

# Limavady Grammar School

## HEADLINES

October  
2005

Parents are asked **NOT** to drop children off at the bus bays in the mornings as this practice could cause an accident. The bays at the front of the school are for bus parking only. Parents **must** use the parking area at the rear of the school.

### Successful Pupils

#### Award Winners in Schools Painting Competition



**Danielle McL** and **Josie F** (Year 12) GCSE Art and Design pupils won awards for their portrait paintings of Roy Chadwick, the famous Irish explorer and designer of the 'AVRO' Shackleton aircraft, based at Ballykelly. The competition was organised by the Shackleton reunion committee.

Very well done!

*Mrs J McCluskey*

#### GCSE Spanish Success



We have been informed by the AQA examination board that **Sarah R** (Year 13) was placed in the **top five candidates** in the United Kingdom in this year's GCSE Spanish examination. This is a remarkable achievement, as nearly 37,000 candidates sat the exam.

*Our congratulations go to Sarah and to her teacher, Mrs Sanchez.*

*Mr I Sampson*

#### GCSE Religious Studies Success



CCEA has informed us that **Gillian G** (Year 13) was placed **third out of 2928** in GCSE Short Course Religious Studies this year in Northern Ireland.

*Our congratulations go to Gillian and to her teacher, Mrs Moles.*

*Dr S McGuinness*

#### 'The Battle of the Bands'



Congratulations to Mr Haigh and the Junior and Senior Brass Bands, who competed in the North of Ireland Bands' Association Championship Contest last Saturday in the Ulster Hall Belfast. Our School Junior Band came second in their competition, and the School Senior Band won first place in the Senior Band competition.

There was very strong competition in both groups, with bands from Ballymena Academy, Cambridge House Grammar and Regent House Schools. Our Senior Band played especially well and there were very fine solo performances from Ceara McC and Nicholas H. *Congratulations to all performers.*

*Dr Collins*

#### GCSE Physics Success



**David S** (Year 13) achieved **first place out of 1851 students** in GCSE Physics in Northern Ireland this summer. A well deserved reward from a conscientious and hard-working pupil.

*Our congratulations go to David and to teachers in the Physics department who taught him.*

*Dr S McGuinness*

#### Sporting Success



**Joanne H** (Year 12) won the Under 18 competition at The Regional Trampolining Championships last Saturday in Antrim.

*Congratulations and well done Joanne.*

*Mr S Barr*

## **European Day of Languages**

On Monday 26 September, schools across Europe were encouraged to celebrate the annual European Day of Languages. The day began early at LGS as pupils and staff converged on the canteen for a French breakfast, forsaking their toast and bacon butties for a *croissant* or *pain au chocolat*. The food theme continued at lunchtime as over sixty adventurous pupils from Years 8 and 9 sampled a European food-tasting session, trying everything from Spanish *tortilla*, French *crêpes* and German sausage, not to mention the ever-popular olives. Throughout lunchtime the corridors were ringing to an eclectic blend of continental music as the school radio station introduced us to the sounds of Edith Piaf, Renaud and other musical greats, whilst pupils also had the opportunity to browse a selection of European books and films in the school library. Our assemblies on Monday and Tuesday were devoted to the theme of languages with contributions from both junior and senior pupils in French, German, Spanish, Cantonese and Malayalam whilst the Year 14 French class bravely led the hymn singing.

My thanks go to all pupils and staff who contributed to this day. A good time was had by all. *A l'année prochaine, j'espère!*



*Mr I Sampson*

## **A-Level French Debating Competition**



Congratulations to our A-Level French Debating Team who defeated Ballyclare High School, last year's Northern Irish champions, in a thrilling debate at the Magee Campus of the University of Ulster on 19 October. Although this was deemed a friendly debate (both teams had been awarded a bye into the next round of the competition) this was a big morale boost for our team of year 14 students:

**Andrew McC, Mary H,  
Joanna McC and Danielle H.**

The motion was "*La santé de nos jeunes aujourd'hui est nettement inférieure à celle de leurs parents lorsqu'ils étaient jeunes*" (the health of young people today is clearly worse than that of their parents when they were young). Despite a persuasive argument from Ballyclare that young people today are more health conscious, take more exercise and are more aware of what they eat, we managed to persuade the judges that today's youngsters are really chain-smoking, beer-swilling, overweight layabouts who spend all day playing with their Gameboys, whilst stuffing their faces with chocolate bars and fast-food to take their minds off the stress caused by exams and the pressures of being young today.

Particular congratulations go to Joanna and Mary who were judged to be equally best overall speakers and best wishes to the team as they progress in the competition.

*Mr I Sampson*

## **Studying in Germany**

At the end of the summer holidays, I had the opportunity to visit Germany as part of a programme run by the British Council in connection with the Padagogischer Austauschdienst in Germany. I was one of eleven other young people from all across the UK who had been accepted onto the programme and we spent two weeks in the town of Leverkusen, home of the famous football team, Bayern Leverkusen.

I was really nervous before I went but when I met everyone else in the group and my host family, I knew that I was going to have a brilliant time.

We had school every morning, in German of course and beginning at 8.10 am, but the afternoons were free to explore the area and see the sights.

During the trip, we visited Bonn and the Phantasia Land theme park. We also went to Cologne and experienced Ringfest, a massive music festival.

Many new friendships were formed and we are all still in touch. As well as helping my German language skills, this was a fantastic experience and I would encourage other AS or A level German students to consider taking part in this scheme in the future.

Can I also take this opportunity to thank the Parents' Association and the School who both made a generous contribution to my expenses. This was very much appreciated.

*Any Year 13 or 14 pupils who may be interested in this scheme next year can get further details from Mr Sampson.*

*Joanna McC (Year 14)*

## **Summer Madness 2005**

Twenty-six pupils from Years 10-14 participated in Summer Madness in the King's Hall, Belfast during the first week of the summer holidays. Everyone had a great time camping outside, barbequing every night, even when it rained! There were two speakers: Andy Hickford and Tre Shepherd, who challenged us daily with a message from God's Word. There was also lively worship music during these sessions. During the day there were many different activities, sports competitions and seminars on every different topic that you could possibly want to hear about. At night there was much entertainment including a tent cinema, a comedy show and band concerts (including 'Delirious').

Summer Madness is a great opportunity to have a laugh with your friends and meet many more people from all round Northern Ireland . . . and beyond!

*Andrew Hamilton*

## **Special Educational Needs**

### ***Information for Parents from WELB***

The following leaflets are available in the school office for parents:

- (1) Special Educational Needs - Advice and Information Service - this leaflet recommends that parents consult the website [www.education-support.org.uk](http://www.education-support.org.uk) or Margaret Clark on 028 8241 1286 to access information and advice on Special Educational Needs. This leaflet can be downloaded from the web address given.
- (2) Educational Psychology Service - A Guide for Parents - this leaflet gives an account of the role and work of Educational Psychologists, Specialist Services provided by the EPS and information on referrals. It also lists contact names and addresses which are also available on the internet. Web address: [www.welb.ni.org](http://www.welb.ni.org)

*Miss J Coid (SENCO)*

**Parents' Association**

Limavady Grammar Parents' Association  
invite you to their  
**Annual Craft Fair and Coffee Evening**  
at Limavady Grammar School  
on **Wednesday 16 November 2005**  
from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm  
Admission £2.50 including refreshments

**Quiz Sheets - £1.00 each**  
Five quiz sheets were distributed to each pupil in Years 8-11 on Friday 21 October. This is part of a major fundraising project by the Parents' Association this year and they would greatly appreciate if parents could ensure that the money (£5) be returned to form teachers on **Friday 28 October**.

**Forthcoming Diary Dates**

Mid-term holiday	-	Monday 31 October - Friday 4 November (inclusive)
Year 8 Parents' Meeting	-	Wednesday 9 November from 4.00-6.00 pm
CAT Tests for Years 8 & 10	-	Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 8, 10 & 11 November
A Midsummer Night's Dream	-	Thursday & Friday, 24 & 25 November at 7.30 pm
Year 10 Parents' Meeting	-	Thursday 1 December from 4.00-6.00 pm
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

*Limavady Grammar School*  
*Presents*  
*"A Midsummer Night's Dream"*  
**24 & 25 November 2005**  
**at 7.30 pm in the School Assembly Hall**  
Tickets are available from the school office or N19 (breaktime)  
Adults: £5.00 Concessionary: £3.00  
Telephone: 028 7776 0950

**'Headlines' - communication by e-mail**

We are aware that "Headlines" doesn't always reach you. It is our intention in the next term to attempt to send Headlines and other communications by e-mail. To do this we will have to build up a database of the e-mail addresses of all our parents and to help us with this please complete the proforma below and return it via the form teacher.

Of course we realise that not all parents have e-mail addresses so it is our intention to send the paper copy also.

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**Communication by e-mail**

Pupil's Name: .....Form: ..... Parental e-mail address: .....