



Headlines

April 2008



Las Irlandesas en España!

On Monday 10 March, 16 girls and two teachers from Limavady Grammar School boarded a plane to London, then to Santander (Spain). Our host families were waiting for us at Santander airport and there was a lot of excitement about the week ahead. This was the time our Spanish skills were going to be tested!

During our stay, we visited many regional landmarks and buildings as well as tourist attractions - a beautiful natural park/zoo and the amazing *Picos de Europa* mountains, among others. We saw several Spanish towns, including the medieval village of Santillana del Mar and the city of Santander. We all loved them, especially the shops . . . The guides gave us lots of geographical and historical information about the region and the prehistoric paintings found in the cave of *Altamira*.

Many of us tasted some traditional Spanish dishes like *rabas* (fried squid), *paella* (seafood rice) and *chorizo* (spicy sausage). However, it was worth going all the way to Spain just for *churros y chocolate* (kind of crispy doughnuts that come with a bowl of hot thick chocolate). So nice . . .

On the morning of our departure, and despite the excitement of going home, we were sad to leave behind a beautiful land and some newly made friendships.

We really enjoyed the Spanish exchange and we would like to give Mrs Sánchez a bit "thank you" for organising this once in a lifetime experience. *Gracias!*

Catrina McCallion and Jade Foster (Year 11)

JUNIOR LAW SOCIETY'S VISIT TO HIGH COURT

On Saturday 5 April, the Junior Law Society set off for the High Court in Belfast to take part in the Northern Ireland Regional mock trial competition.

Even though it was an early start we were in high spirits and looking forward to the challenge of fighting our case against the "Legal Eagles" from other Ulster schools.

The criminal case revolved around charges of harassment and assault. Our defence teams of Karen Jones (10Z) and Laura McGregor (10W) put up a sterling fight for their client Judith Corbett (10V) but were bested by Grosvenor Grammar School who secured her conviction.

In the next round Michael Way (9Y) and Kerry Anderson (10X) took on Assumption Grammar School and skilfully wove a legal trap that secured a conviction on an unwitting defendant.

Although we did not win the overall competition it was a great experience and everyone thanked Mr Crawford for all his help and encouragement during our many meetings and rehearsals.

Georgia Callaghan (Year 10)

SENIOR FRENCH EXCHANGE

The month of April brought about the renewing of old friendships as we were joined by fourteen pupils and two teachers from the *Lycée Charles Poncet* in Cluses, returning the visit that our sixth-form pupils had made to France in February. Highlights of the visit included excursions to the North Coast and the Ulster American Folk Park, near Omagh, as well as two days spent in and around Limavady, during which time they were welcomed to the Council Chamber by the Mayor, Councillor Edwin Stevenson, and they sampled a day in the life of a sixth form student at the Grammar School, with some of them even donning school uniforms for the day.



This year marks the tenth anniversary of the exchange and, during this time, we estimate that between three and four hundred pupils from the two schools have taken the opportunity to visit each other's countries.



Of course, such a link can only be sustained with the help and support of parents who willingly open up their homes and offer hospitality to an exchange student.

Can I take this opportunity to thank all of the parents who were involved this year for the warm welcome and generosity that they showed to the French students. It was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Mr I Sampson

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

Annual General Meeting of Limavady Grammar School Parents' Association

The Parents' Association for Limavady Grammar School meets once a month but we meet once a year for our AGM which this year will be taking place on **Monday 12 May at 7.30 pm** in the **School Lecture Theatre**.

The Committee know how much you value your child's education at this excellent school and how much you appreciate all of the extra facilities which are provided for your child/children. The job of the Association is to assist the school and its teachers and its pupils in providing additional resources to further enhance and enrich the experiences which our children benefit from that school.

I know you would want to show your support for the Association by attending our AGM on Monday 12 May. It will last no longer than one hour and tea and biscuits will be provided. You will be assured of a warm welcome and it will give you a first hand opportunity to hear of our plans and anticipated projects for the forthcoming year.

The Association looks forward to seeing you there.

Peter Jack (Parents' Association Chairman)

DIARY DATES

Monday 5 May	-	May Day Holiday
Thursday 22 May	-	School Golf Tournament at Radisson Roe Park
Thursday 22 and Friday 23 May	-	Exceptional Closure Days
Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May	-	Internal Examinations