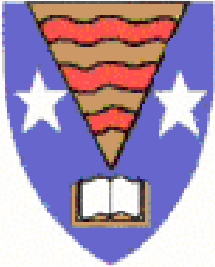


June 2008



PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL

Crieff High School

School Newsletter



With exams now behind us, the fun part of the year is definitely underway as this Newsletter reflects. I was fortunate enough to spend the day on Tuesday, 3rd June in London with our ski trip heroes.

Jamie Henry, Alex Wilson and Bruce Coull were invited to lunch at the Scotland Office in Whitehall by Minister of State, David Cairns. News of the boys' actions in the rescue of their injured instructor in the French Alps in January had come to the attention of the Government. Our MP, Gordon Banks, ensured that the boys, Mr Martin Blacklaws and myself had a day in Westminster to remember. We had lunch in a room overlooking Horseguards watching preparation for next week's Trooping of the Colour ceremony and then a full tour of the Palace of Westminster including time in the Commons' Chamber and a visit to the Prime Minister's private office. A very hectic but truly unforgettable experience and one these young men thoroughly deserved.

As we move into the last three weeks of term, I particularly look forward to the visits of our new S1 on 12th and 13th June and to meeting you, parents and friends of the school, in the many events that mark the end of the school year.

Thank you to all of you who have responded to the parental questionnaire and for your continued support.

Christine E Ross, Headteacher

News from the Departments

ART & DESIGN

For the recent school activity days. Miss Olivant led a Hat Making workshop on the Thursday that was attended by 20 pupils. Throughout the day a variety of exciting designs were created that reached the very pinnacle of high fashion.

During Friday the Primary 7 pupils at St. Dominic's Primary School were taught how to use clay to create Chinese tea cups. In addition to Miss Olivant's assistance. Our two visiting Chinese students also participated positively in this activity.

Mr Yates, PT Art & Design



Mathematics Department Achievements

Again the Maths department have entered a number of pupils into National competitions and have had some excellent results.

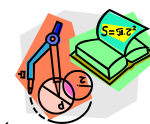
S2 pupil Emma Harvey has gained a silver level award in the Scottish Mathematical Challenge and will be attending the awards ceremony at the University of St Andrews in June. This competition involves two sets of problem solving questions to be completed in the pupil's own time and submitted into school. A mention also to Laura Clegg and Elaine Craig who both submitted good entries.

The UK Maths Challenge takes place in school with a set of 25 multiple choice questions at each level of entry. In the S1 and S2 Junior competition, with an invitation to our feeder primary schools, Crieff High were awarded 5 gold, 5 silver and 13 bronze certificates. Best in school was awarded jointly to Aidan Wolfe Murray (S1) and Isla Bendall (P7).

The Intermediate competition saw the school achieving 3 silver and 15 bronze certificates with Katie McConnell (S3) being awarded best in school.

Well done to all the pupils who took part in these competitions.

M Adam, Maths Department



With the new Crieff High building under construction a Wikispaces has been set up to remember our current building and discuss the new one. There are also photographs of the site and these will be updated regularly to show the progress. If you 'join' the site you can add your own thoughts and join in discussions. If you choose not to join you are still free to browse the site and see what is happening.



The site is now being run by Emily Butler and Christine Campbell (S4) who are very keen to make this site work and have it as a lasting memory of their school years. Everything on the site so far is from pupils or myself and it would be good to gain outside and parental perspectives. Staff are also very welcome to join and have their say.

The site can be found at <http://newcrieffhigh.wikispaces.com>

Miss Hefferman, English Department

Crieff School Teams Picture Sale



Any member of the following school teams - Football (S1, S2 + Girls Team), Rugby (Junior Boys, Senior Boys and Girls Team) and Netball (S2 and S2-3 team) - be aware the official team photographs are now available to order from today. Samples will be up at the PE Department and at the corridor after the Guidance rooms. Order forms are available from Mr Deans or Mr Ford with each photo priced at £3. Please tell your family and friends about these and try and purchase at least one copy as all profits will be used to fund our sporting teams next year. Thank you, Mr Deans and Mr Ford.

Crieff High Girls Football

Congratulations to the Crieff Girls Football Team who won their home match against Pitlochry last Thursday night (29/5). The girls triumphed 4-1 and again gave their much more experienced opponents and footballing lesson with some terrific attacking football. Captain, Eilidh McIntyre (S4), once again played a significant part in the victory, grabbing a clinical hat-trick, and the excellent Harriet Smith (S2) scored the other goal. However, Emma Macleod (S1) was the star of the show for the team, with a tremendous performance including setting up 2 goals. Joy Sinclair, Sarah Martin and Aymie Hendry also performed very well and the team still have an 100% record. Well done girls and thank you to all the pupils, parents and non-dancing cheer leaders who came down to support the team on a very warm day. It was much appreciate by myself and the team.



Mr Deans (Manager)

Ski Trip 2009 Les Deux Alpes, France



Organisation and planning of the next ski trip is now well under way. The trip dates are 2 January – 9 January 2009. Due to over-subscription, a selection process had to be under-taken. The resulting group numbers around 50 pupils. The group will be accompanied by an appropriate number of adults to meet legal supervision requirements. The second part of the deposit should have been made at the end of May. Subsequent payments are to be made on a monthly basis to conclude in September 2008.

This kind of experience is invaluable in the maturation and development of our young people. Thanks go to the school management and staff for supporting this exciting venture yet again! It is also refreshing to acknowledge that members of the extended school 'family' continue to offer their support by giving of their time to supervise and work with our young people. Thanks, therefore, to Mrs McGarry and Miss Armstrong.

M Blacklaws, Group Leader

More News

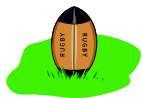
Rugby

The S1/S2 boys squad had an excellent tour down to Newcastle over the first weekend in May. Unfortunately the results in the two games we played did not go our way but the boys got to meet some of Newcastle Falcons international players, play on the artificial surface at the Falcons training ground and watch the Newcastle Falcons v Leicester Tigers Premiership match. However, the tour was not all about rugby, the boys had a walk round the Newcastle Riverside, played on the beach at Whitley Bay, experienced the flumes at Wet and Wild and held a tour dinner in an Italian restaurant. A great time was had.

Congratulations to S2 boys Nathan Kirley and Chris Bendall who have been selected for the Tayside Tigers U15's (best in Tayside) squad for next season.

Nathan was also selected for their 7-a-side squad who played at Murrayfield, on the 31st May, and went undefeated with Nathan figuring prominently in the scoring.

The girls were also playing at Murrayfield on the 31st, in their National 7's championship. The side were missing a few first choices but still did well, reaching the quarterfinals. Sixth year player Sarah Turnbull scored her first try in her last game for the school, well done Sarah and well done to all the girls who will now leave the squad, the coaches wish them well in the future.



N Ford

Fun Day—Friday:, 20th June

On Friday 20th of June pupils have the opportunity to take part in a sponsored Fun Run or a It's a Knockout Competition. The idea is to have fun whilst raising money for school funds. For the It's a Knockout Competition teams will compete with each other over an inflatable assault course, space hoppers and foam pit. The Fun Run will involve pupils running a medium distance with many coming in fancy dress. The PSA have organised a barbeque for the event and there will also be face painting, 5 aside football and other stalls at which the pupil can enjoy themselves. For the pupil who raises the most sponsorship there is a prize of Sony MP3 player.



Lake District / Ullswater Geography Fieldtrip

In the last week of May a group of S3 geographers made the annual trip to the Lake District for a mix of academic study and pure adventure! They studied rivers, glaciation, farming and tourism but also went caving in the Yorkshire Dales, gorge walking and hill walking. Assisted by Outward Bound staff the group challenged themselves in the tunnel system, on the trapeze and the high ropes. A great time was had by all. Well done team!



Mr Bendall PT Geography

OPERATION TAKEOVER

If you thought the original *Italian Job* couldn't be improved upon - think again! S3 Hospitality pupils wowed almost a hundred guests with their modern Italian cuisine during last weeks Operation Take-over. 18 S3 pupils planned, prepared and served an exciting three course Italian lunch. Teachers, parents and friends dined to the strains of Puccini's Turandot, at tables decorated with the red, green and white of the Italian flag, lit by guttering candles reminiscent of a Roman trattoria. Bellissimo!! Well done to all involved and thank you to the Hydro for their continued support.



Miss Barrowman, PT Home Economics

IN-SERVICE DAYS: SESSION 2008/2009

Day 1	Monday 18 August 2008
Days 2 and 3	Thursday 20 November and Friday 21 November 2008
Day 4	Tuesday 17 February 2009
Day 5	Monday 20 April 2009

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

We are currently in the process of organising next seasons Rugby activities, we are hoping to run 5 sides S1/S2, S3/S4 and Senior Boys and Under 15 and under 18 girls. Currently there are two members of staff and one parent helper regularly involved with the rugby and we would love to welcome on board any other parent who feels they may have a little time to spare and be able to help with the various squads. You don't need to have any rugby knowledge or experience, quite simply just a presence on a bus, a help with some after game catering or washing the strips would be great. If you would like to get involved more in the day to day running of the teams then we can arrange for coaching instruction or refereeing courses. Currently we are particularly keen to find some female helpers with the girls squads and anyone who is interesting in refereeing but no other help will be refused! All volunteers will require to be disclosure checked, which we will arrange. Rugby generally takes place after school with games kicking off around 4:30pm. If you are interested in helping then please get in touch with Norm Ford via reception at the school (tel 01764 653383) or email rugby@crieffhigh.pkc.sch.uk.

NEW SCHOOL CONSULTATION: Many thanks to all pupils, staff and parent/carers who visited the New School Consultation at the end of May. Over 200 people visited the display.

G Aitken, ILL Co-ordinator

PSA: ANY RAFFLE DONATIONS GRATEFULLY RECEIVED FOR EVENTS.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday, 5th June:	Sports Day S1 Parents' Evening
Friday, 6th June:	German Exchange Trip begins
Saturday, 7th June:	Drama Trip to Greece
Thursday, 12th June:	P7 Induction Day P7 Parent Open Evening
Friday, 13th June:	P7 Induction Day
Wed, 18th—Fri, 20th:	School Show
Wednesday, 25th June:	Annual Awards Ceremony Crieff Parish Church (7.00pm)
Friday, 27th June:	Term Ends (noon)
Tuesday, 19th August:	Autumn Term begins

COMMENTS BOX

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