



Health Promoting
Schools Award

The Health Promoting Schools logo will now appear on the school's official notepaper.

It's Official! We're a Health Promoting School

On Wednesday 5 December we were awarded Health Promoting School accreditation at Level 3 - the highest level - recognising excellence in health promotion. Congratulations to all the staff and pupils who were involved in the arduous accreditation process, especially Mr McQuaker, Miss Woodrow and Mrs L Millar, along with Mrs Semple, the School Nurse, who put so much hard work into preparing for the inspection. Special thanks are also due to James Cairns and John McLean of S2 who gave the team a guided tour of the school and to Jake Sanders of S3, who prepared a Powerpoint presentation "CGS- The Place Where Health Matters".

Children In Need: £7436 and rising!

Our annual fund-raising day for Children in Need was another outstanding success. A re-count reveals that we raised a brilliant **£7,436** on the day, slightly up on last year's £7,340, and with money still coming in. we confidently expect our final total for this year to climb higher still. It was a huge effort for our pupils and staff, and the only slight disappointment was that we didn't get a 'mention' on the Children in Need TV show. We contacted the BBC about this and the show's producer was very apologetic. To make up for it, the School Captains, Luke Angus and Eilidh Cook, were later interviewed on Pudsey Radio telling listeners all about our day.



Didn't they do well - they helped organise another amazing Children in Need day.



Buskers at the Old Quay Head were among those who brought in nearly £600 of our total.

Among the many activities which took place on the day, we had buskers playing at various places in the town, raising nearly £600. Greig Gillespie, Greg Newlands and Craig McGougan of S3 organised a football tournament. John McLean of S2 spent part of the day in a box and raised £192. Mr Cormack of Maths was sponsored to have his head completely shaved (thanks to Gary from The Head Quarters for coming in to give it the professional touch). Several of the senior boys (and one of our student teachers, Mr David Graham) had their legs waxed. 'Deal or No Deal', a Slave Auction and a rather dubious "Miss CGS" competition all added to the fun. Special thanks to Eaglesomes staff and customers for sending £172.76 towards our total.

Some more pictures from Children in Need Day



Some of boys who took part in the football tournament



Mr Cormack makes the ultimate sacrifice!



Girls' Captain Eilidh in the stocks



Which one was Miss CGS?



Leg waxing - public torture!

Driving Lessons for CiN

Is someone you know about to take driving lessons?

We have 3 Vouchers each for 2 hours' Tuition to give to the highest bidders in aid of Children in Need.

Phone your offer to the School Office or e-mail it to

enquiries@campbeltown.argyll-bute.sch.uk

PTA Coffee Morning

The PTA's recent Coffee Morning was very well attended and a good number of staff, parents and pupils turned out to help. An excellent £544.30 was raised for PTA funds, which are used to support clubs and societies and a range of school activities. Many thanks to everyone who helped, donated baking, bottles or bric-a-brac, or came along to support the event.

Christmas Dance

Owing to circumstances beyond our control, the pupils' Christmas Dance has had to be moved from the Thursday to the Wednesday of the last week of term. Unfortunately, this clashes with the English department's panto trip. As no other nights are available that week and as the S4 prelim exams are on during the previous week, there is no way round this difficulty. However, arrangements are being made for the coach to bring pupils straight to the school and changing facilities will be made available for those who wish to attend the dance. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Sarah wins again



Sarah Muir of S5 has had another success composing music for the bagpipes. Sarah has already won the school's own annual contest, winning the George McIntyre Memorial Trophy. This time she came top with a jig written for the 5th anniversary of the Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping at Saltcoats. Employees of McCallum Bagpipes chose the winning tune, which Sarah gave the title "Festival of Juvenile Solo Piping 5". Sarah's prizes included a framed copy of her composition, vouchers for McCallum Bagpipes, free entry to the Saltcoats competition and a Caithness Glass trophy with musical notes through it. And as at our own prize-giving in school, Sarah had to give her jig its first public performance just before the awards ceremony in Saltcoats. Congratulations, Sarah!

KSPB at the Trad Awards

As winners of the Scottish Pipe Band of the Year Award in 2006, the Kintyre Schools Pipe Band was invited back to perform at the glitzy 2007 Traditional Music Awards ceremony in Fort William's Nevis Centre on Saturday 1 December. Supported by backing musicians Andrew Black, Dave Bisset and Lorne MacDougall, the Juvenile band took centre stage and played a marvelous set which got the biggest cheer of the evening from an audience of over 900 people, quite something with a host of leading names from the Scottish traditional music scene, including The Unusual Suspects, Shoogenlifty, The Red Hot Chilli Pipers, Sylvia Barnes and the Anna Massie Band also on the bill.

"The buzz at the Trads was amazing", said Pipe Major Ian McKerral. "This was the icing on the cake at the end of a long season. As Scottish Pipe Band Champions of 2007, we're now recognised wherever we go and it leads to many demands for the Band's services. Apart from all our competitive commitments, we played this year before the Queen at the official opening of the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh. Then we played in front of crowds of over 15,000 at the Inter-Celtique Music Festival at Lorient in Brittany. But we're first and foremost a band for Campbeltown and Kintyre and we must thank everyone locally for their continuing generous support."



The Juvenile Band at the end of its set at the Traditional Music Awards in Fort William.

Don't forget you can hear the pipe bands playing in the school's Christmas Concert on Tuesday 18 December at 7.30 pm.

Your support will also be welcome at the Kintyre Juvenile Piping Association's Coffee Morning in the Town Hall, Campbeltown, on Saturday 15 December from 10.00 until 12 noon.

Pupils prominent in Argyll Rhapsody

Some 27 pupils from CGS were among the 90 odd who took part in the first ever performances of a new musical showcase commissioned by Argyll and Bute Council as part of the Highland Year of Culture 2007. Six more produced photographs as part of the Art input to the event. Written by Argyll musician Donald Shaw, the piece celebrates the landscapes and history of the county through music and song. Accompanied by Mr McKerral and Mrs Ashall of our music staff, the pupils formed a significant proportion of the choir, pipe band and orchestra put together for the occasion from Argyll's ten secondary schools. Audiences at the performances in Oban and Dunoon on 22 and 23 November were full of praise for the event, and especially for the quality of the singing and playing of the young performers.

Art News

The Art Department have been busy this term with various activities in and out of the classroom. A group of Fifth and sixth year pupils travelled to Cove park, Garelochhead, to take part in the 'Artists in Schools programme 2007'. Luke Angus, Louise Gillett, Jennifer McCormick, Louise McGougan, Jillian Ogilvie, Lewis Shaw and Ewan Wallace worked on a ceramic project with resident artist Katy West. Katy later visited the school and the students continued their workshop project to produce a series of clay pieces. A group of S3 pupils had a one day workshop with two artists who work in conjunction with the Travelling Gallery bus and who are based at the Fruitmarket Gallery in Edinburgh. Susanna Angus, Jamie Colville, Kerri Hart, Fiona McKerral, Margaret Robertson, Nicola Wells, Claire Harvey, Allison Millar, Laura Cameron, Jodie McArthur, Rebecca McKinlay, Thomas Holden, Glen McMurchy, Heather MacKinnon and Lindsay King spent a day creating three dimensional collage pieces which related to the senses, the theme of the Travelling Gallery exhibition.

Student Council Election Results

The following have been elected to represent pupils on the Student Council for 2007/08.

1.1	David McFadyen	2.1	Owen Milloy	3.1	Luke Scally
1.2	Torin Currie	2.2	John McLean	3.2	Jenna Murray
1.3	Thomas Jordan	2.3	James Cairns	3.3	Gareth Croll
1.4	Charlotte Williams	2.4	Eric Ross	3.4	Vicky Deavy
4.1	Alyssia Banks	5.1	Alex Pirie	Learning Centre	
4.2	Grace Nicoll	5.2	Stuart Lawson	Kristofor Dickinson	
4.3	Stephen Gorman	5.3	Michelle Newall	S6	Luke Angus (Captain)
4.4	Graeme Robertson	5.4	Craig Edwards	Eilidh Cook (Captain)	

Raising Cash for the "Coo Bus"

Last month two of our students undertook a sponsored "zoom" and a sponsored swim to raise money to go towards our contribution of £15000 for our Variety Club Sunshine coach (now known affectionately as "The Coo Bus" because of its distinctive livery). The coach has the facility to take a wheelchair and this now gives some of our students the opportunity to take part in education beyond the school grounds. Kristofor Dickinson swam a magnificent 10 lengths in the pool, cheered on by school and Aqualibrium staff, family and friends. Christopher Sloss zoomed a fabulous 10 circuits of the school hall, with a huge audience of supporters cheering him on. Mr Farren struggled manfully to complete the same circuits but was hindered by Christopher's supporters! The boys raised an incredible £465.81 and the total is still rising! A big thank you goes to all those who sponsored them. Organisations within the town have also made extremely generous contributions and we particularly wish to record our gratitude to the Rotary Club of Campbeltown for its donation of £1,000. The boys gave our reporter the following quotes: "We raised money for trips. We like to visit places in the town."

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

There was a meeting on Thursday 6 December for all S3 students who wish to enrol in the scheme. Training sessions will start in the New Year on Wednesday evenings from 7pm in Mr Baxter's room. Enrolment details may be obtained from Mr Gallagher. Mr Gallagher would like to apologise to Fiona Young of 4.1 who completed a Bronze Qualifying Hike at the end of October and whose name was omitted in an article about the hike in the last News. Well done Fiona! It was a tough trek and you all did very well.

Don't miss our CHRISTMAS CONCERT in the School Hall

Tuesday 18 December at 7.30pm
(come early to be sure of a seat!)

CGS CONCERT BAND
KINTYRE SCHOOLS JUNIOR WIND BAND
THREE SCHOOL CHOIRS
INSTRUMENTAL SOLOISTS AND ENSEMBLES
THREE BEATS IN A BAR
TWO KINTYRE SCHOOLS PIPE BANDS
DRAMA GROUP PANTO – "Aladdin"
+++ A galaxy of young stars! +++
Admission £3 (concessions £2)
Accompanied children free

Cakes in the Herald

Work by pupils in the Art department has featured twice on the back pages of the Herald newspaper's "Society" supplement which appears on Tuesdays. Now it's the turn of Home Economics to feature. A display of some of the excellent Christmas cakes made by pupils will be included in the edition being published on Tuesday 18 December. Order your copy now!

Eco-schools

Our Eco-school committee has re-formed with some new and old members. The new committee held its first meeting on Wednesday 28 November when there was a very interesting and enthusiastic discussion about how we might contribute to preserving both our local and the global environment.



The Eco-schools programme is an international initiative aimed at encouraging whole-school action for the environment. A number of local primary schools have taken part very successfully and while we are aware that a lot of positive action related to Eco-schools targets takes place already in Campbeltown Grammar School (re-cycling, composting, garden, vegetable patches, outdoor education, plans for a polytunnel and the many excellent Health Promotion initiatives which overlap with Eco-schools) we know that we need to build on the good work already achieved and promote the importance of environmental issues. In doing so, we might even move towards the prestigious Eco-schools 'Green-Flag' award.

To succeed, the Eco-schools programme needs a wide range of support from within and outwith the school. If you are interested in helping out in any way, either with ideas or practical support, please contact Miss Cameron at the School.

The Big World Event

Pupils from S6 recently went to Dunoon to take part in the 'Big World' event run by Strathclyde Police. This includes the enactment by Police personnel and professional actors of some real-life scenarios which young people might encounter out there in the 'big world'. From all accounts it was a most worthwhile trip. Here's an account prepared by Ailsa Ritchie.

"The Big World Event was a great experience, showing us real life situations that we may be faced with when we leave school. Each situation was acted out by drama students and the emergency services were all there to carry out the exact procedures they would use in a real life scenario. This gave us a taster of what it is like to be up against in an emergency. The emergency services gave us excellent advice and information as to what we should do when faced with one of these situations, and also gave us advice on general health and safety. We were given an inside view of each emergency as we weren't just asked to sit and listen to someone, we were involved in each emergency scene and treated as actual eye-witnesses to each scenario. We "witnessed" emergency procedures that would occur in the result of a fire, drug and solvent abuse, alcohol abuse, domestic abuse and violence, violence in the street, and the use of offensive weapons that are carried around on a day to day basis. Over all, the event was very effective; it gave us a great view of the dangers we could be faced with when we leave school, the situations used were very extreme but they more or less prepared us for any incidents that may occur when we leave home. Also the advice given on personal safety was excellent."

CGS Pilots On-Line Recruitment

CGS has been selected by Argyll and Bute Council to pilot the use of the internet to recruit new staff. The school has been given a section of the Times Educational Supplement (TES) website and will have a "gold level" advertisement on Friday 7 December in an attempt to fill the long-standing vacancy in Business Education. The TES website is at www.tes.co.uk and the School's profile is in Jobs/Schools Directory/Scotland/Argyll and Bute and from there CGS is on page 2.

Points Ahead results for November

TOP PUPILS IN SCHOOL

Thomas Jordan 1.3
Morbheinn McAllister 1.3
Leslie Hume 2.1
Natasha Lee 2.3
all with 6 merits each.

S1

Thomas Jordan	1.3	6 merits	Joint Top S1
Morbheinn McAllister	1.3	6 merits	Joint Top S1
Louise MacAlister	1.2	5 merits	
Natasha Fox	1.2	5 merits	
Abbie Semple	1.3	5 merits	
Eva Armour	1.4	4 merits	
Louise Conley	1.3	3 merits	
Kelly Gilbert	1.2	4 merits	
Hannah McKellar	1.1	4 merits	
Martin McLean	1.1	4 merits	
Christie Middleton	1.3	4 merits	
Gareth Scott-Dodd	1.4	4 merits	
Struan Watson	1.4	4 merits	

S2

Leslie Hume	2.1	6 merits	Joint Top S2
Natasha Lee	2.3	6 merits	Joint Top S2
Eilidh Macalister	2.2	5 merits	
Martin Belan	2.2	4 merits	
Samuel Holden	2.1	4 merits	
Helen Logan	2.2	4 merits	
Nicola Paterson	2.1	4 merits	
Paul Russell	2.2	4 merits	

S3

Claire Harvey	3.3	5 merits	Joint Top S3
Alison Millar	3.3	5 merits	Joint Top S3
Thomas Holden	3.1	4 merits	

S4

Yasmin Parr	4.4	5 merits	Top S4
Sarah Watson	4.4	4 merits	

S5

Laura Campbell	5.2	4 merits	Joint Top S5
Alex Pirie	5.1	4 merits	Joint Top S5
Charlotte Aindow	5.2	3 merits	
Craig Brown	5.2	3 merits	
Neil MacFarlane	5.1	3 merits	
Mhairi McKellar	5.2	3 merits	

S6

Elaine Ferguson	6.2	3 merits	Top S6
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Class Points

Class	Merits*	De-merits	Total Points	Average	Position 1-5
1.1	43	15	877	35	SECOND
1.2	41	5	829	32	
1.3	46	5	908	37.8	FIRST
1.4	45	27	924	34.2	THIRD
2.1	53	38	811	31.2	
2.2	41	23	776	26.8	
2.3	37	15	687	23.7	
2.4	33	25	732	27.1	
3.1	28	13	699	29.1	
3.2	22	17	666	26.6	
3.3	34	13	785	30.1	
3.4	25	16	749	32.6	FIFTH
4.1	13	25	706	25.2	
4.2	27	39	594	22.9	
4.3	12	17	535	20.6	
4.4	22	19	704	25.1	
5.1	18	12	599	27.2	
5.2	22	50*	774	33.7	FOURTH
5.3	14	50*	649	24	
5.4	11	50*	403	16.8	

Number of merits is shown. This is converted into points and added to totals.

*50 Points deducted for failure to enter demerits.

House Points

House	Total Points	Position
Davaar	3692	FIRST
Bengullion	3639	SECOND
Kilbrannan	3564	THIRD
Knockscalbert	3512	FOURTH



Staff Changes

Mrs Galbraith, Principal Teacher of Physical Education, retires at the end of term after 25 years as a member of staff in CGS, 11 of them as Principal Teacher. Prior to her time at CGS Mrs Galbraith was a peripatetic teacher of PE in the primary schools. She has always been a very committed and conscientious member of the staff, whose courses etc were always immaculately prepared and calmly carried to fruition. Little wonder that attainment in the department is so good, with exam results consistently among the best, not only in the school, but among all the schools in Argyll and Bute. Her colleagues will be paying their own tribute at the end of term, but parents (and pupils) will doubtless want to wish Mrs Galbraith a long and happy retirement.

Interviews were held in the school on Thursday 6 December as the result of which Mr Stuart McQuaker will be Mrs Galbraith's successor in the expanded role of Principal Teacher of Physical Education, Sport and Health.

Ms Karen Siddall will be joining the PE department in January on a temporary basis to fill the vacancy arising from Mr McQuaker's promotion.

After a long wait, our new Brass instructor, Mr Stephen Stewart, has now arrived and taken up his post. Mr Stewart will be part-time (0.6 FTE) and will be in schools on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He will begin visiting the primary schools after the New Year, and is in the meantime finding his feet and getting to know his pupils in the Grammar School. He is already having an impact and has taken over the Concert Band from Ms FitzGibbon, who will have responsibility for the Junior Band. There will be an opportunity to meet him and see him conduct at the School Concert on Tuesday 18 December.

Dates to note this month

Friday 7 December	S5/6 2nd interim report issued.
Friday 14 December	S4 Prelim exams end.
Saturday 15 December	Kintyre Schools Pipe Bands Coffee Morning, Town Hall, 10.00 - 12.00.
Tuesday 18 December	Home Economics Christmas cakes in The Herald "Society" supplement. School Christmas Concert, 7.30 pm in the Hall. See separate notice.
Wednesday 19 December	English department panto trip to King's Theatre, Glasgow. Christmas Dance, 7.30 - 10.30 pm. <i>(Please note change of date.)</i>
Friday 21 December	End of Term Service - 11.30 am in the Hall. Christmas Extravaganza - 1.30 pm in the Hall.
Monday 7 January	Dismiss for Holidays - 2.30 pm. School re-opens for Spring term.

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