan who took part in the annual Enterprising Maths in Scotland National finals.

They completed a series of maths-y challenges against over 200 pupils from over 50 schools, and they came in **fourth place!**

Congratulations to all involved.



A Message from our Careers Advisers

Applications for full-time college courses (summer 2024 entry) open today!

Please speak to Rebecca or Scott for more info, or for help with your application.



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WINTER LEAVERS

WE MAKE IT HAPPEN



DROP IN SL33



Leaving School? Needing Support to
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Skills / Work Experience

Drop In Mondays between 1 - 3 pm !!

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Calling all parents and carers

Webinar for parents and carers of S2 and S3 pupils with advice on Option Choices and the support and resources available from Skills Development Scotland.

Thursday 7th December, 6:30pm to 7:15pm

Register here:

<https://option-choices-webinar.eventbrite.co.uk>

Or scan the QR code above.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair starts today... and **all books are half price!**

The fair will be in the library on **Monday and Tuesday**. Pupils will be able to browse and purchase books during their English periods, as well as at break and lunchtime.

From Wednesday onwards, Miss Cooper will come round the English classes to see if anyone wants to make any purchases.

Payments can be made with cash, or by scanning a QR code at the fair to make an online payment.

Parents can also make payments online from home if they wish.

See Miss Cooper for more details.

Prelims

Good luck to all our senior pupils who are sitting prelim exams, starting this week.

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.

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, you must return to your timetabled class – do not loiter in The Street, the library or other areas of the school.

Prelims

For everyone else, it is important that we help the prelims run as smoothly as possible.

This means keeping noise to a minimum in areas of the school where exams are taking place.

Please also look out for signs which will tell you when a room (e.g. the library) is closed for prelims and you should not enter.

Thank you.

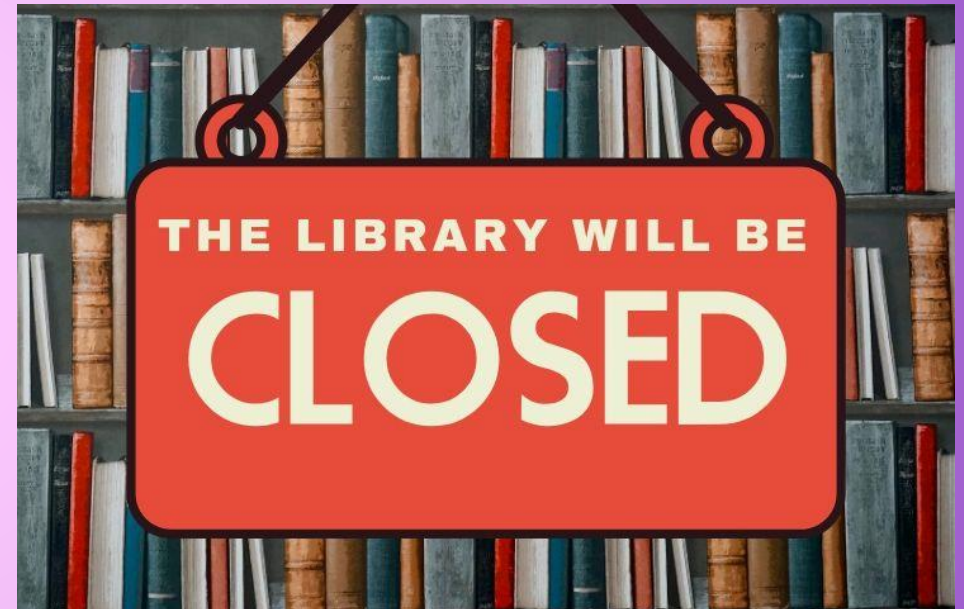
Library Closed

Due to prelims, the library will be closed from Weds 6th until Weds 20th December.

Unfortunately, this means there will be no clubs running for the next couple of weeks.

LGBT+ Club: Will run as normal today (Monday 4th), cancelled on Monday 11th and Monday 18th. Starts again after Christmas holidays.

Movie Club: Cancelled this week (Thursday 7th) and next week (Thursday 14th). Starts again on Thursday 21st December.



Christmas Jumper Day

A reminder that we are accepting donations of unwanted Christmas jumpers until the end of this week.

This will allow as many pupils as possible to take part in Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 15th of December.**

Pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school and bring in a **donation of £1** which will be collected during P1 on the day.

Please note, this is NOT a dress down day. It's either full school uniform, or uniform with a Christmas jumper.

Thank you.

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WEST FM
MISSION CHRISTMAS
cash for kids

GET DRESSED UP IN YOUR FESTIVE FINERY!

Your donations will support local children living in poverty this Christmas.

OUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY IS ON...

Friday 15th December

Greatest Hits Radio logo, FR logo, westfm.co.uk/mission, greatesthitsradio.co.uk/mission, #MissionChristmas

The poster features a night sky with a full moon, Santa Claus flying in a sleigh, and a red and white penguin holding up a red Christmas jumper. The background is a snowy landscape with a wooden cabin.

Hillhouse is a unique social enterprise based in Ayrshire. Hillhouse work to support individuals and families experiencing financial hardship.

This year again Grange Academy will be supporting the Hillhouse Christmas Present Appeal.

We are looking for donations of presents and pyjamas for both Boys and Girls aged 8+

Donations can be handed into Mrs McCaffrey or the school office.

Pupils will be going out to Hillhouse on the 14th December 2024 to deliver and help wrap presents.



Foodbank Collection

A big thank you to everyone who has already given in a donation to the foodbank.

If you are able to, please bring donations to Miss Cooper in the library.

Some of the most needed items are:

- Tinned fruit
- Tea bags
- UHT milk
- Dried pasta
- Breakfast cereals

Thank you so much.



Campus Christmas Concert



This year's Christmas Concert will take place on:

Tuesday 19th December at 19:00

Tickets £3/£2 at the door

Speak to Mr Ramsay for more info.

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S1 – 2 Junior Choir Come along and sing!



Tuesdays at 1.30pm in Mrs Craven's room, F042.

We are starting to prepare for the Christmas concert
on Tuesday 19th December.

You're welcome to come up and have your lunch
prior to the rehearsal.

CAROLS IN THE CLASSROOM

**Every Monday of December,
you're invited to come up to Mr Smith's room (F052)
at 1.30pm for "Carols in the Classroom".**

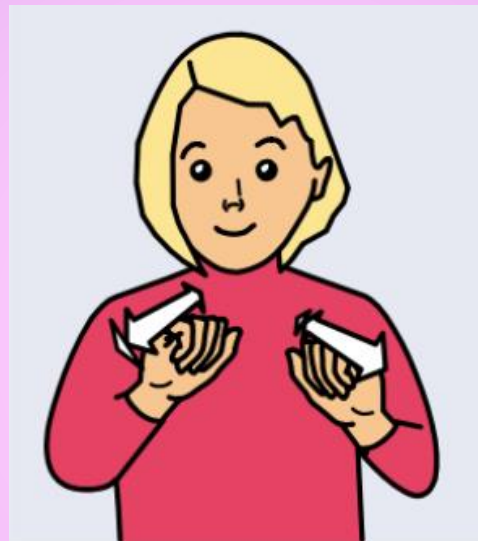
**So feel free to join in as we sing some cracking Christmas songs
about the Christmas story of Jesus' birth.**

[There may even be some Christmas snacks...]



BSL Recap

Can you remember the sign from the last bulletin?



Drama

Put both fists near your shoulders and move them backwards and forwards alternately. It should look a bit like you are drying the back of your neck with a towel!

BSL Sign of the Week

Reindeer



Spread your fingers and hold them up at either side of your head, with your palms facing out - this represents antlers.

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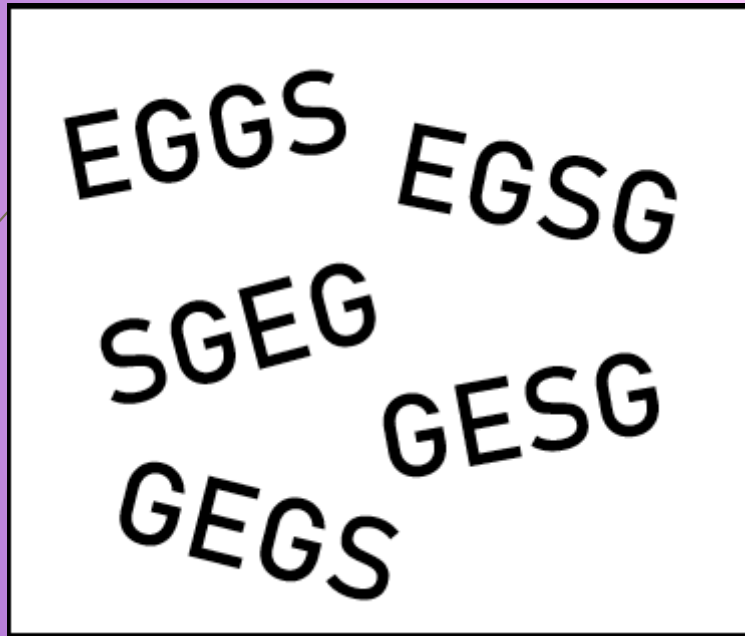
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Weekly puzzle

Did you get it right?



Scrambled Eggs



Have a great week, Grange.

Work hard.

Be kind.

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