

Campbeltown Grammar School

News

November 2008

Now you see it . . .



Over the October holiday the school's chimney, which has been a local landmark for over 40 years, was demolished. The chimney was removed because it had begun to show some structural weaknesses. The boilers are now served by three flues which have been in use for about a year now.

An unintended consequence of the chimney's removal has emerged. The chimney is shown on navigational charts for Campbeltown Loch as a significant landmark which ships can use to help set a course. Now that the chimney has gone, the charts will have to be changed and ships will have to find ways to navigate without it.

. . . now you don't!



Children in Need

On Friday 14 November, the school will once again be organising a range of activities in aid of Children in Need. These are being organised by the members of S6. Further information will be sent out next week.

CGS Radio Project

The members of the CGS Radio Project now have two slots on Argyll FM. A recorded show goes out on Tuesday nights from 9.00 pm till 10.00 pm and the group are now presenting the station's 'Homeward Bound' show 'live' on a Thursday from 4.00 pm until 6.00 pm. Depending on where you stay, Argyll FM can be found at 106.5, 107.2 or 107.7 FM.

Parking on Limecraigs Road - A Reminder

Parents parking on the bend at the start of Limecraigs Road at the end of the school day are obstructing other motorists trying to get past on to Ralston Road. If you are picking pupils up from Limecraigs Road at the end of the school day, please park further along, on the straight part of the road, where you will not cause an obstruction.

Internet Safety

Mr Iain McLean, Children's Services Social Worker, will be offering individual appointments for parents at the S1 Parents' Evening on Tuesday 25 November, to provide information about internet safety. Further, more detailed information and an appointment sheet will be given out with the Parents' Evening materials.

Future Subject Options – Market Research

As we begin to plan for the full implementation of A Curriculum for Excellence and for future changes in the school roll and staffing, we will be surveying pupil course preferences with the current S2 on Tuesday 11 November. The results of this will help us plan future options forms and timetable structures.

Music Department News

Intermediate Choir News

Mrs Ashall reports that the Intermediate Choir is producing an excellent sound in such a short time this term. Well done to all, especially new S1 singers, who are making a great contribution and whose harmonies are terrific. The Choir are hoping to perform Abba songs on Children in Need Day and work has already started on a Christmas programme. New singers are always welcome, no test required.

Concert at Carradale

In a new departure for the department, a large contingent of singers and musicians went off to Carradale Village Hall on Monday 27 October to perform for members of the Carradale and Skipness Guild and their guests. It is hoped that other concerts will follow in other parts of Kintyre.

Sports News

MAKI Schools Sports League 2008/2009

The first round of the MAKI Schools Sports League took place at Islay High School early in October in the form of Badminton tournament, targeting pupils in S4 - S6. 12 pupils represented Campbeltown Grammar School on this occasion, competing against Lochgilphead & Islay High Schools. The tournament was closely contested, with some fine badminton on display throughout the day. Campbeltown Grammar School were worthy winners on the day, picking up 10 points, with Lochgilphead HS in 2nd place and Islay HS in 3rd Place.

Congratulations to Sarah Muir, Sarah Watson, Christopher Blair, Robbie Dudley, Chris Thompson, Jonathan Mogie, Ewan Millar, Fiona Mitchell, Ashley King, Jennifer Littleson, George Good & Fiona Galbraith, who represented the school on this occasion and a big thank you to Islay High School for hosting the event. The next round of the MAKI League is a volleyball competition which will take place in Campbeltown at the beginning of December.

Junior Sports Leaders Programme 2008/09

The Junior Sports Leaders' Programme is a new initiative underway at Campbeltown Grammar School to try and encourage more senior school pupils to become involved in a coaching programme in South Kintyre. The programme gives the pupils the opportunity of attending 6 National Governing Body Awards that will be held locally in Campbeltown, which include the SFA Early Touches Award, SHU Leaders Course, SRU Foundation Course, British Red Cross - Basic First Aid, Community Sports Leaders Day Award and Junior Jog Workshop. At the moment there over 50 pupils signed up for various courses throughout the year which is being funded by Active Schools. It is hoped that the pupils who complete the National Governing Body Awards will be willing to coach and help out at various after-school clubs in local primary schools throughout South Kintyre and with the Argyll & Bute Youth Games.

Football Success

Our under-17 squad were in action on Tuesday 4 November against King's Park Secondary School from Glasgow. The score was level at 2 - 2 after 90 minutes, both the Campbeltown goals coming from Ryan Gilchrist. There was no scoring during extra time, so the cup tie went to penalties. King's Park scored two, but a total of four (well done David Johnstone, John Lamont, Craig Robertson and Chris Thompson) gave the victory to CGS. Team members were Gavin Anderson, Louis Bizet, Ryan Gilchrist, David Johnstone, Kenny Kerr, John Lamont, Mark McPhee, Craig Morris, Liam Renton, Craig Robertson and Chris Thompson.

Points Ahead for October 08

Points Ahead Prize-winners for October 08

S1

Jessie-May Dewar *Top in S1*
Julia McGeachy
Rhona Grogan
Cameron Ronald
Craig Muirhead
Hanna Wilson
James Russell
Jennifer Armour
Graeme McConnachie
Justyna Nawrot

S2

Kieran Jackson *Top in S2*
Martin McCallum
Alison Campbell
Caroline Logan
Feuna McIntosh
Nicola Wilson
Lewis Nelson

S3

Leslie Maguire)
Lindsay Armour) *Joint Top in S3*
Craig McKillop)
Kym McKerral
Kerry McAllister

S4

Claire Harvey *Top in S4*

S5/6

Lorna Armour *Top in S5*
Heather Lazarus *Top in S6*
Lorna Black
Robert Fox
Hannah McGuinness
Sarah Semple
Ross Ferguson
Emily Card
Lovisa Emilsson
Yasmin Parr
Alex Pirie
Nicola Newall
Alasdair MacPhail
Daniel Galbraith
Laura McLellan
Catherine Scott-Dodd
Amy McIntosh
Kimberly Donnan
George Good
Kathleen McMillan

House Points

Davaar	3673	1st
Bengullion	3218	3rd
Kilbrannan	3554	2nd
Knockscalbert	3112	4th

Home Economics Take the Cake!

During the school's Activities Day last June, pupils in the Home Economics department took part in a Sugarcraft workshop. In the process they raised funds for Shelter, the national charity for the homeless.

Now the pupils have heard that their efforts have won second prize in the charity's nationwide Cake Time competition. Plans are now being made to arrange their prize - a trip to a leading cake manufacturer and confectioner in Glasgow.

Pictured are some of the delicious and beautifully decorated cakes they made.



PTSA News

We are pleased to announce that the new Parent Teacher Student Association will hold its first meeting on Thursday 20 November 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in the staff common room at the School.

Please come along to add your support. The committee members from the PTA are happy to carry on, so there will be no pressure on you to take up an official role. We have lots of exciting fund raising ideas but need the support of parents, teachers and pupils to make this organisation work.

Funds raised through the PTSA (formerly PTA) buy much needed materials and equipment for the school and after school clubs, and we would like to provide even more!

Why not encourage another parent or teacher to come along with you?

Watch this space for news of forthcoming PTSA events.

Apology

The authorship of last months item about HMS Campbeltown should have indicated that it was written by Frank Rochford and Josh Parr. Apologies for this error.

Dates to note this month

Wednesday 12 November	Drama Trip to 'West Side Story', Theatre Royal, Glasgow
Friday 14 November	Children in Need Day.
Tuesday 18 November	S1 Interim Reports go out.
Thursday 20 November	PTSA Meeting - Staff Common Room - 7.30 pm.
Friday 21 November	Staff Inset Day 3 (pupils do not attend).
Monday 24 November	School Holiday.
Tuesday 25 November	S1 Parents' Evening.
Thursday 27 November	Theatre presentation on Financial Inclusion to S5/6 pupils. Switch On of Campbeltown Christmas Lights.
Monday 1 December	S4 Prelim Exams begin.
Thursday 4 December	S5/6 Interim Reports go out.
Friday 5 December	Next issue of Newsletter.
Tuesday 16 December	Christmas Concert.
Thursday 18 December	Christmas Dance.
Friday 19 December	Last day of term.

Keeping in touch

Parents are welcome to be in touch with the school at any time about any matter of interest or concern by letter, by e-mail, or by phone.

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