



Jeans for Genes Day

"Jeans for Genes" day was celebrated on Thursday 11 October, when staff and pupils wore denim to school to raise money for research into children's genetic illnesses. This year we raised £830 for this very worthwhile cause.

Children in Need

On Friday 16 November we will be having a non-uniform day and having a host of activities to raise money for Children in Need. Last year we raised a stupendous £7340. This year we're not setting a target. We just want to raise as much as we can.

Boys' football success

Our senior boys' football team, who play as Campbeltown United, won the final of the Campbeltown and District Amateur Football League on Sunday 28 October with a 4-1 win over league champions Whisky Macs. The goals came from Christopher Thomson (2), David Johnstone and Fraser Gillespie. New strips were provided for the occasion by Mr Alistair Blair, and sponsorship throughout the season was gratefully received from the Thomson brothers, Mr Jerry Nugent and McKellar's Grocers. The school is extremely grateful to the team's trainer/manager, Mr John Gillespie, for all his hard work with the boys over the year.



Team Captain David McGeachy is pictured placing the Provan Shield in the school's new trophy cabinet.

PTA Coffee Morning

The PTA are holding a coffee morning in the Town Hall, Campbeltown, on Saturday 10 November from 10.00 am. The money raised will assist school clubs and activities. You can help by sending in donations for the raffle and bottle stall to the school office at any time up to Friday 9 November, by bringing donations of baking etc. to the Town Hall before 10.00 on the morning of the event, and especially by coming along and enjoying a coffee.

KSPB at the Trad Awards

Kintyre Schools Pipe Band, as holders of last year's Pipe Band of the Year award, will be performing at the Scottish Traditional Music Awards ceremony at Fort William on Friday 30 November. On the previous evening - Thursday 29 November - they'll be taking part in the parade and switch-on of Campbeltown's Christmas lights.

Don't forget that you can access lots more information on our website at:-

www.campbeltowngrammar.org.uk

Hallowe'en celebrated in grand style

On Wednesday 31 October we celebrated Hallowe'en with a special school dance. Most of the almost 400 pupils who attended made a magnificent effort to dress up for the occasion. Costumes were among the best we have ever seen at this event, so well done everyone who put so much thought and effort into making it such a success. Here are some pictures from the dance.



Some of the senior boys



Mr Farren having a bad hair day



The Scotland squad with the World Cup?!



John looked really scary as Count Dracula

Meanwhile in Home Economics, pupils were making some fantastic Hallowe'en cakes. Well, you can take a break from the healthy options now and again! Here's a selection of the excellent efforts which were on display.



This one is by Allana Williams



and this one by George McIndeor

Active Schools - 'What's Happening' at CGS?

Here are some of the sports and other activities being promoted in the school with the assistance of our Active Schools Co-ordinator, Lindsay Owen.



Day	What	Where	Who	When
Monday	Games Club	Room 1:1	S1 - S6	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Badminton	PE Dept	S1 - S6	Lunchtime
Tuesday	Cardio Combat	PE Dept	S1 - S6	After-school
Tuesday	X Country	PE Dept	S1 - S6	After-school
Tuesday	Girls Football	PE Dept	S1 - S6	After-school
Tuesday	Canoe Club	Aqualibrium	S1 - S6	8.00 - 9.00pm
Wednesday	Badminton	PE Dept	S1 - S6	Lunchtime
Wednesday	Inter-house Badminton	PE Dept	S1 - S6	After-school
Thursday	Rugby	Meadows	S1 - S6	After-school
Thursday	Chess	Room 2:2	S1 - S6	After-school
Friday	Cricket	PE Dept	S1 - S6	After-school

Up and Coming Events, Competitions & Festivals

- The **badminton** season is underway with lunchtime and inter-house badminton already running. Competitions will be starting late in November and will be played over several months. In the meantime, why don't you check out www.argyllbadminton.net for competitions taking place throughout Argyll & Bute.
- The **MAKI League** is into its 3rd season with CGS retaining the shield last year. The second round of the tournament for season 2007/08 is taking place in Campbeltown in the form of a volleyball tournament, targeting pupils in S3 - S6. Look out for more information nearer the time!
- An **U18 Argyll and Bute Schools Football Tournament** is taking place at the end of November in Oban. It is hoped that all schools within Argyll and Bute will be competing. Be sure to turn up to football training to hear more about it!
- Attention all **rugby** players! Another rugby gathering is scheduled to take place in Fort William at the end of November open to all pupils in S1 - S6. This is a great opportunity to play competitive games and take part in SRU led coaching sessions. Look out for notices in the Pupil R2.

Opportunities to volunteer

There are lots of clubs both in school and in the community up and running. If you would like to be involved or volunteer to assist in the running of any clubs, please feel free to pop up and see Lindsay on the 3rd Floor. It's always good to be able to put something like this in your CV!

Success stories

Football: Campbeltown United U18's last week won the Provan Shield. Congratulations to all of the pupils who played throughout the competition.

MAKI League: CGS won the shield for a second year running. The league was close to the end but we finally pipped Lochgilphead High School by 3 points!

Youth Games: Over 60 pupils from the current S2 & S3 yr groups represented CGS in the Secondary Youth Games in Dunoon. Congratulations to all of the pupils who represented the school on this occasion.

Highland Games: The schools 4 x 150m junior relay team recently won gold at the Oban Highland Games. The team qualified for the Scottish Finals in Pitlochry but were unfortunately beaten in the end. Well done nevertheless!

Football: The U15 school team have managed to progress into the 2nd rounds of the Scottish Schools Cup after beating Gleniffer High School, Paisley, on Wednesday 24 October. The tie took place at home. We wish the boys every success in the next round.

If you have any questions or would like to find out further information regarding any of the clubs/opportunities, please feel free to contact Lindsay Owen, Active Schools Co-ordinator, 3rd Floor, CGS or at lindsay.owen@ea.argyll-bute.sch.uk

Successful Qualifying Hike

Eight students from S4 completed their qualifying hike for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award successfully on Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 October. William Cowan, Keith Cowie, Ross Ferguson, Sarah Muir, Fintan Rochford, Gary Turner, and Sarah Watson walked from Brecklate Farm on the Southend road over Cnoc Odhar hill to the Dalsmirren road and then on to Killipole Loch where they camped on Saturday evening. It was a challenging route which tested their fitness and navigation skills. Saturday was a dry day despite a forecast for showers but the heavy rain promised for Saturday night did materialise and the hardy campers had an unpleasant evening. Sunday was a bright breezy day and a cheerier group completed their hike walking through to Ballygrogan and then by way of the Kintyre Way and the remote Gleneadaracrock back to the Dalsmirren road. The organisers were impressed with their determination. The group managed to squeeze the expedition into the last available weekend in the scheme's permitted walking season. We hope they enjoy their achievement.



Travelling Art Gallery makes a visit

The 'Art in a Bus' travelling art gallery paid a visit to the School on Friday 2 November. Sponsored by the Scottish Arts Council and the City of Edinburgh Council, the gallery featured interactive artworks which pupils could touch, smell and listen to (in other words, it got their fingers, ears and noses twitching!). The exhibition was titled "Access All Areas". Pupil reactions were very positive and our Art staff felt it had been a very worthwhile experience for them as well as the pupils.

Dates to note this month

Tuesday 6 November	S3 interim reports issued.
Wednesday 7 November	S6 at the 'Big World' event, Dunoon.
Thursday 15 November	Parents' Council meeting; 6.15 pm
Friday 16 November	Children in Need Non-Uniform and Fund Raising Day (Normal timetable to morning interval).
Friday 23 November	Staff Inset Day 3 - pupils do not attend.
Monday 26 November	School Holiday.
Tuesday 27 November	School re-opens.
	S1 Parents' Evening, from 7.00 pm
Monday 3 December	S4 prelim exams start.
Friday 7 December	Next issue of Newsletter.
	S5/6 2nd interim report issued.

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