

September 2008



PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL

Crieff High School

School Newsletter

The October holidays are almost upon us after a very busy first term. This has included two information evenings for parents (S1 and S4), our German exchange visit, a very successful follow-through from HMI and our second School Open Day which was very well received. Can I thank all parents who were involved in one or more of these events. Your involvement and support are very much appreciated.

As we prepare for next term we include a list, as usual, of dates for your diary. Our School Calendar for the whole session is also on our school website. We try to include as much as possible in this although inevitably there will always be last minute amendments and additions.

With the new school build well underway we continue to plan and prepare for our big move. I will share further information about consultation events as soon as I have them. I am also keen to re-establish a Parent Focus Group to look at uniform for the new school. The group who met in the Summer Term is, I know, willing to continue but we would welcome some more members particularly from S1 parents who have not had this opportunity before.

Pupils have also been closely involved in looking at new "colours" and welcome signs for the town with Crieff Residents Association. We should have significant progress with this very exciting project soon.

Finally, you may have heard Emily Bond and Martin Taylor tell how they took the Headteacher to the Antiques Roadshow! We did indeed attend this event in the Caird Hall in Dundee earlier this month. We took along some of our memorabilia—the school hand bell, some 78 records, spelling books from the '60's and a belt. We were surprised and delighted to be chosen for filming. The BBC laid on a wonderful day with a behind the scenes tour and a chance to meet all the experts and crew. We will not know until two weeks before transmission whether or not we will appear in the actual programme in February.

Can I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable and restful October break.



Christine E Ross, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary for October & November

Friday, 3rd October:	Autumn Holidays begin
Monday, 20th October:	School opens for Winter Term
Tuesday, 21st October:	S3 Parents Evening (5.00pm)
Thursday, 30th October:	Halloween Disco (7.30—10.00pm)
Tuesday, 4th November:	Parent Staff Partnership AGM (7.00) - All parents and staff welcome
Friday, 7th November:	S2, S5, S6: Cervical Cancer Immunisation
Monday, 17th November:	S4 Prelims begin
Thursday, 20th November:	In-Service Day (School closed to pupils)
Friday, 21st November:	In-Service Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday, 25th November:	S1 Parents' Day for Kelty (9.00am—6.00pm)
Wednesday, 26th November:	S1 Parents' Day for Barvick (9.00am—6.00pm)
Thursday, 27th November:	S1 Parents' Day for Turret (9.00am—6.00pm)
Friday, 28th November:	S4 Prelims end

PARENT STAFF PARTNERSHIP AGM & CHEESE and WINE

Tuesday, 4th November at 7.00pm in the LRC

All parents and staff welcome

PARENT STAFF PARTNERSHIP FUNDRAISING GROUP

Thursday, 30th October at 7.00pm

All parents most welcome to attend

News from the Departments

S1-S4 Girls Football News



The Crieff Girls Football Under 16 team narrowly missed out on qualifying for the 2nd round of the annual 7 a side SFA tournament on Friday afternoon (26/9). Played at Auchterarder, the girls played some excellent football and defeated Perth Grammar 2-0 (E.McIntyre 2) and Auchterarder 2-0 (Hollie Crane and Lorna McLarety) in the first matches. However, they lost narrowly to the eventual winners Perth High School in the final match. The girls played very well and were led superbly by their captain, Hollie Crane who scored and set up two other goals. Lorna McLarety, Kirsty Roxburgh, Abbie Kay and Danielle Falconer also put in excellent performances. Well done to all the team for their behaviour and efforts.

Mr Deans

School Football News

The Under 14 team continued their excellent form thrashing Balwearie High School 10-2 in the first round of the Scottish Cup on Tuesday 16 September. The team played some outstanding football and goals were shared throughout the team. Captain Mark Reilly grabbed a hat-trick while Lee Smith scored two stunning long range goals. Gareth Gill, Andrew Eadington, Rhys Melville, Connor Stewart and Ruariadh Hogg also grabbed goals. The boys now go onto to face Beath HS in the 2nd round.

Sadly the Girls U15 team lost in cruel circumstances on the same night to Balwearie High School. In their first match for a number of months the girls played very well throughout and took the lead when Lorna McLarety (S1) drilled a brilliant shot into the bottom corner of the net. Unfortunately for the girls two mistakes in the second half let the away team sneak a 2-1 victory. However, the girls should take real confidence from their performance and will now go onto to play in the U16 Scottish 7a-side tournament.

In a couple of other disappointing results the Senior Team lost 4-0 to St.Columbas of Dunfermline and the U13 side lost 9-5 to Inverkeithing HS.

The S3 and S4 teams were awarded byes and will enter the draw in Round 2.



Mr Deans

EUROVISION SONG CONTEST

Crieff High School held their very own Eurovision Song Contest on Wednesday 24th September 2008 in order to celebrate the 'European Day of Languages'. All S1 pupils competed in the event. Each class learnt a song in a foreign language and then performed this in front of the whole of S1 and our panel of esteemed judges; Mrs Ross, Mr Griffiths and Mr Leadbitter.



The pupils did very well singing German, French, Spanish and Russian songs. Refreshments were also served. The winning class was Mr Deeley's 1Fr4 French class with their song 'Nadine et Papa'. Their performance was excellent.

The Modern Languages Department would once again like to congratulate all those who took part and extend their thanks to the various pupils and staff members who helped make the event a resounding success.

S1 THEATRE VISIT

S1 are going to Kings Theatre in Glasgow to see "Cinderella" on 16th December. Pupils should wear school uniform and bring packed lunch.

Not all pupils have signed up and there are still places.

Mrs Robertson



Young Enterprise

A group of S6 pupils entrepreneurs have set up their own business called Unique through the Young Enterprise Scotland Scheme. The business consists of the following members:

Vicky Carter – Managing Director, Meghann Butler – Secretary, Kathryn Dingwall – Finance Manager, Adam Finlayson – Marketing Director, Graeme Roger – Sales Manager, Lauren Wyllie/Sam McKeddie – Operations Manager, Sam Rose – IT Manager, Aimee Orr – Human Resource Manager

With the assistance of Ms Graham, Link Teacher from the Business Studies Department, the group are currently brainstorming products to manufacture/sell. They hope to sell their products through stalls at parents evenings and through the trade fayres held in Dundee/Perth in November (dates to be confirmed) where they will be competing against other schools throughout Tayside. For more information, please do not hesitate Ms Graham at the school.

Athletics

A team of nine athletes represented Crieff High School at a First Year competition on Sunday at the George Duncan Stadium, Perth. Participants were timed in the 400 metres as well as having 3 attempts at the Long Jump and Shott Putt. Crieff High finished runners-up behind Perth High with Lorna MacLarty, 1K2, finishing top girl performer on the day. All pupils enjoyed their day out and are looking forward to the next competition in November, the Scottish Schools' Road Relay Championship.



Mr Aitken

Standard Grade Revision Books

Would all 5th year pupils make sure that they have returned the Standard Grade Computing Success Guides they were issued with before this years exam. The department currently has over 20 of these books missing and would like as many returned as possible for current 4th year pupils to use. Thank you

Peter Donaldson, PT Computing



Careers Scotland visits the school every Monday. Pupils can make an appointment to come and discuss how to plan their career, where to find information, what they can do with the skills they have, which employers to contact, make up a winning CV, The key to make good career choices is to plan early—not at the last minute. That's why parents and pupils are encourage to contact us either at school or at our office at Careers Scotland, Highland House, St Catherine's Road Perth, Tel: 01738 637639.