

Headlines



January 2006

2006 Holidays

Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 20 & Tuesday 21 February 2006
St Patrick's Day	Friday 17 March 2006
Easter Holiday	Friday 7 April (1.00 pm finish) – Monday 24 April (9 am start)
May Day Holiday	Monday 01 May 2006
School Year ends	Friday 30 June 2006 (1.00 pm finish)
Autumn Term begins	Friday 01 September 2006
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Monday 30 October to Friday 03 November (inclusive)
Christmas Holiday	Friday 22 December (1.00 pm finish) – Monday 08 January 2007

2006 Diary Dates

Open Night	Monday 06 February 2006
Love for Life Presentations for years 9, 11 & 12	Tuesday 28 February 2006
Year 13 Parents' Meeting	Wednesday 01 March 2006 from 4-6 pm
Year 13 Work Experience	Monday 06 March – Friday 10 March 2006
Year 11 Parents' Meeting	Tuesday 21 March 2006 from 4-6 pm
Spring Concert	Thursday 06 April 2006
Barcelona Hockey Tour	Sunday 09 April – Thursday 13 April 2006
Year 9 Parents' Meeting	Thursday 18 May from 4-6 pm

2nd XV Rugby

The 2nds continue to have a very good season, having won 10 out of their 13 matches. After two 2-point defeats over the holidays they got back to winning ways with a comprehensive 28:10 victory over Foyle. However, their real highlight was a 62:14 demolition of Belfast High School, in Belfast, in the first round of the 2nd XV Cup. Playing with strength, speed and skill they ran in 10 times against very competent opponents. Wingers Philip Dunwoody and Richard Boyd scored 4 and 2 tries respectively, while Mark O'Connor and hooker Matthew Corbett each grabbed two more in a thoroughly impressive and memorable performance. Great credit is due to everyone in a squad comprising mainly Year 14 and Year 12 boys.

Mr B Dunwoody

1st XI Hockey

Congratulations to the 1st XI hockey team on winning a nail biting match against Down High School. This match ended with penalty strokes after extra time.

They are now through to the quarter finals of the plate when they play the winners of Antrim Grammar and Regent House.

Good Luck!

Mrs J Higgins

Comenius Project – Trip to Estonia November 2005

Last year Mr Devlin started a research project with three other countries in the European union: Greece, Poland and Estonia, on the subject of energy, waste and conservation. This is a three year project which is funded by Socrates and administered by the British Council in Belfast.

Now in the second year of the project, I had the pleasure of traveling to Estonia from 16-20 November to meet the other schools involved, review the work done in each school so far and submit an action plan of activities for this year and the third and final year of the project.

From the moment I arrived in Estonia, I was overwhelmed by the welcome I received from both the teachers and students from the other three countries and schools. The visit was primarily based around the project and the use of energy in the hosting country.

As there are not many British who speak Polish, Greeks who speak Estonian or Polish who speak Greek, all of our meetings were conducted in English. The Estonian pupils presented their project to us and all their research was in English. Their understanding of our language is exceptional.

Our excursions involved a visit to an oil-shale mine, one of the main sources of energy in Estonia and to an energy centre in the capital of Tallinn.

Representatives from each of the countries will be visiting us in April and they look forward to seeing our wonderful school and experiencing the diverse culture that I experienced in Estonia.

The Comenius Project gives European Students the chance to engage in activities and cultures beyond those in the classroom and a chance to learn from each other as well as teach each other interesting facts, in this case, about the main sources of energy in each country. This was a thoroughly worthwhile visit and we look forward to working with these three countries in the future.



Readathon 2006 – Who is your Favourite Character?

Pupils in English classes in Years 8-10 are currently participating in a Readathon. Since 1997, Limavady Grammar School has raised over £30,000 in Readathons, thanks to the generosity of pupils, families and friends of the school.

Readathon is a national sponsored read where children read books in exchange for pledges of money. The money raised is donated equally to Sargent Cancer Care for Children and the Roald Dahl Foundation, who between them spend it helping children and young people in Britain suffering from cancer, Hodgkin's disease, leukemia, epilepsy, blood disorders or head injuries. Money raised in Northern Ireland stays here. The charity has recently been renamed CLIC Sargent.

Parents, you can help by:

- encouraging your son/daughter to read regularly. Readathon is for fun, it's not homework or a chore!
- taking an interest and asking about their chosen book;
- allowing your child to listen to a taped book;
- encouraging non-fiction for those who like sport, dinosaurs, ghosts etc;
- encouraging your child to use our excellent school library;
- taking your child to the local library or book shop.

Popular Choices at LGS – Years 8-10

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| ☺ Horrible Histories | ☺ Roald Dahl | ☺ Autobiographies of sports stars |
| ☺ Point Horror | ☺ Philip Pullman | ☺ Novel versions of films |
| ☺ Harry Potter | ☺ Classic novels | ☺ Antony Horowitz |
| ☺ Lord of the Rings | ☺ Princess Diaries | ☺ Jacqueline Wilson |

Last year we asked “What is your favourite book?” This year, to promote interest in reading and film, we asked staff “Who is your favourite character?” or “If you could be a character from fiction who would it be?” ***Here are some interesting responses!***

Miss Allen	Elizabeth Bennet	<i>'Pride & Prejudice'</i>
Mrs Barnett	Buzz Lightyear	<i>'Toy Story'</i>
Mr S Bogle	Happy Gilmore	
Miss Coid	Tintin	
Mr Crawford	Cardinal Richelieu	<i>'The Three Musketers'</i>
Mr Devlin	Shane	
Miss Doherty	Dorothy	<i>'The Wizard of Oz'</i>
Mr Handforth	Bill Gillespie (Rod Steiger)	<i>'The Heat of the Night'</i>
Mr Laird	James Bond	
Mr Morrison	Stephen Daedalus	<i>'Portrait of the Artist As A Young Man'</i>
Mr Little	Atticus Finch	<i>'To Kill A Mockingbird'</i>
Dr McGuinness	Top Cat	<i>The Cartoon - 'Top Cat'</i>
Mrs Maguire	Alex Owens (Jennifer Beals)	<i>'Flashdance'</i>
Mrs Henry	Rachel (Whitney Houston)	<i>'The Bodyguard'</i>
Mrs Moore	GI Jane	
Mr Warwick	Dolphus Raymond	<i>'To Kill A Mockingbird'</i>
Mr Donnell	Maverick	<i>'Top Gun'</i>
Mr Robb	Hilts 'The Cooler King'	<i>'The Great Escape'</i>
Mrs Farmer	Lady Macbeth	
Mrs Barr	Allie Calhoun	<i>'The Notebook'</i>
Mr Barr	Danny "The Tunnel King"	<i>'The Great Escape'</i>
Mrs Carson	Scarlett O'Hara	<i>'Gone With The Wind'</i>
Wilfie Moore	Inspector Clouseau	<i>'The Pink Panther'</i>
Miss Feeney	Sandy	<i>'Grease'</i>
Mr Mawhinney	Sheriff John T Chance	<i>'Rio Bravo'</i>
Mrs Nicholl	Lara Croft	





Love for Life Presentation

The organisation, Love for Life presentation will take place in school on **Tuesday 28 February 2006**. Topics will be from the Relationship and Sexuality Education programme. Parents of pupils from **Years 9, 11 and 12** have already been notified by letter; therefore parents should note that if **permission slips** are not returned to form teachers, pupils will not be allowed to attend the presentation.

Mrs L McFarland (Head of Year11)

BIG BAND NIGHT at Limavady Grammar School

bands are all made up of LGS pupils:

-  Cosmic Llama Revolution
-  The Domino Effect
-  Core Reaction
-  Shiny Black Stuff

Friday 24 February from 7.15-10.15 pm
In School Assembly Hall
Admission £3.00

My name is Julie Chataing. I am a young medical student (aged 20) from Cluses in the south-east of France. Some years ago, I participated in an exchange visit to your school. I really enjoyed the experience and I would now like to find a summer job for June and July this year in Northern Ireland in order to practise my English and get a better command of the language.

I am willing to accept a minor job in a hospital or a shop. I can also do cleaning, work in a pub or a restaurant.

If you think you might be able to offer me work, please could you contact Mr Sampson (Head of Modern Languages at LGS) who has my details and will be able to get in touch with me.