



HEADLINES

November
2010

PRINCIPAL'S INTRODUCTION

Over the last few months our school has continued to be busy. Highlights have included: hosting touring sports squads from Scarborough and Stratford-upon-Avon and the launch of the Sharing Education Partnership, hosted by St Mary's. This programme is involving some Year 8 pupils in a Saturday Club, 6th Form pupils in a joint RVLC Gaelic Football Squad and other activities involving Relationships and Sexuality Education and Drugs Education are planned.

Our Parents' Association continues to be active and I would encourage you to support their efforts to raise needed funds for the school (details of events are included elsewhere in Headlines).

Our School show, "We Will Rock You", promises to be a sell out and I would encourage all families to support this event.

It is always good to meet with parents at Parents' Meetings. Should there be anything which is causing you concern, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Year Head, Mr Handforth or Mrs Henry (Vice Principals) or me. We want to be able to support you and your child in every way possible.

R Wilson (Principal)

SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Report of the Board of Governors was adopted on 20 October 2010 and is now available on the school website. Any parents who require a copy may request one from the Principal's Secretary.

R Wilson (Principal and Secretary to the Board of Governors)

SCHOOL HISTORY

The School is in possession of a number of early registers and other historical documents. The Board of Governors would welcome anyone who might be interested in assuming the role of Honorary LGS Archivist. Should you be interested please contact The School Principal in the first instance.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Steven Montgomery (13L) who was placed third in Northern Ireland CCEA Additional Mathematics.



Steven is pictured with his teacher Mr Mawhinney who also receives our congratulations for his input into this success.

LIMAVADY GRAMMAR SCHOOL KENYA PROJECT

In association with
North West SuperValu
Londonderry Musical Society &
The Britannia Brass and Reed Band
present
SHOWSTOPPERS
2010
in Limavady Grammar School
on Friday 12th November 2010 at 8.00pm
TICKETS £10
In aid of Limavady Grammar School Kenya Project

*Tickets are still available from the School Office
OR pay at the door on Friday evening*

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Monday 27 September saw us celebrate the European Day of Languages in school. The day began, as has become the custom in recent years, with a French breakfast. Over two hundred pupils and staff packed into the canteen from eight o'clock in the morning and enjoyed a *croissant* or a *pain au chocolat* whilst sipping a hot chocolate and listening to the strains of Edith Piaf. The sum of £210 was raised at this event for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and thank you to everybody who contributed to this.



Our assembly on that day also had a European flavour. It was introduced in Polish by Magda

Tama (Year 9) and ably translated into English by her classmate, Caitlin O'Kane. Our hymn was in Spanish and the Bible reading was read in French by Manon Bartlett (Year 13). During assembly, Mr Wilson interviewed our French Assistant, Emilie Nompex, and new pupil Pepe Ballesteros (Year 11) on their experiences of life in Northern Ireland, before Anna McNulty (Year 14) closed proceedings with a prayer in German.

All Year 8 pupils entered a poster competition on the theme of Europe and the two winners were Rebecca Stewart (8V) and Ellen McAuley (8W).

The European Day of Languages is a wonderful occasion for us to celebrate the diversity of languages that we learn and speak in school and my thanks go to everybody, pupils and teachers, who helped to make this day a success.

Mr I Sampson (Head of Modern Languages)

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION AND KENYA FUND

Clothing and Textile recycling – Front Car Park

Please don't forget about the "textile bank" in the school's front car park. We want your old clothes, curtains and other cast-offs!

Why not have an Autumn clearout and deposit your bin bags full of unwanted clothes or textiles (in any condition) in our 'textile bank'.

Cookstown Textile Recyclers will collect the bags on a regular basis and for each tonne collected the school will receive £450 and an additional £50 will go to the Northern Ireland Cancer fund for children. The school has chosen to split equally, any money received, between the Parents' Association and the Kajiado Trip 2011.

Parental support in this venture will not only benefit the pupils and the designated charities but will help to spread the message and raise awareness among our young people of our commitment to "reduce, reuse and recycle".

Thank you for your support.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR AND COFFEE EVENING

At Limavady Grammar School

From 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

On Tuesday 16 November 2010

Admission £3 including refreshments (Children 50 p)

TABLE QUIZ at Limavady Grammar School

This Quiz which was scheduled for 7 December at 7.30 pm

will now take place in the New Year – notification in December Headlines

Limavady Grammar School Parents' Association is delighted to be able to financially support the request from two school groups.

Due to changes in the way in which school libraries are funded by the WELB, this year LGS received no money to buy any books so our teacher-librarian, Mr C Little is very pleased with the support forthcoming from the Parents' Association. He says: *'This money will provide the Library with almost 100 new titles. We will also keep a proportion of this money to fund prizes for competitions currently run by class teachers to encourage literacy. The Library is still available for individual class research, and has been successfully established as a base for Sixth Form study. The Homework Club continues to thrive in the Library four afternoons every week (from Monday to Thursday) and the resources are widely used by all age groups. The Library also serves as a base for the Achievement Club which provides additional literacy support for a significant number of junior pupils. We are also establishing a Reading Partnership Programme aimed at those children who are underachieving due to reading difficulties. New material will be required to run all these initiatives successfully, as we may need to purchase additional fiction suitable for reading ages nine to eleven. On behalf of the pupils and staff, we gratefully acknowledge this support our Parents' Association'*

Mrs M Watson, co-ordinator of the KS3 Science Club is also very appreciative of the funding: *'Science Club will run all year round for about 20 students, Years 8-10 on Wednesday after school. Its aim is to boost the students' interest in Science and enthuse them with challenging and entertaining experiments. Most of the experiments planned involve a lot of household goods such as food colourings, flour, syrup, PVA glue, custard, milk and vinegar to name but a few. This funding will be of great use this year to buy these materials.*

Some of the experiments planned are:

- *Tie-dying t-shirts to demonstrate chromatography*
- *Making instant ice-cream (how salt changes the freezing properties of water)*
- *How can we change the height of the fountain in mentos and coke reactions?*
- *Building a real working hovercraft*
- *Making bouncy eggs (acid-base reaction)*

And others still to be planned!

Ms Harbinson, on behalf of LGS Parents' Association expressed her pleasure at being able to support such cases within the school and expressed her appreciation for all the on-going work being carried out both inside and outside the classroom. The Parents' Association also appeals for support for their Craft Fair being held in the school on Tuesday 16 November from 7.00-9.00 pm.

All parents are welcome to join the Parents' Association – please contact the School Office for more details.



Ms Sharon Harbinson (Parents' Association Secretary) is pictured handing over a cheque to Mrs Watson (Head of Chemistry and Co-ordinator of the KS3 Science Club). Also included are Jordan Arthur, James Mitchell and Erin Loughery who are members of the KS3 Science Club.



Ms Sharon Harbinson (Parents' Association Secretary) is pictured handing over a cheque to Mr Little (Teacher Librarian). Also included are Mrs Cromie (Library Assistant), Ross Atkinson, Chloe MacCombe and Eva Gonzalez.

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO LEARN

Following a most successful venture last term, we have decided to once again run an information evening entitled “*Helping your child to learn*”. This is aimed primarily at parents of Year 8 pupils who have not previously been invited to hear this advice, but the invitation is open to **all parents** who have an interest in supporting their child’s learning. The format and content will be similar to that of last year.

The meeting will take place in the School Assembly Hall on **Thursday 2 December 2010**, commencing at 7.00 pm. **All parents are welcome.**

Mrs K Henry (Vice Principal)

CAR PARKING AND SAFETY IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Parents are asked to use the rear car park only to collect children after school, exiting on to Roe Mill Road. Parents are reminded that between the hours of 8.30-9.15 am and 3.00-4.00 pm each day, access through the school grounds is **ONE WAY ONLY**.



Parents are kindly requested not to park cars in the area of the Boys’ Pavilion or on the road leading to it. This area **must** be kept clear for emergency vehicles. This applies to after school and at week-ends. Your co-operation in this will be greatly appreciated.

You are kindly reminded that dogs should not be brought onto the school campus, in the interests of Health and Safety.

Mr R Wilson (Principal)

“WE WILL ROCK YOU!” BLASTS LGS STAGE!

This year’s senior school production is the School’s Version of the critically acclaimed West-End hit musical ‘*We Will Rock You!*’

Written by Ben Elton and using the music of rock legends QUEEN, this show has been one of the major success stories of the West End for 9 years.

Many of Queen’s famous hits are interwoven into the massively entertaining plot – a story set in the not too distant future in a place that was once called Earth....

Globalisation is complete

Everywhere, the kids watch the same movies, wear the same fashions and think the same thoughts. It’s a safe, happy, Ga Ga world. Unless you’re a rebel. Unless you want to Rock. On Planet Mall all the musical instruments are banned. The Globalsoft Company Computers generate tunes and everybody downloads them. It is an age of Boy Bands and of Girl Bands. Of Boy and Girl Bands. Of Girl Bands with a couple of boys in them that look like girls anyway. Nothing is left to chance, hits are scheduled years in advance. But Resistance is growing. Underneath the gleaming cities, down in the lower depths live the Bohemians. Rebels who believe that there was once a Golden Age when the kids formed their own bands and wrote their own songs. They call that time, The Rhapsody.

Legend persists that somewhere on Planet Mall, instruments still exist. Somewhere, the mighty axe of a great and hairy guitar god lies buried deep in rock. The Bohemians need a hero to find this axe and draw it from stone. Is the one who calls himself Galileo that man?

But the Ga Ga Cops are also looking for Galileo and if they get him first they will surely drag him before the Killer Queen and consign him to Oblivion across the Seven Seas of Rhye. Who is Galileo? Where is the Hairy One’s lost axe? Where is the place of living rock? Rock anthems such as ‘*Radio Ga Ga*’, ‘*I Want To Break Free*’, ‘*One Vision*’, ‘*It’s A Kind of Magic*’, ‘*Killer Queen*’ and perhaps just a snatch of ‘*Bohemian Rhapsody*’ all join forces to help us tell the story of a lost rock and roll....and how far one man and his rebel babe will go to bring it back!

Performances take place **25-27 November** in the School Assembly Hall at **7.30 pm**. Tickets are **£6 and £3 (conc)** and are available from the School Office (**028 7776 0950**) or any pupil. Early booking is advisable as this show promises to deliver an electrifying performance from a 50 strong cast!

I’m just a poor boy, from a poor family....

NB Strobe lighting will be used in this production.

