



## Rebecca Wins Scottish Round of the Visa 'Olympics of the Imagination' Art Competition

Rebecca MacPherson of S2 has been named as the Scottish Regional Winner of the Visa 'Olympics of the Imagination' art competition. Rebecca wins £100 of art materials for herself and £1000 for the school with her entry on the theme "One World: One Dream". Judges commended the high quality of Rebecca's work. As a Regional Winner, Rebecca's work now goes forward to the final, UK-wide round of the competition for which the prize is a trip of a lifetime to the Beijing Olympics this summer. Well done Rebecca on being top for the whole of Scotland, and our fingers are crossed for your success in the UK competition!



## Andrew invited to top Maths school



Andrew McClement, also of S2, has been selected for invitation to the National Mathematics Summer School following an excellent performance in the Intermediate Mathematical Olympiad this session. The summer school is being held at Queen's College, Birmingham, from Sunday 13 to Friday 18 July 2008. Andrew is one of only 40 invitees from across the UK. Although in S2, Andrew sits his S Grade Maths this year and moves on to Higher in S3 next session.

## Internet Safety Meeting for Parents

Many young people use the internet on a daily basis. Nowadays, the internet is as much a social meeting place as a source of information, with sites like Bebo, Facebook, MSN and so on growing in popularity. Social networking brings with it certain risks. Who are the people with whom our children are interacting? Are they really who and what they say they are? On another level, bullying has spread from the school or the street into these 'social networking' sites, and we have experienced a number of instances of what has become known as 'cyberbullying' in recent years. The use of mobile phones to send inappropriate text messages is also a problem. How should parents approach these questions? How do they keep their children safe as they surf the world-wide web? There will be a special meeting in the school on Monday 12 May to help parents get to grips with these issues. It will be held in the School Hall at 7.00 pm and will be taken by officers from the Strathclyde Police Computer Crime Unit. All are welcome. We hope for a good attendance for this important subject.

# Points Ahead Results for March

## TOP PUPIL IN SCHOOL:

Sally Chute (1.2) 8 merits



### S1

Sally Chute	1.2	8 merits
Amanda McAulay	1.1	5 merits
Caitlin Millar	1.2	5 merits
Gareth Scott-Dodd	1.4	5 merits
Fraser Gillies	1.1	4 merits
Caroline Logan	1.4	4 merits
Lauren Wilson	1.4	4 merits

### S2

Duncan Hooper	2.1	7 merits
Darren MacGregor	2.4	6 merits
Jayne Young	2.2	6 merits
Jim Galbraith	2.2	5 merits
Eilidh Macalister	2.2	4 merits
Paul Russell	2.3	4 merits
Amy Johnstone	2.2	4 merits
Gregor McFadyen	2.1	4 merits

### S3

Greig Gillespie	3.2	6 merits
Thomas Holden	3.1	5 merits
Alison Millar	3.3	5 merits
Laura Farren	3.3	5 merits
Zoe Booth	3.1	4 merits
Jake Sanders	3.4	4 merits
Peter Wilkinson	3.1	4 merits
Rachel McGeachy	3.3	4 merits

### S4

Emily Card	4.3	5 merits
Gemma Herrod	4.1	4 merits
George Good	4.4	4 merits
Yasmin Parr	4.4	4 merits

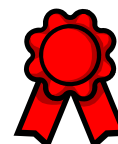
### S5/6

John Shaw	5.4	5 merits
Alasdair MacIndeor	5.3	5 merits
Adam Graham	5.2	5 merits
Darren McSporrnan	5.1	4 merits
Alex Pirie	5.1	4 merits
Heather Lazarus	5.3	4 merits
Elaine Ferguson	6.2	3 merits
Alana McDonald	5.1	3 merits
Michael Fee	6.1	3 merits
Laura Campbell	5.2	3 merits

## Class & House Points

\*50 points deducted for de-merits not entered.  
Number of merits is shown. This is converted into points and added to totals.

Class	Merits*	De-merits	Total Points	Average	
1.1	38	5	1631	25	4th
1.2	50	2	1710	26	1st
1.3	29	6	1614	24	
1.4	27	17	1532	26	
2.1	43	22	1415	26	3rd
2.2	45	39	1390	27	2nd
2.3	29	11	1119	27	
2.4	30	14	1378	27	
3.1	29	15	1119	25	
3.2	26	30	1163	23	
3.3	34	24	1123	26	
3.4	13	13	1073	25	
4.1	25	5	981	27	
4.2	26	27	958	26	
4.3	14	12	765	25	
4.4	20	1	1140	24	
5.1	24	11	1192	21	
5.2	18	9	1064	21	
5.3	15	13	1106	21	
5.4	15	2	927	18	



House	Points	Position
Davaar	6338	1st
Bengullion	6285	2nd
Kilbrannan	5727	4th
Knockscalbert	6050	3rd



## Childline recycling

Well done! The winners of Childline recycling scheme were:-

1<sup>st</sup> - Gayle McGeachy (MP3 player)

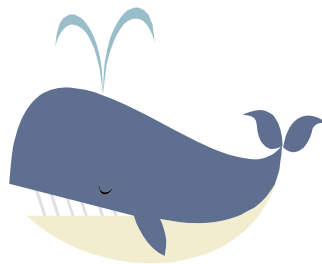
2<sup>nd</sup> - Kathryn McCorkindale (Fair Trade Easter Egg)

## CGS Ecoteam has two new members

Welcome to Abigail Muir of 11 and to Ailsa Nebraska of the GRAB trust. Ailsa is involved in organizing events such as beach cleans and the Kintyre Marine Awareness Weekend. Ailsa came along to speak to us on 19 March to talk about the design of a new information display at Westport beach. We hope that the school will become involved designing and making a new notice board and decorating it. Ailsa can also help us with litter picks which we hope to organize in the new term.

## Bins

Some of our litter and recycling bins have arrived and the others should be with us this term.



## Green Day

A green day for S1 pupils is being organized for Friday, 30 May. This will give pupils the opportunity to work with the Eco-group team who will lead workshops in the morning and carry out interesting activities with Science, Geography, Art, PE, IT and Home Economics. These inter-disciplinary activities are part of our piloting of materials from the new Curriculum for Excellence. There will be visitors from the local community to talk about SUSTAINABILITY which is the theme of the day. This will lead to work in classes which will show pupils how the environment is important in many subject areas.

## Action

We have nearly finished our environmental review and we have just started work on our action plan. The three areas we will focus on are:

- LITTER
- WASTE MANAGEMENT
- SCHOOL GROUNDS

We would like as many people as possible to get involved in working on these projects - not just Eco-team members. Any pupil or parent interested in helping please contact Miss Cameron at the School.

# School Badminton 2008

There's been a whole lot of badminton going on in CGS recently!  
Since September of last year, courts have been available during lunch times to pre-book games. Many students, in particular those in the junior boy's category in S1-S3, took up this opportunity, all very appropriate for a Health-Promoting School!



Later, in October, the school competitions started in earnest and these have finally reached a conclusion. The students were responsible for organising their matches, booking their courts and arranging umpires. In the main, they are to be commended for their (mostly) fine organisational skills, as well as good sportsmanship! This year for the first time, the Senior Boys and the Girls Singles event took the format of round-robin tournaments, requiring even more organisation than usual. After many thrilling and exciting matches, all events have now been completed. The eventual winners and runners-up are as listed below. Well done to the competitors and keep practising for next season!

<b>Junior Boys Doubles:</b>	W:	Duncan Hooper and Alan Lazarus
	RU:	Robbie Dudley and Gregor McFadyen
<b>Girls Doubles:</b>	W:	Stephanie Mitchell and Lorna Armour
	RU:	Sarah Muir and Rosie Dreghorn
<b>Senior Boys Doubles</b>	W:	Jonathan Mogie and Christopher Thomson
	RU:	Luke Angus and Richard Morrison
<b>Junior Boys Singles:</b>	W:	Duncan Hooper
	RU:	Robbie Dudley
<b>Senior Boys Singles:</b>	W:	Luke Angus
	RU:	Michael Fee
<b>Girls Singles:</b>	W:	Stephanie Mitchell
	RU:	Sarah Muir



The 2008 Badminton prize-winners (M Fee and J Mogie are missing from the line-up).

## Looking Ahead to August

Pupils entering **S5 and S6** in August will be interviewed by Guidance teachers prior to their return to school to ensure that their subject choices remain appropriate in the light of their final SQA results. In some cases, pupils may have to make alternative choices. Interviews will take place on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> August** in the school. A system of group appointments will be made as follows:-

No changes to be made	Report between 9am and 10 am
Changes to be made and/or those with orange stickers on options form	Report between 10 am and 12.30 pm

A letter confirming these times will be sent to all S5 and S6 during the summer holidays. Notices will also appear in the Courier and on Argyll FM.

## PE – keep the kids involved! It's for their own good!

Pupils are now starting the athletics block in their PE courses. Sadly, this often brings an increase in the number of "excuse me" notes provided by parents for what seem to be perfectly healthy individuals. This of great concern at a time when personal fitness and health - or the lack of same, coupled with a rise in obesity levels among the wider population - are very much in the news, The benefits of healthy exercise are well documented and we would ask that parents encourage their children to take part in the activities of the athletics block and not to underwrite the opportunity to "dodge the column". Everyone takes part at their own level - no-one is expected to be a Paula Radcliffe!

### Athletics Club – Track & Field

The athletics club meets on Wednesdays after school using the excellent outdoor athletics facilities we have here at the Grammar School. This club is open to all pupils and each year we train towards a number of competitions including our own annual school sports day in June as well as Lochgilphead Sports Day and Oban Highland Games. We are also keen to hopefully organise a Sports Day here in Campbeltown later in the summer. Please encourage you children to come along and participate actively after school.

### Dinghy Sailing Club

The school Dinghy Sailing Club meets on Thursday evenings using the facilities of Campbeltown Sailing Club and Campbeltown Loch. This club is open to all pupils and we use a variety of boats including Toppers, Laser Picos, G.P. 14s and Lasers. If your son/daughter would like to try this activity they must see Mr McQuaker in the PE Department to arrange a consent form. As this is Campbeltown Sailing Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, a number of exciting events are on the calendar, including a trip over to Gigha to sail, as well as the annual Davaar Cup, a race around Davaar Island.

## PTA Questionnaire – win a family meal out!

The PTA recently conducted a survey of parent and teacher views on the need for and the functioning of the PTA. There had been a disappointing response to recent PTA events and the questionnaire was designed to assess the level of interest in the PTA to address some of the concerns. There was a good response to the questionnaire and a quick look at the responses suggests that many parents and staff value the role of the PTA and would wish to support it. One option suggested is that the PTA becomes a fund raising sub-committee of the Parent Forum. There will be a full report of the findings in the June Newsletter. A voucher was offered as a prize to one family drawn at random from those who responded to the questionnaire. The winners of the draw for the £50 voucher towards a family meal in a local hotel or restaurant were Colin and Hazel Stalker, parents of Cara (1.1) and Scott (4.1).

# Summer Football Festival

Mr Dylan Kerr, Football Development Officer, is organising a Summer Football Festival in Campbeltown from Monday 30 June to Friday 4 July (the first week of the summer holidays). More details as we receive them. We hope that a good number of pupils will want to take the chance to get involved in the Festival both to try and improve their football skills and to help make good use of their time during the holidays!

## Some News from PSHE

During the month of May, S1 pupils will be embarking on a unit of work on Relationship and Sex Education. An explanatory letter and accompanying information leaflets for parents have been sent home with pupils so parents should request that these be recovered from the depths of the schoolbag if they have not received them already! Any pupil who has not received a pack should check in the first instance with their Registration Teacher.

Throughout May, S2 students are taking part in a project being run in conjunction with the Kintyre Substance Misuse Forum and KADAS (Kintyre Alcohol and Drugs Advisory Service). Representatives from both groups will be in school to talk with classes and launch the project. Over subsequent lessons, under the umbrella heading of "Choices and Consequences", pupils will learn more about the effects of alcohol, drugs and solvents on their life choices and look at ways of increasing self esteem to avoid peer pressure. The project will also include pupils working in the Art Department to produce posters for display in the community based on the themes of "Alcohol and Drugs - Consequences on Health/Employability/Careers". We look forward to seeing the finished Artwork on display in June and hope the pupils benefit from this project in their personal decision making.

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## Dates to note this month

Friday 16 May	S1 Reports issued.
Tuesday 27 May	S3 Parents' Evening.
Friday 30 May	"Green Day".
Monday 2 June	New timetable starts - all pupils move up a year.
Monday 2 June	S4 Work Experience Week 1* ( <b>Please note change of date from school calendar</b> )
Friday 6 June	Senior Pupils return from Study Leave. Next issue of Newsletter.
Monday 9 June	S6 Citizenship Training Day 1.
Tuesday 10 June	School Sports Day.
Monday 16 June	S4 Work Experience Week 2 * ( <b>Please note change of date from school calendar</b> )

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