



Natasha Wins Argyll Round of Future Chef!



Natasha Lee of S3 travelled to Rothesay on Tuesday 16 December to take part in the Argyll and Bute round of Junior Masterchef - and emerged as the winner! Natasha's two-course menu consisted of a Pork and Mushroom Medley with Pancetta and Black Pudding Pilaf, served with roasted tomatoes in garlic oil, followed by Berry and Lemon Mille Feuille, served with an almond-infused quenelle. Natasha's mentor for the competition is Rona Stewart of the Ardshiel Hotel, Campbeltown. She was accompanied to Rothesay by Rona, and by Hazel Stalker of our Home Economics department and Catherine McGlynn of Springboard, the organisation which works to encourage young people into the hospitality industry. Natasha now goes forward to the Scottish Regional Final at the Thistle Hotel, Inverness, on 14 January. If she's successful there she'll be off to London for the UK final. Good luck Natasha! Everyone at CGS will have their fingers crossed for you! *Natasha is pictured (above) with Fiona McGlynn after the local round of the competition.*

'Thank You' 9020 Times

The total raised for this year's Children in Need effort has at last been checked and verified. There was a nervous moment when the bank phoned to say that the total in one of the bags was wrong, but it turned out that there was £100 MORE in the bag than had been entered on the counterfoil. Our final total was an astonishing **£9,020.90!** Well done to S6 who organised this year's effort, and a massive 'Thank You' to everyone who contributed (including the staff of the Council offices, who sent their collection up to the school to be included with ours).

Children In Need Report by Nathan Currie, S6

The pupils (and staff!) of Campbeltown Grammar School once again rose to the occasion on Friday 14 November, raising a tremendous amount of money for Children In Need. Organised by the school's 6th years, the day was filled with a variety of activities to raise money for this good cause. The morning was filled with many stalls and games, including "Beat the Goalie", "Guess the Baby" and leg waxing. Games of Guitar Hero were on offer as was face painting and the usual sweets in the jar and cake stalls. The traditional French café sold its various delights and art teacher Mr. Lewis drew portraits of pupils, while he was dressed as Little Red Riding Hood.

Hand massages were given by Liz Kennedy from KADAS (Kintyre Alcohol and Drugs Advisory Service) who works with students in school funded by Children In Need. The Maths department organized a game of "Deal or No Deal?" with Mr. David Hamilton dressing in a bright shirt, fake beard and guiding the contestant through their "shrewd game". The P.E. department's enthusiasm was not dampened by the recent poor weather; they oversaw ten-pin bowling and games of Mini-golf.

In the afternoon the annual Children In Need "Extravaganza" included a performance from "Punt the Light" and saw 6th year pupil David Haddow "play" his ukulele. The 6th years promised a day of servitude during the slave auction. The day was rounded off when several teachers, (including Mr. Crossan) were covered in cream after losing to pupils in the "Generation Game".

Following the fun of Friday came the concert on Monday 17th November which was again organized by the 6th years, in particular Hazel MacDonald who can claim credit for the idea (and most of the organization). This raised even more money for CIN and featured performances from "Punt the Light", "Mistaken Four Strangers" and, of course, the Pipe Band and school choir. The grand finale was provided by Mr Cosgrove and Mr Crossan, with Mr Casey, in a seemingly endless array of football tops, acting as master of ceremonies. A credit-crunch-busting total of £9020 was raised for the good cause.

'Healthy Me' wins Excellence Award



CGS picked up another award recently when the weekly 'Healthy Me' programme took the Gold award in the Health Improvement category in the Argyll and Bute Excellence Awards. The school was represented at a glittering Oscar-style awards ceremony in the Queen's Hall, Dunoon, by the programme's organisers, Mrs Lorna Millar, Mr Stuart McQuaker, the School's Public Health Nurse Fiona Semple and Miss Catherine Dobbie, who are pictured here with Cllr Len Scoullar of Argyll and Bute Council and Elaine Garman of award sponsors, NHS Highland.

"Healthy Me" is a lunchtime drop-in service that offers a holistic approach to health promotion in a relaxing and interactive manner. It was set up to increase awareness and to show that small measures and steps could influence your health positively. There are a variety of activities to ensure that the service is enjoyable as well as helpful and informative. "Healthy Me" continues to very popular with students here at Campbeltown Grammar School.

The Excellence Awards is an award scheme run by Argyll and Bute Council to recognise excellence in practice by employees in their work.

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Voyage à Paris

Our Higher and Advanced Higher French pupils recently travelled to the French capital for 6 days to be immersed in the local language and culture. Here is their report.



"We set off on Thursday 20 November to travel to Paris and thirteen hours later reached our destination tired but excited, ready to discover the city. The days were fully packed with activities such as visiting the Eiffel Tower, exploring the Cathedral of Notre Dame, taking a boat ride on a bateau-mouche, absorbing the atmosphere around Montmartre and the Sacré-Coeur, and being blinded by the Christmas lights on the Champs-Élysées, which we also viewed from the big wheel in the Place de la Concorde.

"We put our French skills to the test when we visited the Lycée Arago. There we attended English, Philosophy, History/Geography, French and Economic classes. Le Musée du Louvre failed to disappoint us as we got to examine famous sculptures and paintings such as the Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa. After several busy days we relaxed by exploring the "Marché d'Aligre (sous la neige!) where we prepared a picnic which, due to the snow, we ended up having indoors.

"Finally, the peak of excitement was reached on the last day when we went to Disneyland Paris ☺. It was a magical day filled with roller coasters and hugs from all the beloved Disney characters. The day was topped off with a breathtaking parade that could put a tear in anyone's eye. Disneyland provided a fantastic final day which was rounded off by a lovely three course meal in a classy French restaurant. Overall we thoroughly enjoyed our French adventure and felt it was also very educational and helpful for our course. We all agree that 'c'était fantastique!'"

Return of Library Books

We have run into some problems with the return of library books. Some pupils have taken to dropping them off at the school office. Some leave them with members of staff. Others simply take them into the library and put them back on the shelf. Unfortunately none of the above ensures that the books are shown on the library computer system as having been returned. It is vitally important that, when returning books, pupils take them back to the lending desk in the library and make sure the book's bar code, and the bar code on their Young Scot card, are scanned into the system. If they don't do this, their parents are likely to get a letter home asking for the return of the book or for its replacement value in cash. We can all do without the fuss and bother that entails, and it can all be avoided if the correct procedures are followed. So, to all pupils borrowing books from the library - TAKE THEM BACK TO THE DESK AND GET THEM LOGGED IN PROPERLY!

PTSA News

The first meeting of the PTSA was held on Thursday 20 November and was very positive and well supported by parents, pupils and teachers.

The office bearers for 2008-09 are:-

Chair - Mrs Helen Shaw; Treasurer - Mrs Isabel Cook; Secretary - Mrs Jane Logan.

Plans are well under way for the first PTSA event, so put this date in your new diaries!

Friday February 6th 2009 "Campbeltown Glamour School" presents

"Look and Feel Fine in 2009"

Watch out for further details!

Dates to note this month

Thursday 18 December	Pupils' Christmas Dance - 7.30 -10.30 pm.
Friday 19 December	Christmas Services: Lower School 10.15 - 10.45; Upper School 12.00 - 12.30. Christmas Extravaganza; 1.30 - 2.30 School dismisses for the holidays at 2.30 pm (buses at usual time).
Monday 5 January 2009	School re-opens
Monday 19 January	S5/6 prelim exams begin.
Tuesday 27 January	S4 reports issued.
Friday 30 January	S5/6 prelim exams end.
Friday 6 February	Next issue of newsletter (please note no Newsletter on 9 January).

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