



Choirs win again at Mid Argyll

The Campbeltown Grammar School Senior Choir, conducted by music teacher Mrs Chris Ashall, won the Intermediate Choirs class at the Mid Argyll Music Festival on Saturday 29 March. In addition to winning the Lyndon Trophy, the choir also carried off the Gifford Bowl, the premier award for highest overall mark in the festival.

The Intermediate Choir also excelled, being placed second equal in the competition. Large numbers of pupils took part in various of the individual competitions at the Festival, and it is hoped to publish a complete list of those who won prizes in the next issue of the Newsletter.



New Young Scot website launched

A new Young Scot website, www.youngscot.wow has been officially launched, which aims to publicise a range of opportunities for young people. If you've not heard about it, WOW is an online database of activities for young people covering the whole of Scotland. It acts like a search engine; you can search for anything from cinemas and local youth clubs to volunteering opportunities. You can search for information by postcode, age or activity.

PTA Questionnaire – win a family meal out!

The PTA is trying to find out what parents and teachers want from the organisation and have sent out a questionnaire to all families with children at the school. A return slip will be put in a special prize draw with the winner receiving a £50 voucher towards a family meal in a local hotel or restaurant. Closing date for returns is Friday 4 April. Remember - you have to be in it to win it!

Supported Study

We're in the run-up to the SQA exams now and once again final revision opportunities are being provided during the holidays. However, work is also being done on the boiler control systems during the break and this may mean that the heating system is shut off from time to time. We're getting into milder weather, so this should not make a major difference, but participants in revision classes may wish to dress for warmth just in case!

Work is also being done to remove asbestos-type materials around fire doors throughout the school, in readiness for the complete replacement of all fire doors during the summer holidays. The specialist contractor carrying out the work will ensure that the affected areas are properly sealed and that the work does not affect anyone using the building at the time of the works.

Girls Club

The Girls Club kicked off again at the beginning of March in Campbeltown Grammar School with an average of 18 pupils attending each week. The club is targeting all girls in P6 - S1 in South Kintyre over a 5 week block, with a different sport on offer each week. Miss Siddall will be giving a helping hand this year in the delivery of this programme which includes, dance, netball, badminton, football and junior shokk at the Aqualibrium.

Argyll & Bute Dance Festival

Eighteen senior school pupils from Campbeltown Grammar School recently competed in the Argyll & Bute Dance Festival held in Oban High School. The competition attracted 14 different teams from a number of schools including Tobermory High School, Kinlochleven High, Dunoon Grammar and Oban High, with various types of dance on show from Highland to contemporary. Although the girls did not come out winners on this occasion, they all thoroughly enjoyed the trip to Oban and their dancing experience!



MAKI 3rd Round - Badminton in Islay

Pupils from Campbeltown Grammar and Lochgilphead High School took to the high seas last week and headed for Islay to compete in the 3rd round of the MAKI Schools Sport League. The competition on this occasion was targeting boys and girls from S1 - S3 and took the form of both a singles and doubles badminton competition. Unfortunately, Tarbert Academy was unable to enter a team to travel to Islay.

Congratulations to Campbeltown Grammar School who won the singles and doubles competition on the day in a highly competitive tournament. After 3 rounds of events, the table is as follows:

Campbeltown Grammar School:	27pts
Lochgilphead High School:	24pts
Islay High School:	13pts
Tarbert Academy:	16pts

Easter 2008

Scottish Youth Dance are once again delivering a holiday workshop for pupils in S1 - S6 during the Easter Holidays. The 2 day workshop will take place in Campbeltown Grammar School on Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 April from 10.00 - 3.00pm. Please return consent forms no later than Friday 4 April to either Lindsay Owen or the PE Dept.

Stephanie joins Young Ambassadors Brass Band

Stephanie Mitchell, a sixth year student, recently spent a long weekend in Luxembourg as a member of the Young Ambassadors Brass Band of Great Britain. Stephanie, who plays cornet with Campbeltown Brass and trumpet in the Campbeltown Grammar School Concert Band and the Argyll and Bute Schools Concert Band, was one of eight young Scots in the 28-strong band. The hectic weekend involved flying to London before joining the band in Oxford, then a long coach journey to Luxembourg via Dover and Calais. The tour included concerts in Mersch, Trier, Echternach and Diekirch, both in the open air and in concert halls. Stephanie considered it to have been a great experience which improved her musical abilities in many ways. "It was a privilege to be asked to play in the band", she said, "and I appreciated the opportunity to take part."



John goes to Strasbourg



John McCallum of S6 was one of just 31 Scottish students (and 580 from across Europe) recently awarded a Euroscola trip to Strasbourg by Rotary International to speak in a multi-lingual EU debate. The main focus of the trip was attendance at a debate in the European Parliament on Euroscola Day, allowing the young adults of tomorrow's Europe to discuss their views through democratic debate and to put questions to the President of the Parliament, Dr Hans-Gert Poettering. John also took part in a street survey to find out what the typical Strasbourger thought about Scotland, their 'image typique' of this country and their standpoint on the European Union. At the end of his day in the Parliament and learning about its efforts to build a better society in Europe, and seeing the co-operation each country offered the others throughout the day, John felt it was difficult to see why so many in this

country are distrustful of the EU and its methods. John, who is presently studying for his Advanced Higher in French, expressed his gratitude to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown for funding his trip and giving him the opportunity to see at first hand the everyday operation of the heart of European politics, to integrate with students of other nationalities and to contribute to the debate.

Retiral of Mr David McEwan



35 years is a long time to be in one job, but that is the length of time Mr David McEwan has served on the staff of Campbeltown Grammar School as Principal Teacher of Music. Mr McEwan has served under four Rectors and has seen many changes and new developments in secondary education, not least the expansion in music instruction in the school from a single instructor of brass and woodwind instruments to four covering brass, woodwind, piping and percussion. His department recently became the Department of Music and the Performing Arts with the appointment of a drama teacher. He organises the Kintyre Music Festival every year, and was also active in teaching Gaelic through music in the local

primary schools. Thanks in no small measure to Mr McEwan's tireless efforts over the years, CGS and the wider local community are widely recognised as a centre of musical excellence. We wish David a long and very happy retirement!

Samantha Cooks For Nine

Samantha Townsley has been busy in the kitchen: she cooked a meal for nine people - in an hour! Samantha prepared some of the dishes in advance and put them in the deep freeze. However, disaster struck! Someone didn't shut the freezer door properly and a couple of the dishes were ruined and had to be disposed of. Samantha had to do it all over again in one day and she successfully achieved her goal - to raise money for Yorkhill hospital. Invited guests were asked to make a donation and Samantha raised more than she thought she would. Well done Samantha! *Samantha with her cheque for Yorkhill, with a display of her menu etc. in the background.*



Pupils take part in Health Promoting Schools event

Three pupils went with Mr Crossan, Mr McQuaker, Mrs L Millar and school nurse Mrs Fiona Semple to a special event at Council headquarters at Kilmory this week to celebrate the success of various schools in gaining their Health Promoting School accreditation. CGS is widely recognised as having developed this approach to a very high standard indeed. Eilidh Macalister, Ruth Semple and Jake Sanders gave a presentation on "Healthy Lunchtimes". This highlighted not only the healthy menu choices available in the cafeteria, but also the wide range of activities to promote physical and mental well-being among pupils. They also made an excellent contribution to discussions with school, health and education authority staff about how to take forward the Health Promoting Schools approach in the future.

The pupils are seen here taking part in the event.



Dates to note this month

Monday 21 April	Summer term starts; S3 exams begin.
Monday 28 April	SQA Standard Grade Art Practicals.
Thursday 1 May	First SQA Standard Grade exam (S4).
Friday 2 May	S3 exams end; next issue of Newsletter.
Monday 5 May	May Day holiday.
Wednesday 14 May	First SQA Higher exam (S5/6).
	S1 reports issued (note change of date from Calendar).
Monday 19 May	S4 Work Experience Week 1.
Monday 26 May	S4 Work Experience Week 2.

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