



May/June
2006

Limavady Grammar School



Senior French Exchange

The peaceful little town of Cluses in south-eastern France didn't know what to expect when, on 27 March, fourteen lower sixth students, along with Mr Sampson and Mrs Moles arrived at the *Lycée Charles Poncet*, our host school for this year's Senior French Exchange.

After the visit of our exchange partners to Limavady in January, it was now our turn to stay with them and their families in France. For the ten days of the trip, we experienced the true lifestyle of young people in France today – we ate what they ate, spoke how they spoke (well, we tried to!) and even attended some of their lessons, despite there being a pupils' strike on two days of our stay.

We discovered much about the region by interviewing the deputy mayor of Cluses, a local chef and the manager of a *décolletage* factory – a factory which manufactures metal parts for machines – the primary industry of the area.

We went on various outings, for example, we went sledging at *Praz de Lys*, and had lots of fun in the waist-deep snow, as well as a day trip to Geneva which included visiting the fascinating United Nations building, decorated with a variety of gifts from its member countries. We also had a picnic lunch beside the beautiful Lake Geneva, as well as a tour of the city before shopping in the centre.

However, one of my favourite days had to be the visit to Chamonix, when we took a cable car ride high up into the snow-covered mountains to see spectacular views of the valley below. This was followed by souvenir shopping in the town so that, by the time we had to say goodbye to our French families on 5 April, we were returning to Northern Ireland, not only having improved our French, but laden with tonnes of Swiss chocolate and souvenirs as well as amazing memories. In general, *c'était une expérience que nous n'oublierons jamais!*

Gillian Given (Year 13)



Relaxing on the shores of Lake Geneva



Enjoying an afternoon's sledging in the Alps

A Reflection of Sheer Talent



Lower sixth pupil Kyle P has been named as one of the top twenty Art students in Ireland in a recent Texaco painting competition. Kyle's picture entitled, 'Reflections' has been selected for a commercial to promote the Texaco Children's Art Competition, and is currently being seen on television screens throughout Northern Ireland.

Kyle has won a number of prizes in Art competitions in recent years, displaying outstanding artistic flair and ability. He is an exceptionally gifted and creative young man, with a very promising future ahead. Well done!

Mrs J McCluskey

Grand Designs 06



Congratulations to Meabh McC and Jill P (6U) whose work has been selected for show at the 'True Colours' exhibition at the Waterfront Hall, Belfast in November.

This exhibition presents CCEA's GCSE, AS and A-level work by some of Northern Ireland's brightest young artists and designers from the summer of 2006.

Very well done!

Mrs . J. McCluskey

Congratulations to Jason Smyth (Year 14)

Jason Smyth retained his Irish Schools' 100 m and 200 m senior titles, in 11.00/12.96 seconds respectively, at a sun-kissed Tullamore. Jason has held Ulster and Irish sprint titles since Year 12 and his enthusiasm, motivation and determination to be the best, has not diminished - well done Jason you have been a credit to your school and an excellent ambassador for your province.

Mr S Robb

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to a budding orator, Emma Donnell in Year 9 who qualified for the Northwest Regional heat of Youth Speak 2006 with Limavady Borough Council. Well done Emma!

Mrs S Farmer

Community Relations Week

On Tuesday 25 April, twenty Year 10 pupils enjoyed a workshop discussing the issues of discrimination and racism. We were visited by Christina Nelson from "Replay Productions". The afternoon session was called, "Believe it or not", and in this we discussed first impressions and saw what makes people different. Some activities challenged us to think about our attitudes to others. Here is just one proverb for you to think about: "You can't shake hands with a closed fist." Our thanks to our local Council and Christina for excellent fun and thought-provoking activities.

COMENIUS PROJECT MEETING at LGS from 2-8 APRIL 2006

Those present were: Aneta Mulka and Bozena Bierca - Poland
Yiannis Kotzias and Vasiliki Karamberi - Greece
Sirje Viita, Sigve Kapsta and Inge Meltsas - Estonia
P Devlin, A Bogle, M Doherty, and K Barnett - LGS



Photograph shows visiting teachers being welcomed to the school by Dr McGuinness

The Meeting at LGS included:

- Tour of Limavady Grammar School with Dr McGuinness
- Visits to a number of departments in the school and powerpoint presentations of work done by Year 10 classes in Technology Department.
- Visit to Coolkeeragh Power Station.
- A talk by Environment Officer from Limavady Borough Council.
- Visit to proposed wind power sites on North Coast.
- Visit to World Heritage Site - The Giant's Causeway.
- Meetings to discuss progress of the overall project and plan for next year.

Photograph shows Mr Liam McEvoy from Limavady Borough Council giving a presentation to teachers about the work the Council is doing to reduce, reuse, and recycle in this Borough.

P Devlin is project co-ordinator.



Commonwealth Games Success

Congratulations Aaron Moison (Year 14) who was recently chosen by the RLSS (Royal Life Saving Society) to take part in the Life Saving Commonwealth Games in England in September. Well done Aaron and Good Luck!

DISCOVER SCUBA

Congratulations to the following 15 girls and Miss Coid who recently completed a "*Discover Scuba*" course in the swimming pool, thanks to the team from Aquaholics in Portstewart. We will look forward to a dive in the sea in the near future!

Julie Willis
Jillian Robb
Clare Henderson
Catherine Shiels
Emma Dunwoody

Laura Shiels
Aleisha Moore
Hannah Jack
Rowena Moison
Niamh O'Kane

Rachel Currie
Dan Dan Khang
Anna McNulty
Laura Thompson
Naomi Davis

Miss M Doherty

*All Parents are invited to attend
the annual Sports Day
at Limavady Grammar School
on Tuesday 13 June 2006
from 10.45 am – 3.30 pm*

Parents Association News

Easter Draw 2006 - Winners

1 st prize	Radio Cassette Player (Donaghy's Electrical)	Ian Gallagher, Limavady
2nd prize	£25 Oil Voucher with Order (Nicholl Oil)	Martin Gillecce, Limavady
3 rd prize	£25 Voucher (Chaps)	Alan McElreavey, Eglinton
4th prize	£25 Voucher (SubZero)	Eileen Feeney, Limavady
5th prize	£25 Cash (Bob Mullan Motors)	Douglas Moore, Limavady
6 th prize	"Animal" Ruck Sack (Huey & Henderson)	Winifred Crockett, Limavady
7 th prize	Meal for Two (Greens Restaurant Radisson Hotel)	George McDonald, Limavady

Diary Dates

School Year ends at 1.00 pm

Friday 30 June 2006

School Year commences at 9.00 am

Friday 1 September 2006

Exceptional Closure - pupils not required in school

Friday 27 October 2006

Mid-term holiday

Monday 30 October - Friday 03
November 2006

Autumn Term ends at 1.00 pm

Friday 22 December 2006