



# Headlines

## December 2005



### Carol Concert

The **Annual Carol Concert** will be held in the School Assembly Hall on **Tuesday 20 December at 7.30 pm**. The programme will feature each of the School ensembles with seasonal favourite pieces. There will be a voluntary collection in aid of **Action Cancer Northern Ireland**. Everyone is welcome and there will be an opportunity to join in Carols and chat over tea and coffee afterwards.

### Senior Brass Band Entertain at Millennium Forum

Limavady Grammar School Senior Brass band was invited to perform at the popular Northwest Celebration of Christmas Peace concert in the Millennium Forum on Tuesday 13 December. The Band replaced the advertised WELB Youth Orchestra and appeared alongside Huntley Brown, a gospel pianist, Irish dancers, Ruth Graham, daughter of evangelist Billy, and most notably, the London Community Gospel Choir. The Band performed extremely well and was warmly received by the capacity audience. Congratulations to Mr Haigh and all the band members.

*Dr D Collins*

### Swimming Success

Congratulations to **David Finlay** (Year 11) who recently achieved a Personal Best time of 31.11 secs in the Intermediate Boys 50 m Front Crawl at the Ulster Grammar Schools' gala in Belfast.

*Miss M Doherty*

### Congratulations to the U16 Soccer Team



The school Under 16 Soccer team produced an outstanding performance to seal a 5:2 Victory against Ballymoney High school in the Coleraine and District Schools Cup.

This was a fantastic team effort against a very strong Ballymoney side. It was evident from the first whistle that the team were totally committed. They passed the ball about the park with ease, played some great one touch football and mature link play.

The team was led by captain Gavin Macqueen, who scored once. Daniel Heaney and Philip Lowry both scored 2 goals.

*Mr R Donnell*

Miss Marjolaine Jégou, the French assistant offers individual lessons to pupils from Years 8-14 who wish to improve their French. This is of course a private arrangement and the cost is £6.00 per 35 minute lesson.

## Stay Safe at Christmas Campaign

- safety of pupils travelling to and from schools during the 2005 Christmas period
- As the Christmas season approaches again, pupils need to be particularly vigilant when travelling to and from school. The limited visibility during dark mornings and evenings, coupled with the excitement surrounding the Christmas season, can result in serious, and sometimes fatal, accidents at this time of year.
- Emphasise particularly the need for pupils to exercise the utmost care when boarding and getting off buses. It is vitally important that when pupils are disembarking from the bus they take up a position close to the side of the road, at the doors, and allow the bus to move safely away from the stop. Pupils should cross only when the road is free of traffic and they have a clear view to their left and right.
- Parents who wait at bus stops for children, should be advised to do so at the side of the road where pupils get off the bus and avoid having their children run across the road to greet them.

## Allez, Les Bleus!!



Further congratulations go to our French debating team of Andrew McC, Danielle H, Mary H and Joanna McC (all Year 14) who defeated St. Columb's College in a tough quarter-final tie on December 5. Despite being drawn away from home and having the difficult task of arguing against the motion, *la télé domine trop notre vie*, (television dominates our lives too much), we managed to persuade the audience that we have better things to do with our lives than watching television and the judges ruled in our favour. Andrew McC's efforts as team captain were rewarded with the "best overall speaker" award and we wish the team well as they progress through to the semi-final.

Joanna McC's efforts in French debating over the last two years have been recognised with a call-up to the Irish French debating team who will be competing in an international debate against a team from France in Dublin in January. Joanna is the only pupil from Northern Ireland to be selected for the team and we wish her every success as she represents the school and her country in this exciting event.

*Mr I Sampson*

## Bands of Friendship

On behalf of my Year 13 Form Class, I would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents who purchased friendship bracelets for CLIC Sargent Northern Ireland.

December is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and to promote this idea at LGS, Dr McGuinness kindly allowed pupils to wear a bracelet in school. As a result, I am proud to announce we have raised a grand total of £560 which will directly benefit children in Northern Ireland.

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.

*Miss J Coid*

## End of Term Arrangements

School terms ends on **Wednesday 21 December at 12.45 pm**. The School Canteen will be closed but a packed lunch can be ordered in advance. Buses leave school grounds along Londonderry route at 1.00 pm. All other buses depart at normal times. Spring term commences on **Wednesday 4 January 2006 at 9.00 am**.



**Dr McGuinness and the staff of LGS wish all parents a  
Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year**

