

Grange Academy Parent Council – Councillor Report

6th October 2025

1. Prior to summer holidays I received complaints from residents on West Woodstock Street about Grange Academy pupils littering on the street. Once incident involved a pupil pouring a tin of soup on the path of a residents house. Head teacher was contacted and a meeting was arranged with the campus cop and this particular couple affected. It was a very positive meeting and there have no further complaints/incidents since the school was back after summer holidays.
2. I am currently in the process of helping to organise along with some independent retailers in town a Kilmarnock Independent Christmas Event

Date: Thursday 6th Nov 2025. 6pm to 8pm.

Location: Bank St, Nelson St, Bank Place, College Wynd.

They propose a full Christmas shopping extravaganza with:

- late night shopping in all the main independent businesses located in the area. The Church are also keen to be involved.
- Coffee shops and bistros open and serving hot drinks and snacks
- Live music from Kilmarnock Brass Band, and the Church Praise Band
- A Santa trail hosted by the Church Youth Co-ordinator
- A visit from Santa
- We are inviting all businesses to be open and part of the event.

Showcasing the top-class businesses in the Town Centre.

We are asking all businesses to have their Christmas windows installed in time for the event.

It would be beneficial for the Road to be closed to allow visitors and customers to safely roam the area and we are currently in negotiation with Anneke at EALT and ARA do try and help facilitate this very worthwhile event.

3. I had a meeting with ARA around the proposal to make Stevenson Street a one way Street from Bonnyton Road to Irvine Road. This will make this a lot safer for pupils and I proposed a puffin crossing at the Chip Shop in Bonnyton rather than a zebra crossing to make it safer. The junction at Bonnyton Road/Yorke Place/Stevenson St has for many years been a bit unsafe so it is hoped that this

proposal will solve that problem. There will be a consultation period and people in the immediate area will get the chance to voice their opinions on this.

4. I was delighted to get a tour of Annanhill Primary School along with the Provost last week. The pupils showed us around and it was a great morning with every pupil and staff member I spoke to making us feel very welcome. Well done to them and they were all a credit to the school.
5. Pine Road in Grange Estate is expected to close on 25th October between hours of 08:00 and 17:00 until 16th November to allow scheduled resurfacing works to be carried out. Emergency Access and resident access will not be affected but there will be a diversion/alternative route via Jasmine Road, Hazel Ave and vice versa. All this will of course be weather dependent which could result in some delays.
6. I attended the 4Ward2Gether awards ceremony at the Park Hotel last week. It was a lovely event showcasing the great work this charity and the young people do around diversity and inclusion.
7. I held 2 in person surgeries last 2 weekends in Bonnyton and Crosshouse which proved successful yet again. I will continue to hold in person surgeries around twice a year.

I have been busy with lots of constituency work and committee meetings and as always if anyone wishes to contact me about any issues they can of course phone me or e-mail me.

Councillor Jayne Sangster

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