



Parents' Newsletter



CUSTOMER SERVICE EXCELLENCE

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Head Teacher's Letter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Another school session is drawing to a close. Where has the time gone?? April was a particularly awkward month because we had so many holiday weekends, and now we find ourselves careering towards the end of June.

It has been a particularly positive end to the school session for us. A number of the articles below reflect this – the school achieved amazing success at the county sports, bringing back a haul of medals; we entered the Amazing Things Awards for the first time and came away with a first prize and 2 certificates; our awards ceremonies

were tremendously uplifting; our dancers did the school proud at the dance festival; our school show High School Musical was a phenomenal success.

With all these positive events fresh in our minds I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. Thank you for your support this session. We do appreciate it.

Yours sincerely
Stewart Young

Summer Holiday Arrangements

Please note the following dates :

30th June: School closes at 1 p.m. for the summer break

4th August: SQA exam results are sent out by text, email and post.

11th August: Re-coursing day for senior pupils (See further details below).

16th/17th August: In-service days for staff

18th August: All Pupils start back at 8.50 a.m.

Recoursing

Please note : If your son/daughter has sat SQA exams and wishes to discuss a possible level or subject change, he/she should come into school on Thursday, 11th August at the following times :

S6: 9.30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

S5: 1 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

All Pastoral Care teachers will be available in the Assembly Hall.

No re-coursing will be possible after this date.

Staffing News

As always, the end of the school year is a time for some staff to leave and for others to arrive.

This June we are saying farewell to Mrs Graham, PT Pastoral Care in Cumbrae House. Mrs Graham has been a mainstay of the school for the last 21 years, getting involved in an almost unparalleled number of trips, exchanges and activities. We will all miss her enthusiasm and energy and her commitment to the wellbeing of the young people in her charge. At this moment we do not yet know who Mrs Graham's replacement will be.

Mr Fleming, PT of Art and Design, will also be retiring this June. There is no doubt that Mr Fleming has been one of the great characters of the school, whether singing in the school choir, singing solo, singing "Happy Birthday" to pupils in the dining hall, or even teaching in his classroom! Again, we will miss the fun that he has brought. Mr Borland will take over in August as PT Art and Design.

Our third and final retiree is Mrs Rolland in the Modern Languages Department. She is one of our longest serving staff members, having worked here for a total of 29 years. The pull of early retirement has been too strong for Mrs Rolland, even her enthusiasm for the school and her subject has not been able to resist! We wish Mrs Rolland, Mrs Graham and Mr Fleming all the best for a long, happy and healthy retirement.

In addition, we have also just said farewell to Miss Herron who has gone to Lourdes Secondary in Glasgow as PT Modern Languages. Miss Herron will be a great loss to the school as she has involved herself in a number of whole-school activities. We wish her all the very best as she enters this new phase in her career.

We are also saying farewell to Mrs Donn who is leaving us to start in Jordanhill school in August. We will certainly miss Mrs Donn's contribution to the wider life of the school, but she takes with her our very best wishes, for the future.

Every year we have a number of NQTs (newly qualified teachers) who spend the first year of their teaching career with us. This year we had a group of 7 excellent teachers, all of whom now have to leave us and move on to pastures new. They have brought a lot of dynamism to the school and we have learned from their ways of working. We wish them well as they too move on to the next phase in their career :

Mrs Alexander (Drama), Mr Connell (Maths), Miss Donald (Business), Miss Du-Feu (Physics), Miss Jamieson (English), Miss McLeman (English), Miss Smith (History).

Our new NQTs next session are: Mr Fraser (Geography), Mrs McCormick (English) and Miss Murray (Business Education) We are looking forward to welcoming them as part of our team.

Key SQA dates to note in session 2011/2012



S4 prelims: Begin 12th December 2011
S5/6 prelims: Begin 30th January 2012
SQA exam leave : S4 pupils: 24th April 2012
S5/6 pupils: 1st May 2012

These dates are inclusive



Have you checked our website recently? No?! You should! It is being constantly updated by Mrs Lumsden and her media team.

Everything you need to know about the school and what is going on there can be found on our website which also gives links to other key educational websites which you might find of interest.



Employability Placements

I mentioned in a recent Newsletter (Issue 6) that Clydebank High School achieves a higher % of young people going into university, college, employment, training than any other school in WDC. With this in mind, I thought that you would find the figures in the table below of interest.

Please note : 1. Clydebank High School manages to have significantly more pupils placed into employment at the end of S4 than any other school. 2. We have only a few S5 leavers, hence the low numbers quoted.

Numbers 2009-10	CHS	DA	OLSP	SPTA	VOLA	Total
S4 Summer Leavers	36	7	14	19	6	82
Other / Supported						118
Total						200

Numbers 2010-11 draft	CHS	DA	OLSP	SPTA	VOLA	Total
S4 Summer Leavers	43	15	21	11	21	114
S5 Winter Leavers	7	4	5	5	3	24
S5 Summer Leavers	14	11	19	24	30	99 (2xS6)
Other / Supported						79
Total						316

Leadership

Our first ever Leadership Trophy donated by Lord McFall of Alcuith was won by William Brown, a pupil in S6, who has been one of our best leaders for a number of years.

- For 2 years in a row William organised a sponsored bike ride to Yorkhill hospital.
- William organised the inter-house football tournament S1-S6.
- William achieved the Sports' Leader Award Level 2 + first aid certificate (done via the primary school in S5; this year William mentored 2 S5 pupils who worked with P6 and P7 in Carleith primary).
- This year William organised a P7 football festival.
- While still in P7 William coached P2s and P3s
- William attends the Sports Youth Group where he has received ongoing training.
- William organised school football, 1 hour per week, for S1/2 pupils.
- William has achieved (via Active Schools) Certificates for Jog Scotland and Club Golf.
- William has achieved a Lifeguard Award.



S1/S2 Awards Ceremony

Our S1/S2 Awards Ceremony took place on the afternoon of Friday, 3rd June. Almost 400 people crammed into our assembly hall to be part of this event. This is much less formal than our senior awards ceremony and the speeches were delivered by senior pupils.

Here are the names of our award winners :

Platinum Merit Awards

Natalie Abraham	1A1	Robbie Long	1A1	Fraser Johnston	1B2	Kieran Kay	1C2
Morgan Hendry	1A1	Brenna Miller	1A1	John Kelly	1B2	Chloe Sharp	1C2
Mairi McCauley	1A1	Lauren O'Hare	1A1	Morgan Kelly	1B2	Jasmine Sharp	1C2
Kirsty Tamburrini	1A1	Lauryn Wilson	1A1	Scott Lindsay	1B2	Michael Sherry	1C2
Katie Young	1A1	Jamie Archer	1A2	Paul McBeth	1B2	Charlie Short	1C2
Rose Hutcheson	1A2	Colin Cairney	1A2	Rachel McDermid	1B2	Courtney Smith	1C2
Holly Stanley	1A2	Carrie Chsholm	1A2	Shelby McGuinness	1B2	Fiona Sweeney	1C2
Emily Annandale	1B1	Erin Costello	1A2	Sydnee Michie	1B2	Kristen Voy	1C2
Nicola Duffy	1B1	Euan Crawford	1A2	Laura Porteous	1B2	Isla West	1C2
Sophie Lawlor	1B1	Christopher Haughey	1A2	Ross Wilson	1B2	Josh Cook	1D1
Lucy Maclaren	1B1	Teresa Laing	1A2	Taylor Carson	1B3	Caitlin Dabek	1D1
Ruth McKechnie	1B1	Jodie Latimer	1A2	Melissa Duncan	1B3	Beth Fisher	1D1
Kirsty Stormouth	1B1	Michael Lipp	1A2	Gemma Gibney	1B3	Shawn Forfar	1D1
Laura Fisher	1B2	Cara McCombe	1A2	Katie King	1B3		
Andrew Hyslop	1B2	Chloe McCormack	1A2	Robyn McIntosh	1B3	Sarah-Ann Hep-	1D1
Anna McCutcheon	1B2	Rebecca McCormack	1A2	Jack Muir	1B3	Erin McGowan	1D1
Lauren McGregor	1B2	Cameron McKinnon	1A2	Danielle Murray	1B3	Ross Price	1D1
Beth McLachlan	1B2	Erin McLeod	1A2	Courtney Stanway	1B3	Jack Sinclair	1D1
Georgie Edwards	1B3	Tamara Murdoch	1A2	Zoe Sutton-Adamson	1B3	Morgan Cook	1D2
Callum Blair	1C1	Zak Murray	1A2	Matthew Taylor	1B3	Mirren Coull	1D2
Megan Gillies	1C2	Jennifer Nelson	1A2	Mhairi Taylor	1B3	Gregor Fulton	1D2
Nicole Kelly	1C2	Amy Prouse	1A2	Andrew Adair	1C1	Caitlin Hamilton	1D2
Aaron Miller	1C2	Max Bird	1B1	Shannon Crossan	1C1	Connor Latimer	1D2
Alan Muir	1C2	Bradley Bond	1B1	Kayleigh Cunningham	1C1	Scott McDonald	1D2
Frazer Rawls	1C2	Morgan Collins	1B1	Lauren Docherty	1C1	Marc McGowan	1D2
Leigh Bowie	1D1	Zoe Cosgrove	1B1	Chloe Fraser	1C1	Nathan Williams	1D2
Chloe Cunningham	1D1	Courtney Dalglish	1B1	Reece Laiolo	1C1	Caitlin Milne	1D2
Holly Doris	1D1	Riese Davidson	1B1	Lauren McDonald	1C1	Zac Morton	1D2
Bethany Jones	1D1	Matthew Forrest	1B1	Holly McKinnon	1C1	Alistair Robinson	1D2
Jack McKinlay	1D1	Lewis Greig	1B1	Ross McNeil	1C1	Kayleigh Sinclair	1D2
Jennifer McNab	1D1	Nicole Greig	1B1	Colin McOmish	1C1	James Wheelans	1D2
Daryl Cox	1D2	Mark Kelly	1B1			Chloe Wynne	1D2
Bethany Crawford	1D2	Samantha Love	1B1	Justin Robertson	1C1	Holly Anderson	1D3
Lorna McLean	1D3	Abubakr Mahmood	1B1	James Robson	1C1	Amy Boyd	1D3
Aimee Melvin	1D3	David McCallum	1B1	Kirsty Russell	1C1	Ryan Buchanan	1D3
Lucy Wood	1D3			Jamie Stewart	1C1	Iain Henderson	1D3
		Shannon Milmine	1B1	Rachel Wiseman	1C1	Darren Kennedy	1D3
		Stephanie Purdie	1B1	Caitlin Andrews	1C2	Ainsley McFadyen	1D3
		Corey Smith	1B1	Rebekah Cameron	1C2	Erin Ponsonby	1D3
		Ryan Speirs	1B1	Callum Daniell	1C2	Greg Sidwell	1D3
		Danielle Barbour	1B2	Jake Duncan	1C2	Kelsi Stewart	1D3
		Reece Carlyle	1B2	Megan Esdale	1C2	Jenna Thomson	1D3
		Robert Docherty	1B2	Monica Findlay	1C2		
		Ross English	1B2	Craig Gordon	1C2		
		Louise Finch	1B2	Taylor Hay	1C2		
		Craig Gray	1B2	Ling Yee Ho	1C2		

Gold Merit Awards

Ross Anderson	1A1
Beth Bowers	1A1
Amy Brown	1A1
Alan Docherty	1A1
Adam Laurie	1A1



S1/S2 Awards Ceremony

In addition a number of special prizes were awarded by Mr A Fleming, who is retiring this year as Principal Teacher of Art.



Junior Dux Prize

Jennifer Cree 2B2

Jenna Langland Trophy

Adele Kane 2D1

Jordan Knight Trophy

Jack McKinlay 1D1

S1 Electives

Jennifer McNab 1D1

Spirit in Adversity

Jamie Archer 1A2

Stephanie Purdie 1B1

Best Cross Country Performer

Chloe McCormack 1A2

Rachel Wiseman 1C1

Ross Docherty 2D1

Rachel Busby 2D1



***Congratulations to everyone ! You thoroughly deserve your awards!
(Please note : We have already decided that we will have to split this junior
awards ceremony next year into S1 and S2 separately).***

S3/S6 Awards Ceremony

As mentioned in the last Newsletter our S3-S6 awards ceremony took place in our Assembly Hall on Tuesday, 7th June. As always, it was a hugely positive event and extremely well supported by the prize winners' families. Unfortunately, Lord McFall was not able to attend to present his new Leadership Trophy in person but his place was very ably taken by Mr Terry Lanagan, Executive Director of Education Services in WDC, whose address to the prize winners was highly inspirational.

Our S3 prize

winners were :

Neil MacLean 3B2

Nicola Beattie 3B1
Emma Hope 3C1

Kirsty Voy 3C1
Kieran Gallacher 3D1
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Isla McLarty 3A1
Hannah Colville 3A2

Chloe Wright 3D3

Ryan Wilson 3D2
Amy Deefholts 3C2
Melissa Lyle 3A2
Ciara Dunlop 3A2

Claire Tamburrini 3A2
Alistair MacVean 3A1
Sam McLafferty 3B1

Art & Design
Chemistry (1 nt 2)
Craft 7 Design
Physical Education
Computing
German
Bus Management
Administration (1 nt

Home Economics
Biology Std Grade
English
Modern Studies
Music
Spanish

Fashion & Textile
Technology (1 nt 1)
Chemistry
Biology 1 nt 1
Hospitality (1 nt 1)
Geography
Graphic Comm
Mathematics
Physics Std Grade
Chemistry Std Grade
Administration (1 nt 2)
French
History

J G McKenzie Prize
1st Neil MacLean 3B2
2nd Allanah Carson 3A1
3rd Hannah Colville 3A2

Spirit in Adversity
Andrew Caldwell 3A2
Kyle Masters 3B2
Dylan Thomson 3C2

Well done on your excellent achievements !

(For S4-S6 prize winners please refer to the previous Newsletter).

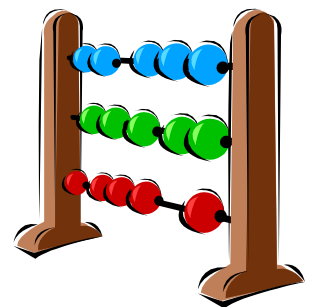
Junior Maths Challenge

Our Junior Maths Challenge took place again this year, below is a list of our winners:

**Gold Amy Hood 2D2 (Best In School)
Firas Mohd 2C3**

Silver George Bowman 2B1

**Bronze James Keenan 2A1
Melissa Keenan 2D1
Joanne Dempster 2A1
Cai Reilly 2C3
Chelsey Cornelius 2A2
Heather McEwan 2A1
Jack Adair 2D1
Ryan Devine 2C3
William Cowie 2D2**



Amazing Things Award

As a school we have been quite reticent over the years about taking part in competitions, mostly because we have felt that we had enough work to get on with already! However, this June we changed our strategy and did get involved in the Amazing Things Awards which is a West Dunbartonshire-wide competition. To our delight Clydebank High School was shortlisted in 2 different categories:

- Curriculum areas and subjects
 1. **S1 Curricular Choice (Leigh Bowie & Gregg McGuire)**
 2. **Super Mario Kart Computing (Jack McKinlay & Jennifer McNab)**
- Opportunities for personal achievement

Peer Educator Programme (Lyndsey Mulherron & Samantha Ferguson)



The finals were held on 10th June in Dumbarton Burgh Hall where our pupil teams discussed their bids with a panel of judges. At the end of the day our pupils came back with a 1st prize and 2 certificates, a fantastic achievement, I'm sure you will agree. Very well done to everyone!

I have printed below for your interest the 3 bids that we submitted.



Peer Educator Programme

In June 2010, before officially starting S6, our year group were given a brief presentation about a substance misuse training programme due to start in August. The presentation appealed to us because we would be given the opportunity to teach children about the impact of taking substances.

At the start of our S6 year, Louise Anasus interviewed 23 of us to see how much we already knew about drugs, alcohol and tobacco. It was fair to say that not all of us knew much about substances but hopefully our knowledge would improve before the presentations.

As the year progressed we carried out research and delivered presentations to our substance misuse group. We visited many different organisations that help people beat their addictions. The majority of us were unsure about what to ask, how much and the kind of information we would need so, we recorded everything! All the presentations were very interesting. At first we were nervous at presenting but it pulled the group together and we became much more confident in talking to and supporting each other.

In October some of us attended a teachers' in-service day on substance misuse telling them what our group was doing and helping a range of presenters to deliver aspects of substance misuse.

During November our group attended and presented at the national launch of a Tobacco Pack. There were people from several organisations, other schools and government representatives. We asked and got permission to use some of that day's information in our presentations.

Our group decided that it would be best if three of us became 'peer education co-ordinators'. This group would help prepare practically for the S1 presentations and link with Louise and Mrs Grumball in the school. This was a good idea as some preferred talking to the co-ordinators about their concerns or problems.

Lots of preparation and hard work went into the presentations, games and quizzes. Eventually we felt ready to present to S1.

Our group split into ten pairs and each of us had a different substance or substances to teach. At first we were anxious because we had never done anything like this before and were unsure how to begin our presentations. After lots of discussion and advice, we felt ready. The S1 pupils asked many different questions and we were able to answer most and, when we could not, the organisations working with us helped out. By the end of the presentations we felt confident in what we were doing and knew we were teaching S1 pupils how to make better lifestyle choices resulting in better health.

After the S1 presentations, we were interviewed again to see if we had achieved our original aims. Some of us have changed so much, we have become leaders and much more confident in tackling difficult things. Overall we have had a great time and a number of us have asked to come back to school to help out with next year's programme.

Amazing Things Award cont.

S1 Curricular Choice

Since we first came to Clydebank High School (CHS), when we were still in P7, we have known that we would be the first year group to try the new Curriculum for Excellence (CfE). We came for Transition days to find out about the layout of the school and to try out some of the subjects that would be new for us when we came back in August.

Some of our parents joined a focus group so the school could get their opinions on the new curriculum. The school asked our parents about the new ways we were learning in class and about how best our teachers could tell them about our progress. After the parents' night in January there were some things they liked and other things they thought should be changed.

They also talked to our parents about whether we should keep studying all our first year subjects into second year or if we should get to drop some subjects and maybe try some new ones. They decided to let us make choices at the end of first year. We are going to study the subjects we choose till the end of S3. Then we get to choose the subjects we want to study for S4 and S5.

In February we had our first chance to see what kind of choices we could make at the end of the year. All of the new subjects were explained to us. In March the school held an information night for all the parents and explained how the new curriculum would work after S1. They were shown all the choices we could make at the end of S1 then again at the end of S3. They talked about some S6 pupils and showed how they would go through CHS if they were in first year now and what careers they were going to go into.

In a lot of the classes we have had this year, our teachers have given us some freedom to choose what we study. I like this because I get to show that I can be creative. (See the examples in the appendices)

I think it is good that I can drop some of the subjects I don't like or don't enjoy. If I keep the ones I am good at, it might help me to get the job I want when I leave school.

Before we made our final choices the school held another information night for our parents to explain how we can progress through different levels in CfE. They also saw the Personalisation Choice sheet and were given an explanation of how to fill it in.

I have been talking to my class teachers to get a better idea of what their subjects will be about in S2 and S3 and what I could do after that. Most subjects I could do up to Higher level if I work hard enough. The other place I have looked is our school website. There is a section which gives information about the different subjects. It also includes video examples of what we can do, like in Music or PE. I think this is better than just looking in a book.

I am glad that we are getting to personalise our timetable for S2. If we like our subjects we can continue studying them after S3, if not, we can choose different subjects from S4.

Examples of Pupil Choice in the classroom.

- **In Modern Studies we could choose which country we wanted to research.**
- **In Business Technology we had to come up with an idea for a product or service and then put together a business plan for our company.**
- **In Technology we had to choose what type of product to design – I chose a toy wooden truck.**
- **I like working in groups because everybody is responsible for a different part of the task – it means you are working a bit on your own but also with other people.**
- **In Music we get to try different instruments and then play more on the one we play best. I played a melodia in primary and in S1 I started quickly on keyboards because I was already quite good. We also get to compose our own tunes in different styles.**
- **In Computing we had to create characters to race in the Mario Kart competition. Then we had to go to HE or PE to learn about good diets for our racing driver characters and good warm up and strengthening exercises.**



Amazing Things Award cont.

Super Mario Kart Computing

Computing in Clydebank High is taught and learned through the principle of game based learning using the Mario Kart game on the Wii. Pupils are put into teams of four at the start of the year, and then learning throughout the year is structured as a Computing project based on a racing team theme. Time played on the Wii is approximately 15 minutes per pupil within a 4 week teaching period.

We wanted learning to change, to bring some energy into the classroom, to inspire pupils, challenge them and steer them into everything A Curriculum For Excellence is about.

The aim of the course was to use the Mario Kart game to:

- motivate pupils in their learning;
- promote Computing topics;
- develop team and collaborative learning;
- identify links into other curricular areas.



<u>Term 1</u>	<u>Term 2</u>	<u>Term 3</u>
Internet safety, Email, blogging, wikis, podcasting.	Project: Investigate hardware – manage a budget to purchase required devices	Menus – research nutrition and create well presented healthy menus for the teams
Team Web Page - Graphics, buttons, hyperlinks, design layout, logos, Background stories	Project: build and budget a travel itinerary for teams to race in Canada	Game design – analyse games, create a storyboard, create a game.
Additional learning ⇒	Numeracy, literacy, team work, leadership, responsibility, time management.	



Pupils have enjoyed the course, they have fun playing Mario, they like the idea of role playing their part in a racing team and incidentally manage to learn at the same time.



S1 Sports Day

All S1 pupils took part in

our sports day on 1st June with great enthusiasm. The winners were as follows:

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Boys	
1st	Ross Hutcheson
2nd	Ross O'Kane
3rd	Lewis McIntosh

House Totals	
Arran	6967 points
Bute	9321 points
Cumbrae	5439 points
Davaar	7004 points

Girls	
1st	Erin Costello
2nd	Ling Yee Ho
3rd	Stephanie Purdie

S2/S3 Sports Day

The S2/S3 Sports Day Took place on Thursday 9th June. The winners were as follows:

S2

Boys

- 1st Isaac Paul-Okoh
- 2nd Christopher McDonald
- 3rd Alistair Kennedy

Girls

- 1st Abbie Warrington
- 2nd Bethany Lynch
- 3rd Heather Beattie

S3

Boys

- 1st Craig Wilson
- 2nd Adam Stevenson
- 3rd Kyle Whyte

Girls

- 1st Jazz Paterson
- 2nd Kayleigh Rae
- 3rd Louise Stewart

House Totals	
Arran	4125 points
Bute	3453 points
Cumbrae	1853 points
Davaar	1439 points



House Totals	
Arran	1114 points
Bute	1456 points
Cumbrae	673 points
Davaar	1406 points



Marbella - Netball Trip

On Friday, 10 June 26 pupils and 3 members of staff flew out from Edinburgh Airport heading for Marbella for 5 days of Netball Training.

We had a fantastic time. We stayed in a 4 star hotel with all the luxuries you would expect. They had 2 hours of training each day with Sam, the Coach. Every day was hard work but every girl gave 100% despite the 90 degrees heat. We managed to fit in a few 'fun events' - theme park, dolphin trip and of course celebrity spotting and shopping in Porto Banus. In the evenings there were different team building activities, they were a talented group of girls and we were entertained with singing and dancing.

We played in a mini tournament in the National Stadium in Gibraltar. Everyone was fully committed and put into practice all of Sam's training tips.

Each day they were able to cool off in the swimming pool - just as well as they had eaten so much food over the holiday they needed the extra exercise.

Everyone commented on how smart the girls were in their red 'hoodies' and the netball coach and tour operator commended the pupils for their effort and behaviour throughout the trip.

Everyone arrived home safe and sound in the early hours of Tuesday morning. The trip was a great success, boosting, the girls' confidence and improving the girls' netball skills, all of which will be put into practice when they return to netball on Tuesday.

The team would like to thank all the staff, parents and local businesses for their generosity in supporting them financially for their trip. It was an experience they will always remember from their school days. Plans are already in progress for the next trip!!!

Stephanie Park, Mrs McLaughlin, Miss Herron



Dear Stewart Young,

My Name is Sam Brown and I was the Netball Coach for the Clydebank School Marbella trip. I would like to comment on the exceptional behaviour of the girls, coaching them was a delight, after every session I questioned the girls on the aims and objectives of the session and I was amazed by how much they learned. I personally feel that they improved a great deal as individual players as well as a team. Please pass on my gratitude to Hazel, Orla and Stephanie, they were extremely supportive and they had a remarkable rapport with the girls. This was an amazing opportunity and look forward to working with Clydebank High School in the future.

Kind Regards

Sam Brown

Sport & Wellness Development Officer

University of Sunderland

Dunbartonshire Schools Athletic Championships

What an outstanding event we had this year ! The winners were as follows

- **Kyle Whyte 100m Bronze**
- **Kyle Whyte 200m Bronze**

- **Adam Stevenson 200m Silver**

- **Craig Wilson Long Jump Silver**



The following pupils also achieved Silver in the 4 x 100m relay

- **Adam Stevenson**
- **Craig Wilson**
- **Alan Stewart**
- **Kyle Whyte**



The following pupils took part in the long jump

- **Miren Wright 4th Long Jump**
- **Ross Hutcheson 4th Long Jump**
- **Sean Cummings 2nd High Jump**

*PE Department
are very proud
of the pupils
who took part*



These results will allow us to have a special sports assembly on Wednesday, 22 June when we will present the medals (now engraved) to our own sports' champions, the country sports medal winners and the girls involved in the dance festival (see page 18). These are by far the most positive sports results that we have had for many years. Let's hope that this is the start of a trend.

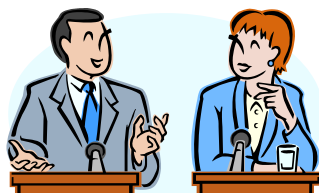
Congratulations to everyone, pupils and staff, for your enthusiasm and hard work.

S1 Debating Workshop

Well done to all the S1 pupils who took part in Ms McLeman and Mrs Ryan's Debating Workshop last month. All the pupils learned the rules of debating, and how to prepare for a debate before taking part in a debate at the end of the afternoon. Everyone performed well and both Mrs Ryan and Ms McLeman were impressed by the high standard and by the enthusiasm shown by the pupils.

A special thank you to the S3 Girls who helped make the afternoon such a success,

**Carla Beatty 3B2,
Kirsten McKechnie 3B2,
Katie O'Hare 3A2,
Olivia Patterson 3A1,
Zoe Pollok 3B2 and
Claire Tamburrrini 3A2.**



We couldn't have done it without you!

S1 Football Tournament

Our S1 Football team took part in a tournament at Celtic's Training Centre on Tuesday 14th June. The boys did really well, qualifying for the semi finals where they lost to Bearsden Academy. The behaviour of all members of the team was first class and this was also commented on by the staff from other schools and the Scottish Football Association coaches who were organising the tournament.

**Jamie Martin 1A1
Liam McCann 1A1
Jordan Mirren 1A1
Daryl Smith 1A1
Ben Baker 1A1
Zak Murray 1A2
Shelby McGuinness 1B2
Andrew Carroll 1B3
Lewis McIntosh 1C2**



Anti bullying Poster Competition

A very high standard this year that gave the judges a real headache in selecting top 3.

All other posters were so good that they have been placed around school and have already been commented on by parents and staff.

Many of the posters advertised the new WDC Child protection website at <http://www.wdcpc.org.uk/>

Top 3 posters are on display between Art Department and staffroom.

First Prize - Rebecca Graham
2D1



Second prize - Carly Buchanan
2A2



Third prize - Ross Elder 2D1



BBC News School Report

Letter Received from Ros Smith, Deputy Editor BBC School Report

Dear Head Teacher

Thank you to everyone at Clydebank High School for all your hard work on School Report 2010/2011. The project was a huge success and to recognise your efforts I have enclosed a certificate signed by Huw Edwards for the school.

As the Olympic broadcaster for the 2012 the BBC is in a unique position to help your students become 2012 news makers in their communities. We hope that over 1000 students will take part in 2011/2012 and that your school will be one of them.

The News Day will be on 15th March 2012, but we will be encouraging School Reporters to keep reporting throughout the year to capture events including Torch Relay, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, the Olympics and the Paralympics.

I do hope that Clydebank High School is going to take part again in 2011/2012.

Thanks again for all your support



Pupils' Successes

Tara Fitzpatrick 5D2

On the 2nd of April 2011 Tara was asked to attend a film audition in London for a new film written and directed by independent film maker Sally Potter (whose previous works include 'Orlando' starring Tilda Swinton and 'The Man Who Cried' starring Johnny Depp and Christina Ricci). Tara applied for the chance to audition after hearing about it through Scottish Youth Theatre. After this, she was given the chance to send an audition tape to the casting director and this led to three call backs before being called to

London for a formal live audition. Tara was the only Scottish girl who got through along with fourteen other girls from across the UK and many of them had previous film and television experience. Tara managed to get down to the final ten out of the original 1,600 girls who auditioned for the lead role. It was a great experience for Tara and gave her an insight into the film industry. Watch out for Tara in our school show, High School Musical, in June. She's a star in the making!



Catriona McNally 3D3

Congratulations to Catriona who has been accepted into Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama junior section which meets every Saturday in Glasgow. Catriona has been offered a place to study piano and will start in September for the full academic year. This is a fabulous achievement for her and she will be a great ambassador for Clydebank High School. Catriona would particularly like to thank Mrs McCormack from the Music department who provided a reference for her when she auditioned earlier this year.



Cameron Drummond 4C3

Congratulations to Cameron who recently took part in a Golf Tournament at Clydebank & District Golf Club in memory of local man Steven Burns.

Cameron came away with two prizes, nearest the hole in two and 'The Burno Cup.'



The Nuffield Foundation offers fifth year pupils the opportunity to spend their summer holidays in a university department working on a research project. The Biology department has sent pupils on Nuffield bursaries for the past seven years. This year the Physics department is also involved.



- Amy Cranney is going to the Vascular Biochemistry lab at the Western Infirmary to study low density lipoproteins (i.e. bad cholesterol)
- Kenneth Dew is going to the Physics department at Strathclyde to study short pulse laser amplification in a Raman amplifier
- Heather McLarty is going to the Physics department at Glasgow University

This is a wonderful opportunity for these pupils to experience cutting edge science and be part of a research team. We wish them well and look forward to hearing about their experience in a later Parents Newsletter.

Mr. M. Cowan (Biology)
Dr. S. Hamill (Physics)

Scottish Space School

We hope Neil and Heather find the experience rewarding.

Heather McLarty 6B1 and **Neil Montgomery 6A1** were selected to join other senior pupils from around Scotland at this year's Scottish Space School.

The Scottish Space School at Strathclyde University aims to inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers by highlighting the career and educational opportunities available to

young people with an interest in science, engineering and technology.

This is a week long residential course giving the pupils a chance to interact with fellow students, experience university life and meet an astronaut and cosmonaut. We hope Neil and Heather find the experience rewarding and enjoyable.

Dr Hamill, Physics Department.

Impact Arts Project



Impact Arts are a dynamic community arts organisation who specialise in Arts programmes committed to engaging young people within social regeneration projects and also work with a variety of community groups, Housing Associations and Schools.

Impact Arts visited Clydebank High over two days in the middle of May 2011. They worked with selected students from S1 and S2 where they gathered information and generated ideas for final pieces of Art work to be placed on the 'Art Wall' in the Radnor Park area. This is a large scale Art project working in partnership with Trafalgar Housing association. Here, they are re-designing the original installation which

some former pupils of Clydebank may have been involved in. Over the two days, pupils worked in small groups drawing out mind maps, collaborating in producing large scale design ideas for the wall. They also worked on individual designs where areas were selected to produce an even larger design piece. The pupils were introduced to the thought process behind Environmental Art and design and its impact in the areas in which they live. On the second day they developed some of their ideas from 2 dimensional images into some bizarre, abstract and fun small 3 dimensional sculptural pieces. The day ended with each group giving a small presentation of their final design ideas, discussing the thought process behind their ideas and where in the

local environment they could be placed. Some very interesting and creative discussions took place. All pupils involved in the project have been invited along to participate in the painting and presentation of the work, which will take place during the summer holidays.

Amy Brown 1A1
Kirsty Tamburrini 1A1
Stephanie Purdie 1B1
Samantha Love 1B1
Samantha Love 1B1
Emily Annandale 1B1
Jack Muir 1B3
Mathew Taylor 1B3
Zoe Sutton Adamson 1B3
Bethany Jones 1D1
Sarah Ann Hepburn 1D1
Jack McKinlay 1D1
Jennifer McNab 1D1
Leigh Bowie 1D1
Joanne Dempster 2A1
Heather McEwan 2A1
Anna Abraham 2A1
Corrie haran 2B2
Amy Hamilton 2B2
Abigail Harkness 2B2
Chloe Keenan 2B2
Amy Little 2B2
Louise McNally 2B2

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Our School Show - High School Musical

We all know the title; we all know that it was a major film hit for Disney. But what is it all about? According to Wikipedia "*High School Musical* is a story about two high school juniors from rival cliques – Troy Bolton, captain of the basketball team, and Gabriella Montez, a beautiful and shy transfer student who excels in maths and science. Together, they try out for the lead parts in their high school musical, and as a result, divide the school. Despite other students' attempts to thwart their dreams, Troy and Gabriella resist peer pressure and rivalry, inspiring others along the way not to "stick to the status quo". Sharpay Evans, a drama queen and high school diva will do anything to sabotage the friendship between Troy and Gabriella and also get a lead in the school musical, assisted by her brother Ryan".

Having started out in 2006 in USA, High School Musical came to Clydebank High School for a run of 3 nights, Monday, 13th June – Wednesday, 15th June 2011. With a huge level of team work across a number of staff and pupils, our version of this show was an instant success ! What a buzz there was ! The standard of singing was absolutely outstanding, as was the dancing, as were the staging and lighting It is truly hard to find the words that describe adequately the quality of the performance.

Thank you to all staff whose involvement made this great event possible, whether front of house or back stage or in music or dance coaching. It was a tremendous effort. This is the kind of event in which the participants learn so much and which they remember for their entire lives. This is Clydebank High School at its very best. Congratulations to everyone who took part.



Our Cast



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|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Troy Bolton | Calum Darroch | Mongo | Amy Higgins |
| Gabriella Montez | Laura McLellan | Jill Scott | Amy Tolland |
| Chad Danforth | Jack McCombe | Kelsi Neilson | Katie Fletcher |
| Zeke Baylor | Ross Bacchetti | | |
| Jason | Edward Brockett | Cheer Leaders | Erin Laurie |
| | Andrew Brown, | | Bethany McKee |
| | Lewis Crawford | | Clare Nicholson |
| Sharpay Evans | Chloe Latimer | | Georgia Pender |
| Ryan Evans | Oliver Keenan | | |
| Alan | Lewis Crawford | Adults | |
| Susan | Chloe Paton | Karaoke MC | William Boyd |
| Cathy | Mirren Coull | Ms Darbus | Caitlin Gilfillan |
| James | Andrew Brown | Cheer Leader | William Boyd |
| Cyndra | Sarah Kennedy | Ms Tenny | Kimberley McGowan |
| Performance Art Kids | | Moderator | Eilidh McCombe |
| | Beth Thomson & | | |
| | Olivia Patterson | Skater Dudes | |
| Taylor McKessie | Tara Fitzpatrick | Cheryl Burns, | Lyndsay Du-Feu, |
| Martha Cox | Cara McCombe | Cara McCombe, | Eildh |
| | & Allanah Carson | McCombe, | Alys Montgomery, |
| Kratnoff | Olivia Patterson | Jasmine Sharp, | Kayleigh Sinclair |
| Ripper | Mirren Coull | | |

It is truly hard to find the words that describe adequately the quality of the performance.



Our School Show - High School Musical cont.

Our Production Team

Producers	Chris Pugh & Lorna Hawthorn	Sound	David Watt
Director	Lorna Hawthorn	Set Design	Art Department
Musical Director	Chris Pugh	Costumes	Lesley Farrell & Carole McCormick
Choreography	Katrina Dunlop & Carol Smith	Props	Marian Cowan
Production Assistants	Teresa George & Suzanne Ryan	Make-up	Kathryn Thumath & Lyndsay DuFeu
Stage Manager	Dave Paton	Marketing	Emma Donn
Technical Director	John Hand	Tickets	Wendy McNally, Art Dept
Lighting	Ian McPherson & Scott Hood	Programme	Alison Crawford & Carrie Lumsden
		Front of House	Freda Graham, Marian McNicol & Team



Band

Piano/Musical Director	Chris Pugh	Bass Guitar	Colin Cunningham
Drums	Laurence Devenney	Guitar	James O'Neill
		Keyboards	Michael Kelly



Dear Mr Young

I am a teacher at Lomond School and I accompanied my wife to your school production last night. I would like to say that it was an excellent performance and clearly obvious how much work the young people have put into it. The atmosphere was fantastic and the support from their peers was great to see. You clearly have some talented young people who reflect well on your school.

**Yours sincerely
C Dunlop**

Clydebank High School In the News



Clydebank High Goes Wild

Clydebank High has been awarded a grant to create spaces for wildlife and gardening. The Big Lottery has awarded the school £1.228 from its Community Wildlife programme. The Radnor Park School will use the funding to develop an area of under utilized land.

The space will be improved and areas will be created for wildlife and gardening. The wider community will assist in the delivery of the project.

The grant will be used to buy a bird table, bird boxes, a view cam, seeds, bulbs, plants, plant pots and materials for raised beds.



Girls in dance festival

The following girls performed at the Active Schools Dance Festival on the 8th June at St Peter the Apostle High School. They attended 13 weeks of the CHS Fit for Girls Club, and showed themselves to be dedicated, enthusiastic and mature individuals who, despite not all knowing each other, have worked amazingly well together as a team, as evidenced by their routine at the festival! We are all incredibly proud of all their achievements.

Isla Mclarty 3A1, Kim MacPherson 3A1, Caitlin Gilfillan 3A2, Bonnie McNeil 3A2, Chloe Vincent 3B1, Hirra Mahmood 3B2, Leanne Hill 3B3, Amy McDonald 3C2, Nikki Main 4A1, Laura McLellan 4A2, Sarah Kennedy 4B1, Katie Fletcher 4B1, Gemma McDonald 4B2, Kaiynat Mahmood 4C1, Charmaine Tembo 4C3, Chloe Anderson 4D1, Carla Gallagher 4D2.



CHS rumbled in the jungle

Pupils were marvelling in the tropical temperatures at Scotland's indoor Amazonia rainforest.

Around 94 excited pupils were daring enough to overcome their fears and phobias when they held slippery snakes and a five-inch tarantula.

During the trip pupils were given a dedicated Ranger tour.

Pupils also experienced the free flying birds and butterflies that were all around.

Abbie, S2, enjoyed watching the monkeys swinging from tree to tree and Jordan, S1, found the bats very interesting as they hung upside down in their cosy surroundings.

There were lots of other exciting animals; tropical fish, creepy ants, unusual but beautiful tropical birds,

and chomping crocodiles not forgetting our eight-legged friends.

The tour concluded with an interesting, educational information session with an animal expert.

Pupils got the chance to play some interactive games which included the Butterfly Game.

They had to collect as many butterflies as they could in 30 seconds.

The afternoon was spent browsing round the gift shop and relaxing with a bite to eat.

Abbie said: "It was a memorable and fun day and I would recommend a visit to Amazonia and the other attractions."

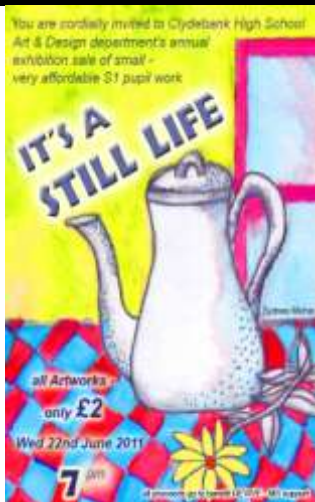
By Caitlin Jordan, S2 journalist

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We're on the web!

www.clydebankhigh.org.uk



Tuesday 21st June	P7 Visit
Wednesday 22nd June	P7 Visit
Wednesday 22nd June	School Summer Concert 7pm
Wednesday 22nd June	Art Exhibition 7pm
Tuesday 28th June	Activities Day
Wednesday 29th June	Activities Day
Thursday 30th June	School Closes
Thursday 4th August	SQA Exam Results
Thursday 11th August	Re-coursing day
Tuesday 16th August	In-service day
Wednesday 17th August	In-service day
Thursday 18th August	Pupils Return

SCHOOL CLOTHING GRANTS / FREE SCHOOL MEALS

From the 2011 academic year, the benefits section within the Corporate Services Department will be dealing with the award of school clothing grants and free school meals.

Please note that the Registrations office will no longer deal with these applications

If you received a clothing grant or free school meals last year, you will not need to apply again this year as your entitlement will be reconsidered automatically.

Forms are available on the Council website. Alternatively you can complete the application over the telephone by calling our Customer Contact Centre on **01389 738282** and one of our team will take the information from you.

If you have any queries please telephone **01389 738282**.

Applications and any information requested can be sent to

- Housing Benefit Section, Council Office, Garshake Road, Dumbarton G82 3PU
- Housing Benefit Section, Council Offices, Roseberry Place, Clydebank G81 1TG
- Housing Office, Mitchell Way, Alexandria G83 0LW



TRUANCY CALL

In an effort to continuously improve the level of service we provide we have been trialling a new system for truancy alerts. So far this seems to be successful however as with all new processes there have been some glitches. Please bear with us while we streamline the system and thank you for your patience