



Ayr Academy Weekly Newsletter

Week 02/10/23 - 06/10/23

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Upcoming Events

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| 11 th October | Senior Careers Event |
| 13 th October | Ayr Factor |
| 14 th -23 rd October | Holiday |
| 30 th October | S4-6 Parents' Evening |
| 2 nd November | Immunisations |
| 13 th November | Book Week Scotland |
| 4 th December | Prelims begin |

1 January	2 February	3 March
4 April	5 May	6 June
7 July	8 August	9 September
10 October	11 November	12 December

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AYR ACADEMY - CALENDAR OVERVIEW 2023/2024

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AUGUST	
17th	In Service Day
18th	In Service Day
21st	Pupils Return
SEPTEMBER	
22nd to 25th	Local Holiday
26th	Pupils Return
OCTOBER	
16th to 20th	October Holiday
23rd	In Service Day
24th	Pupils Return
DECEMBER/ JANUARY	
2th to 5th	Christmas Holidays
8th	Pupils Return
FEBRUARY	
12th	Local Holiday
13th	Inservice Day
14th	Pupils Return
MARCH/ APRIL	
29th to 12th	Easter Holiday
15th	Pupils return
MAY	
2nd	In Service Day
3rd	Pupils Return
6th	May Day Holiday
24th to 27th	May Day Long Weekend
28th	Pupils Return
JUNE	
28th	Summer Holidays

FULL REPORTS	
24th November	S1-S3
16th February	S3
8th March	S4-S6
10th May	S2-S3

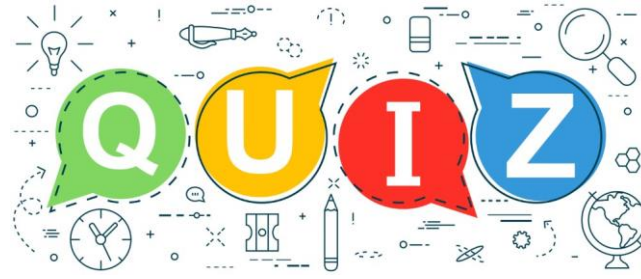
TRACKING REPORTS	
15th September	S4-S6
19th January	S4-S6
13th May	S2-S3

PARENTS EVENINGS	
3rd October	S1s
30th October	S4-S6
5th December	S3
16th January	S2
5th February	S4-S6
13th May	S1

EVENTS	
8th September	Bake Sale—Seniors
11th October	Senior Career Event
13th October	Ayr Factor
13th October	Bake Sale
2nd November	Immunisations
13th November	Book Week Scotland
4th December	Prelims Begin
4th December	S3 Fashion & Textile Trip
6th December	Immunisations
15th December	Bake Sale
15th December	Reward Day
20th December	Panto
21st December	Christmas Disco
7th to 9th February	London Trip
7th March	World Book Day
25th March	Reward Day
11th 12th June	Bump up days



Weekly Quiz



$$\text{Banana} + \text{Banana} = 30$$

$$\text{Cherry} + \text{Cherry} = 20$$

$$\text{Apple} + \text{Apple} = 8$$

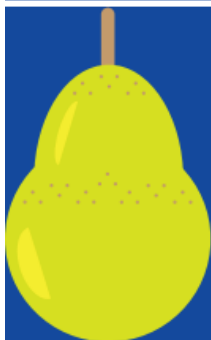
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SOUTH AYRSHIRE SECONDARY SCHOOL MENU 2023/2024

WEEK 3



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Starter	Lentil soup Tomato & red pepper soup	Lentil soup Farmhouse soup	Lentil soup Cream of mushroom soup	Lentil soup Chicken & rice soup	Lentil soup
Mains option 1	Macaroni cheese	Steak pie	Chicken curry & boiled rice	Lasagne	Breaded fish
Mains option 2	Fish goujons	Quorn chilli wraps	Tomato & mascarpone pasta & garlic bread	Cheese & tomato pizza	Chicken goujons
Veg	Potato wedges, peas, baby carrots & salad bar	Mashed potato, broccoli & salad bar	Roast vegetables & salad bar	Potato wedges, sweetcorn & salad bar	Chips, beans, coleslaw & salad bar
Sweet	Self-service fruit bar available daily				

Available Daily

Sandwiches, rolls, wraps and baguettes with a variety of fillings
 Panini's, pizzini's and toasties
 Baked potatoes
 Pots to go
 Salad bar
Check the menu board for daily specials

- Vegetarian

- Vegan



Scan here to see the dates for each weekly menu and allergen information

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Chicken Fajita Pasta

This is a really quick tasty recipe, that only takes about 20 minutes to make

Ingredients

- Pasta
- 2 medium breasts of chicken
- Packet of fajita mix
- 1 onion
- 1 red pepper
- 1 green pepper
- 1 tub of soft cheese
- Salt and pepper (to taste)



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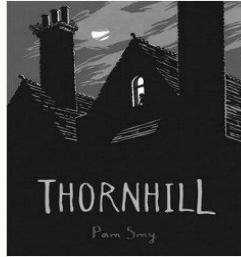
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Method

1. Boil pasta of choice in salted water until cooked.
2. Whilst pasta is cooking, chop chicken into chunks or strips.
3. Fry chicken off with 1/3 of fajita sachet.
4. Chop peppers and onion and put in with chicken to cook.
5. When chicken is cooked, pour in remainder of mix and stir for 2 minutes.
6. Put full tub of cream cheese in with chicken mixture and mix until cheese is melted and combined with ingredients.
7. Combine pasta and chicken mixture.
8. Grated cheese can be added if desired. Garlic bread is a good accompaniment.
9. Serve and enjoy!

3RD OCTOBER 2023 AYR ACADEMY LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

Ms Palomino's
currently
reading...



RECOMMEND

"1982: Mary is a lonely orphan at the Thornhill Institute For Children at the very moment that it's shutting its doors. When her few friends are all adopted or re-homed and she's left to face a volatile bully alone, her revenge will have a lasting effect on the bully, on Mary, and on Thornhill itself."

Library Updates....

- We have completed our introduction to the library with S1 students, we chatted about how we can get the most out of library times and what facilities the library has to offer.
- The S1 and S2 students have received their reading range levels and have set their reading targets.

Have you seen the
new Library Display?





AYR ACADEMY COUNSELLING SERVICE PROVIDES A SAFE AND CONFIDENTIAL SPACE FOR PUPILS TO TALK ABOUT ANY ISSUES OR PROBLEMS YOU MAY HAVE IN AN NON-JUDGEMENTAL RESPECTFUL AND CONFIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT.

COUNSELLING CAN HELP YOU FEEL BETTER, MANAGE YOUR EMOTIONS AND SUPPORT/EMPOWER YOU TO DEAL WITH YOUR PROBLEMS. EVERYONE NEEDS SUPPORT IN THEIR LIVES AND LOTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE GO TO COUNSELLING AT SOME POINT.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO APPROACH TEACHING STAFF TO REFER, SIMPLY SELF REFER BY COMPLETING A REFERRAL FORM, WHICH ARE OUTSIDE COUNSELLING ROOM AND GUIDANCE STAFF ROOM AND PUT IN LOCKED RED POST BOX WHICH ARE ALSO BASED OUTSIDE THESE ROOMS, ONLY COUNSELLORS HAVE ACCESS TO THESE BOXES. STAFF CAN ALSO REFER PUPILS THIS WAY OR EMAIL MARIA.BERRY@SOUTH-AYRSHIRE.GOV.UK.

THE SERVICE IS AVAILABLE MONDAY - FRIDAY

THE COUNSELLORS ARE VERY KEEN TO SUPPORT AND HELP ANYONE WHO MAY BE STRUGGLING WITH ANY ASPECT OF THEIR LIVES. RESPECTING EVERYONE'S CONFIDENTIALITY, RIGHT TO PRIVACY AND AUTONOMY IS PARAMOUNT TO THE COUNSELLORS.

**NOW TAKING REFERRALS – WE ARE HERE TO HELP
PLEASE NOTE WE ARE AVAILABLE FOR DROP INS, ONE
OFF MEETINGS AND CAN BE AVAILABLE AT BREAKS
IF WE KNOW IN ADVANCE**



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Author Visit - Nicola Davies



Our S1s were treated to a wonderful author visit from Nicola Davies last month. The session ended with a rousing rendition of whale song.



Nicola Davies is the author of more than 50 books for children: fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Her work has been published in more than 10 different languages and has won major awards in the UK, US, France, Italy and Germany.



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Working Independently



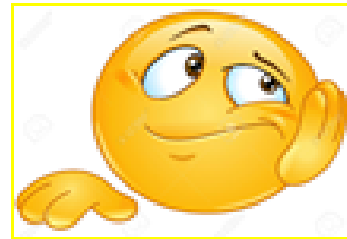
Last week we focused on **ATTENTION**.

This week we will be looking at **WORKING INDEPENDENTLY**.

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?

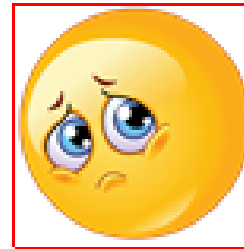


I can work on a task on my own.



I get started but sometimes I get distracted and start chatting.

With a prompt from the teacher I can easily get back to work.



I need regular, individual prompts from the teacher to keep me on task

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COMING SOON

COURSES ARE LOADING



*B A R I S T A A N D
N A I L B A R*

BIKE MAINTENANCE HAS STARTED ALREADY

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S5/6 Prefects Reward Day

Our brilliant S5 and S6 prefects were treated to an afternoon at 10 pin bowling! They have been carrying out their duties and being excellent role models! Mr Sloss now signing up for some bowling CLPL...



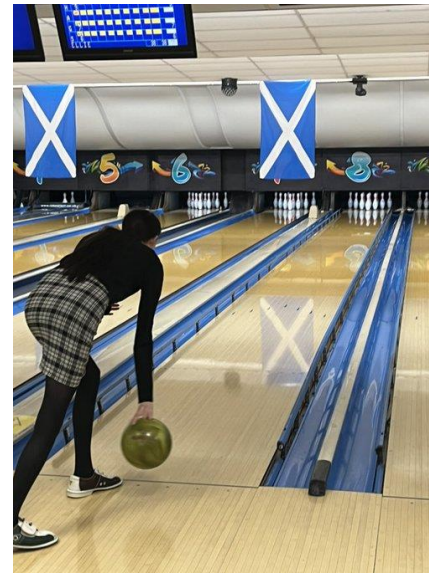
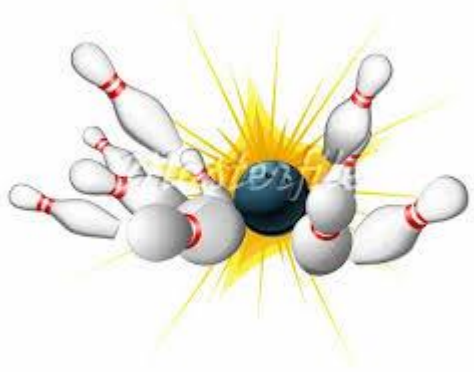
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T H E

Friday 13th
October –
period 5 & 6
Ayr Factor
will be held in
the games
hall

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Tickets on
sale Monday
9th October
& are £2
each!

F A C T O R

IS BACK!

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Last session in South Ayrshire Secondary schools, nearly 100,000 days (the equivalent of over half a million teaching hours!) were lost to unauthorised absence. Poor attendance has been linked to lower levels of attainment, peer relationships, emotional and behavioural difficulties and poorer employment opportunities, which is why we want to see **Every Learner Every Day!**

Ayr Academy's Finest



Michelle, Summer and Keeley, all S4, volunteer weekly at Teddy Bear Tots at Dalmilling Church. The girls, who are part of the StAYRway to Success group, are working towards their Saltire Award for 100 hours of volunteering. All three pupils have shown tremendous resilience, initiative and dedication and are becoming valued workers at the toddler group. Well done Michelle, Summer and Keely - you are some of Ayr Academy's Finest!



Ayr Academy's Finest



If anyone would like to nominate a pupil as one of Ayr Academy's Finest, please email nicola.mcgarry@south-ayrshire.gov.uk with details and any photos you may have. 😊

LOGGING INTO TEAMS



1



:GLOW

Log into your GLOW account by going to the following website:
<https://sts.platform.rmunity.com/Account/SignIn>



2



Finding TEAMS

In the Launch pad, click on the wee house on the left. Find the Microsoft Teams app and click it.



3



Finding your subject TEAM

All the TEAMS you need will be there - so open them and find the work allocated.



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Teambuilding at Dolphin House

A group of our StAYRway to Success pupils had a fantastic day at Dolphin House this week. Pupils, and staff, spent time rock pooling, cycling, abseiling and finished the day with a walk around the Culzean estate. Some of our partners joined the group for the day - Kirsty from Whitletts Vics in the Community, Claire from Active Schools and Marie and Gillian from LOOC, Troon.



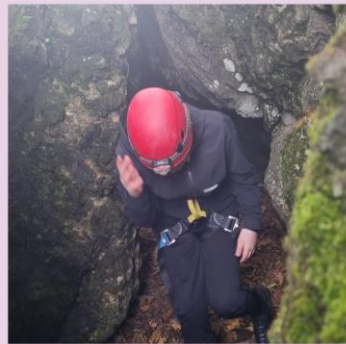
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ASN Family Support event
Carrick Centre, Maybole 6.30pm—8pm
Wed 11 October 2023



Join us for an evening with NEST
(Neurodevelopmental Empowerment and Strategy
Team)

Our Purpose?

To help people and their families who live with autism,
ADHD and FASD in Ayrshire, feel more in control
through supporting better understanding and better
connections.

This evening will be an opportunity to hear about the
work of NEST and find out what supports are available
for parents and carers.

NEST is an NHS Ayrshire and Arran information and advice service for
neurodiversity.

[nest.scot | Empowering Ayrshire's Neurodiverse Communities |
Home](#)

*This event is open to all parents and carers of young
people with an additional support need (no diagno-
sis is necessary).*

To book a place at this event, email
Fiona.priestnall@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

A vertical poster for the ASN Family Support event. At the top, a photograph shows a woman and a young girl smiling together while looking at a laptop. Below the photo is the ASN Family Support logo, which consists of a stylized human figure with arms raised, formed by blue and yellow curved lines, with the text "ASN Family Support" underneath. The main text on the poster reads: "Offering support, advice and friendship for any parents and carers of young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN) living in South Ayrshire". At the bottom, there are two logos: the ASN Family Support logo on the left and the South Ayrshire Council logo on the right, which includes the text "south AYRSHIRE COUNCIL" and "Making a Difference Every Day".

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Mrs Cairns' 'Piece of the Week'



Mrs Cairns 'Piece of the week' is by Elif Pehlivan in S4.

This work is a paper model developed from Elif's millinery design idea, she has used paper and wire for her creation improving her 3D construction skills. Her work has been inspired by nature and birds in particular. The quality of Elif's work is excellent and she has already planned out how this model will be modified.

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the world with the right
hat." – Kate Spade**

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

AGE RESTRICTION
16+

In UK and Europe:
rest of the world 13+

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers

...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.



THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts except...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.



CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.



StAYRway to Success - Coffee Morning

Our S4 StAYRway to Success girls played a big part in the planning and hosting of a recent coffee morning for MacMillan Cancer. The girls volunteer with Whitletts Vics in the Community one afternoon a week, making soup and sandwiches for a community group, so turned their hands to coffee and cake instead! Mrs Lawrie, Mrs McGarry and Mrs Butler-Robson were lucky enough to taste the delicious cakes on offer!

A fantastic £172.32 was raised, well done to Kirsty McArdle from Whitletts Vics in the Community, the girls and all the wonderful volunteers.



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EMA Grants



Applications for Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) for school session 2023/24 are open - available to young people aged between 16-19 years old who are in full time school education.

Guidance, criteria, and the application form can be found here: <https://south-ayrshire.gov.uk/article/28209/Education-maintenance-allowance>

Developing the Young Workforce



Our S4 construction group, FutAyr Construction, represented Ayr Academy at the DYW Ayrshire Skills Conference At Kilmarnock Academy to showcase their Innovative School Project. Pupils were able to talk to employers about the skills they've learned through working with these projects and the opportunities this opens up for them.

Well done boys!



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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

COME DOWN TO P.E FOR SOME AFTER SCHOOL FUN!

Monday - basketball



Tuesday – Fitness + Badminton



Wednesday – Netball



Thursday – Volleyball + Football



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Weekly Quiz Answers



Answer = 35

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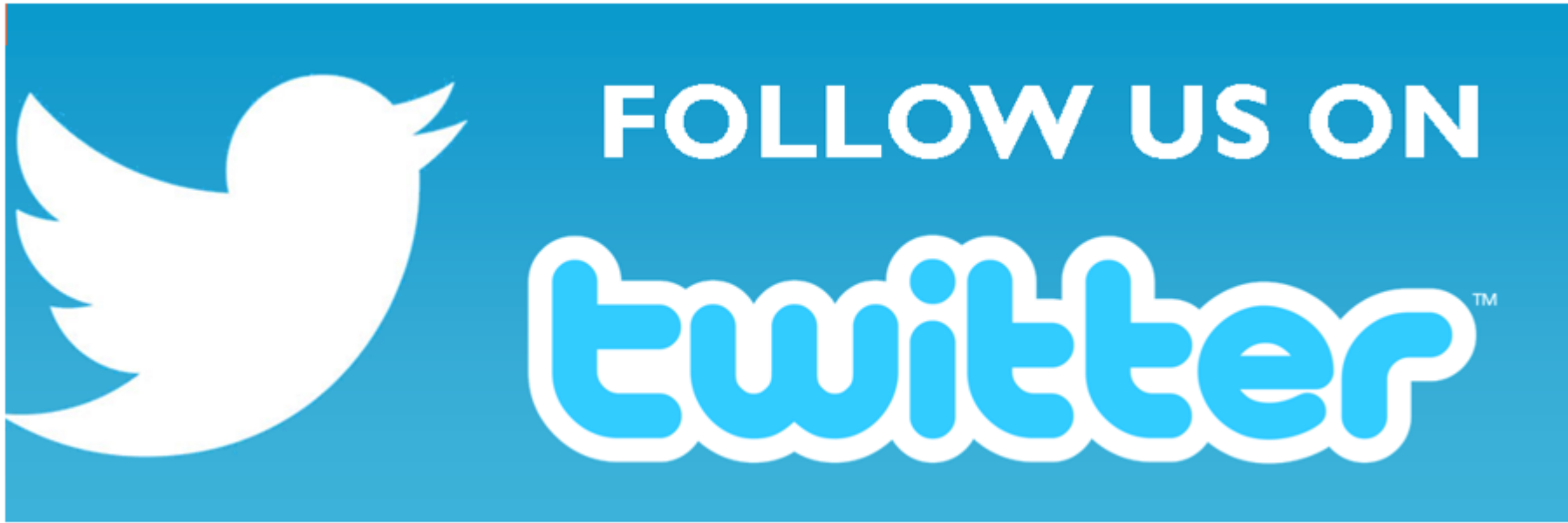
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