



CONGRATULATIONS TO CLAIRE F who was placed 1st in Northern Ireland in this year's Home Economics Module 2 examination. This is an outstanding achievement and congratulations must also go to her teacher Mrs G Lamont.

Dr S McGuinness

Earlier this term notification came to the Home Economics department stating that I had obtained the top mark in Northern Ireland for my HE Module 2, Diet & Health examination and that I was to travel to London to receive the award.



On Thursday 24 November, Mrs Lamont and I travelled to London, to the Royal College of Physicians where the presentation was to take place.

It was a very formal occasion. On arrival we were greeted by a member of The British Nutrition Foundation, who gave us a short briefing on the formalities of the day.

We were then escorted to the Dorchester Library for the reception and prize giving. The presentations were made by HRH, The Princess Royal.

Mrs Lamont and I were presented individually to The Princess Royal. I was extremely nervous but the Princess was very friendly and made us feel very relaxed.



After the presentations the Princess mingled with other guests and spoke to everyone individually. Following this was a very exquisite lunch served to approximately 140 guests.

It was an experience of a lifetime and something I will never forget.

I feel privileged that with the help of Mrs Lamont, we have brought honour to my family, the HE department and Limavady Grammar School.

Claire F (Year 14)

ULSTER GRAMMAR SCHOOLS' SWIMMING GALA

Congratulations to all 20 pupils who swam for the School at the Ulster Grammar Schools' swimming gala on Saturday 26 November. Both performance and behaviour were outstanding. Samantha Moseley (Year 13) made it to the senior girls' breaststroke final, Eimear Toner (Year 13) came 4th in senior girls' breaststroke and Aaron Moison (Year 14) came 4th in senior boys' breaststroke. Well done everyone!

Miss M Doherty/Mrs J Angus

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year's shoe box appeal.

We were delighted to be able to send 195 gift-filled shoe boxes to this worthwhile appeal.

We are sure that your generosity will make such a difference to the children who receive them.

Mrs J Mills

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Every Christmas we donate hampers to the local Salvation Army/St Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal. To enable us to do this we request that each child bring a suitable item of food or a 50 pence donation to their form tutor by Friday 16 December. *We appreciate your support in this matter.*

Mrs J Mills

2005 LIMAVADY-TUTTLINGEN EXCHANGE



On Thursday 20 October, 23 German pupils arrived at Limavady Grammar School. They stayed with pupils from Limavady Grammar and Limavady High School. On Monday the school organised a cultural trip to the Ulster Museum in Belfast. The German students enjoyed themselves and found it very interesting. On Wednesday morning we had a meeting with the Mayor of Limavady and then the German students went to Londonderry to shop. On Thursday we took a trip to the Giants Causeway and Bushmills Distillery. We went on to Dunluce Castle and then ended the day with a trip to the beach. The German students left the Grammar School on Friday morning 28 October at 8.00 am.

The School would like to thank all parents and pupils for hosting the German students and making their stay so enjoyable.

Steven Young (Year 13)

RUGBY

Rugby continues to be as busy as usual. In the senior school the 1st, 2nd and 3rd XV's continue to impress turning in excellent performances and achieving fine results. The Medallion XV has improved considerably this year and has recorded excellent victories in the preliminary round of the Shield – Wellington College 7 : 72 LGS. LGS 36 : 10 Friends School. They now play Larne Grammar School in the 1st round in January. The U14 and U13 XV's are improving each week with the turn-outs on Monday and Tuesday evenings being very good. Many thanks to the band of coaches who are giving up their time to work with the boys. The U12 XV's kick-off their season with matches against Cambridge House on 2 December and against Wellington College on 3 December.

Pride of place so far must go to Johnny Hunter, Niall O'Connor, Robbie Robinson and Lee Smith who have represented Ulster Schools' U19 XV v Leinster and Munster Schools. Our representation was the highest of any school in the province. Niall O'Connor has also been selected for the Ireland U19 squad and we hope he is selected to play against Australian Schools in December.

Mr S Barr

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION - HALLOWEEN HOOTS ANSWERS

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| 1 To open push | 6 Munch |
| 2 Monday | 7 Start five clockwise or anticlockwise from white mouse |
| 3 Fire | 8 Triplets |
| 4 Moon high in sky at midnight | 9 Story of large fish |
| 5 Parachute did not open | 10 Albumen |

Most Correct Entries:

1st Kathryn Way (Year 8) 2nd Ashley Miller (Year 10)

A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

This year Limavady Grammar School decided to bring to life one of Shakespeare's most vibrant comedies, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The play is set in Athens, and is a love story with a twist. It is about four lovers who get into lots of problems when a mischievous fairy, Puck, gets involved. However, the story also includes a troupe of wannabe actors from Athens, who want to impress the King and Queen at their wedding; a feuding couple from the Fairyland, and an unlikely infatuation with a donkey (don't ask!).

After holding auditions in September, Miss Gordon picked the cast, and we began to rehearse. It wasn't long before we realised just how big an undertaking this was, due to the complexities of Shakespearean verse and so a lot of time was devoted to translating the script into "normal" English. The cast rehearsed extensively after school, in school, at lunch times, at weekends, and pretty much everywhere else in between, but everyone had a great time and didn't seem to mind in the slightest.

But, while the cast worked really hard, we couldn't have achieved anything without the help of the sound, lighting, props, makeup and backstage teams who worked tirelessly to the end. Of course the costumes ladies also deserve praise for the wonderful creations they produced, which added to the play's authenticity.

Despite our fears that people wouldn't "get" Shakespeare's play, the audiences seemed to really enjoy themselves, and Andrew McClarey in particular had everyone in stitches. The matinee for the primary schools was similarly successful, and they proved a very enthusiastic audience. Thanks to everyone who came to support us on the nights.

I think it's safe to say that Miss Gordon and all those involved brought the magic of Shakespeare to the school, and updated a work of comic genius. A high standard has been set by this year's production, and no doubt next year's will be just as great.

Sarah Robb (Year 13)

TOP 10 REVISION TIPS

- (1) Make sure that your workspace is peaceful and uncluttered: work at a desk or table if possible. Have all your notes to hand.
- (2) Plan your revision carefully: know exactly what each exam paper requires. Divide up each subject into manageable sections. Allow yourself regular breaks and sensible rewards.
- (3) Don't leave your revision to the last moment: start early and build it up gradually. Pace yourself.
- (4) Make sure that you get enough sleep. Exercise regularly.
- (5) Make your revision active: read through your notes/textbook/revision guide etc and then write down.
- (6) Summarise the material: use bullet points, key words, spider diagrams. Set out your work and use colour to highlight the most important points. Put your notes on cards.
- (7) Go back through your revision notes: try explaining them to someone else; test yourself or ask a relative to do so.
- (8) Use websites to give you a new perspective on your revision topics.
- (9) Try revising in a different location: in another room or in the school or public library. Revise with a friend: set each other questions.
- (10) Put yourself in the place of the examiner: what questions would you set?

Year 12 pupils have been asked to draw up a revision timetable and should devote **at least 3 hours** to each subject during the Christmas break. A list of useful revision websites can be accessed through the school website – www.limavadygrammar.org.uk

INTERNET AND SCHOOL NETWORK PERMISSION

Below is the code of conduct for the use of the school network and Internet, to which every student must agree before obtaining access. If you **DO NOT** want your child/children to have Internet access, please inform the headmaster of your decision in writing.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR USE OF THE SCHOOL NETWORK & THE INTERNET

This simplified code of conduct applies at all times, in and out of school hours, whilst using school equipment.

Please read it carefully: it involves potential criminal action as well as breach of school rules.

You must not:

- ❖ Use anyone else's Username.
- ❖ Download games or other programs from the Internet.
- ❖ Use chatlines or external email services (eg Hotmail).
- ❖ Send, access or display offensive messages or pictures.
- ❖ Give your name, address, telephone number or any other personal information about yourself or others to anyone you write to.
- ❖ Use or send bad language.
- ❖ Intentionally waste resources thus preventing use by others.

You should:

- ❖ Only, with permission, access websites that are appropriate for use in school.
- ❖ Be careful of what you say to others and how you say it.
- ❖ Respect copyright and trademarks. (You cannot copy material without giving credit to the person or company that owns it.)
- ❖ Check with a teacher before opening e-mail attachments or completing on-line questionnaires or subscription forms.

Please note:

- ❖ User areas on the school network will be **closely monitored** and staff may review your files and communications to maintain system integrity.
- ❖ Failure to follow the code will result in loss of access and further disciplinary action may be taken if appropriate.
- ❖ If applicable, external agencies may be involved, as certain activities may constitute a criminal offence.

CHILD SAFETY AWARENESS - INTERNET CHAT ROOMS E-MAIL

I'm sure you are aware of the recently publicised cases where unsuspecting children have been 'groomed' into running away with unsavoury individuals whom they have met via chat rooms.

The Internet can be a dangerous place. Please monitor your child's web activities and control the site to which they have access.

Mrs K Henry

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Annual Carol Concert	-	Tuesday 20 December at 7.30 pm
Christmas Holidays	-	Wednesday 21 December at 1.00 pm – Wed 4 January 2006 at 9.00 am
Exams – Years 12 & 14	-	Monday 9 January – Friday 20 January
Exams – Years 8-11 & 13	-	Monday 16 January – Friday 20 January