



# **Grange Academy Weekly Bulletin**

**16<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



# Prelims

Good luck to all our senior pupils who are sitting their prelim exams.

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.

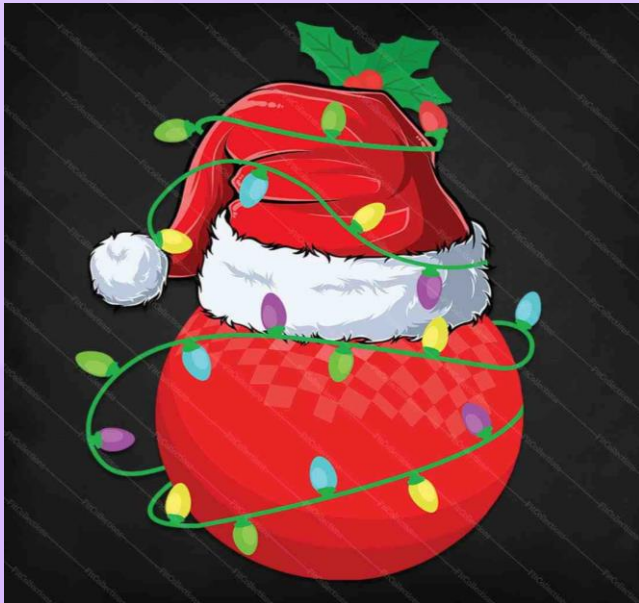
This means keeping noise to a minimum in areas of the school where exams are taking place.

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.



# S1 Inter-House Christmas Dodgeball



S1 Inter-house Christmas Dodgeball will take place this week on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

Games will start at 1:30 in the PE games hall. Christmas hats & jumpers are encouraged!

Tuesday 17th: **1B1, 1D1, 1G1 and 1H1**

Wednesday 18th: **1B2, 1D2, 1G2 and 1H2**

1G3 pupils can attend either the Tuesday or Wednesday but not both.

The winning team will be the house group with the highest percentage of their pupils in attendance.



# A Message from our Careers Advisers

Ayrshire College Summer 2025 applications are now live.

If anyone wishes to speak to one of our careers advisers about this, or anything else, please make an appointment through the school app or scan the QR code in the library.





# U15s Scottish Cup

Congratulations to the U15s Grange team on a hard fought victory away to Ardrossan in the second round of the Scottish Cup in difficult conditions.

Scorers: Corey Mackay (3)

Mr Scott and Lewis Campbell's Player of the Match: Corey Mackay





# Christmas Candy Canes!

Do you want to make someone feel loved (or embarrass your friends)?

Well, in December, until the 16<sup>th</sup>, all students will be able to buy candy canes for their peers - and teachers!

Go to Mrs Marshall in Science at any time, or Miss Jiang's class in Modern languages at Wednesday lunch times, with your 50p

Senior pupils will deliver them during class times.

**Candy canes are only 50p each**





# Dance Fest 2025

East Ayrshire's Dance Fest is the largest, most successful celebration of dance across Ayrshire. Don't miss out on taking part in 2025!

This exciting Dance Festival will take place on **Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd April** at The Gaiety in Ayr, and will showcase Ayrshire's best dance talent.

We are looking for acts to perform a dance routine on one of the above nights. If you have a group/soloist who would like to apply then please scan the QR code to complete the Microsoft Form by **Friday 24th January 2025**.

If you have any questions please email [zara.smith1@eastayrshire.org.uk](mailto:zara.smith1@eastayrshire.org.uk)







# Cyber Camp & STEM Camp

Glasgow Caledonian University is delighted to offer two fully funded residential programmes for pupils in S4 and S5 at their city-centre campus.

## **GCU Cyber Camp: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Aims to develop the pupils' skills and to encourage them to consider studying cyber security and to think about pursuing a career in this field.

Will focus on hands-on activities, including a real-life problem they have to solve. They'll have workshops in general digital skills as well as in digital forensics, ethical hacking and programming and develop other skills including communication.

## **GCU STEM Camp: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

Aims to encourage more pupils to consider Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) as a future study and career path whilst developing skills related to these areas.

Will focus on hands-on activities and meta skills development including communication. Pupils will have general skills workshops on bending metal, welding and machining and also programming skills.

For more information, including links to apply, see the school app or speak to Mr Johnston.

# **CAROLS IN THE CLASSROOM**

**The two remaining MONDAYS of term,  
you're invited to come up to Mr Smith's room (F052)  
at lunchtime 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...]**







# Reverse Advent Calendar

## FOOD BANK REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

1. Box of Cereal
2. Bottle of Washing-up Liquid
3. Tinned Soup
4. Bar of Soap
5. Packet of Pasta
6. Tinned Meat
7. Packet of Nappies
8. A Toothbrush
9. Packet of Teabags
10. Jar of Pasta Sauce
11. Tinned Tomatoes
12. Tinned Vegetables
13. Packet of Lentils
14. Laundry Powder
15. Tinned Fruit
16. Packet of Biscuits
17. UHT Milk
18. Jar of Coffee
19. Tube of Toothpaste
20. Bottle of Shampoo
21. Christmas Selection box
22. Packet of Rice
23. Tin of Baked Beans
24. Christmas Cake or Pudding (*non-alcoholic*)

This year, we are running our first ever Reverse Advent Calendar from Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

**The idea is simple yet powerful.**

Each day you donate an essential non-perishable food item, hygiene product, or other essential supplies. By the 17<sup>th</sup> of December, you'll have a collection of items that will then be donated in a hamper to someone who is in need this Christmas.

The image shows a suggestion of items you could include in your collection. See the school app, or speak to Mrs McCaffrey for more details.



# Campus Christmas Concert



This year's Christmas Concert will take place  
**TONIGHT:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**

Tickets £3/£2 at the door

Speak to Mr Ramsay for more info.



# Foodbank Collection

A HUGE thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Christmas foodbank collection.

If you are able to donate even just one of the items listed here, it will make a huge difference to local families here in East Ayrshire.

Please bring any donations to Miss Cooper by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**If the library is closed for a prelim, please take your donation to the main school office.**

Thank you.

## Please Help!



Ayrshire  
East  
foodbank



COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS  
(East Ayrshire) Ltd

Since January, with the support of our communities the Foodbank has distributed over 2000 three day packs to those in crisis. With our next national collection being in December and our shelves running low we need to ask you to please dig deep again. The generosity we see in East Ayrshire always humbles us, and we thank you in advance for any donations you choose to make.

The following items would be most gratefully received;

|                   |                  |                 |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Beans             | Custard,         | Jam             |
| Tinned spaghetti, | Ravioli,         | Macaroni,       |
| Tinned veg,       | Long grain rice, | Cuppa soups,    |
| Tinned meat,      | Pasta sauce,     | Diluting juice, |
| Tinned Soup       | Sweets,          | Toiletries      |
| UHT Milk          | Crisps,          |                 |



# Christmas Holidays

A reminder that school finishes for the Christmas holidays at the end of this week.

School closes at the usual time on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

Staff and pupils return on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

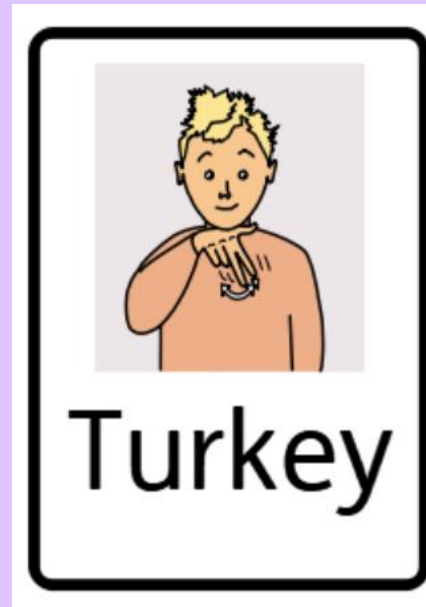






# BSL Recap

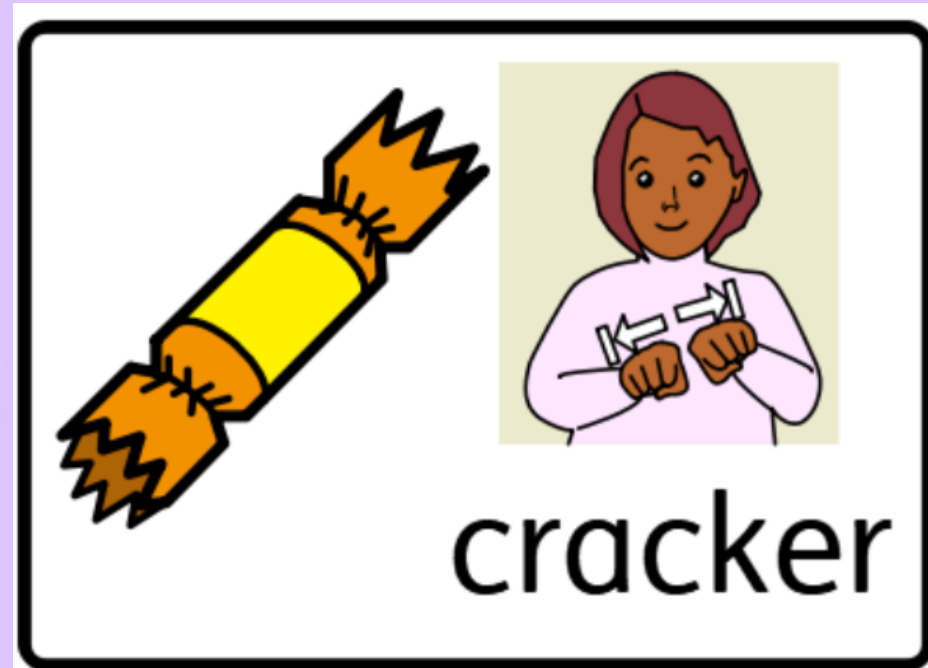
Can you remember the sign from the last bulletin?



Waggle your hand under your chin like the dangly part at a turkey's neck



# BSL Sign of the Week



Hold your fists together then pull them apart sharply like pulling a cracker.



Have a great week,  
Grange... and a great  
Christmas!

Work hard.

Be kind.