

BANNOCKBURN HIGH SCHOOL



Newsletter

OCTOBER 2007

Dear Parent/Carer

This October newsletter provides you with much information on a variety of activities which have been taking place in the school in recent weeks. It also provides you with an outline calendar for this term. As we move towards winter, the demands made of our young people in S4, S5 and S6 to prepare for external examinations increase.

Preliminary Examinations for S4 pupils take place in November/December and for S5/6 in January/February. These all require continuous, diligent preparation for many weeks in advance if success is to be achieved. So this is a time to ensure that at home, preparation for these examinations is prioritised to complement the work and effort being made in school.

J D McAlpine
Headteacher

MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF DAY

Friday 5th October was MacMillan Cancer Relief Day in the school. To raise funds for this charity a number of events were organised and run by the pupils and staff on the Charities Committee:-

A Non-Uniform day for pupils;
A Guess the Birthday competition;
A World's Largest Coffee Morning event.

Altogether £1508.43 was raised.

BANNOCKBURN'S GOT TALENT

This new venture took place on Tuesday and Wednesday 2nd and 3rd October in the Lecture Theatre.

A total of 16 acts involving pupils and staff put on an entertaining show to appreciative audiences over these two nights. Congratulations also to the winners - Callum Frickleton on the Tuesday and the Steven Watt/Andrew Kimmit duo on the Wednesday. A special word of thanks is due to those who organised the event and to those who came along to support in the audience and to Zoe Taylor as compere. Well done everyone.

S4 WORK EXPERIENCE

The first block of Work Experience for Fourth Year pupils ran 1 - 5 October. This involved 49 pupils in a wide range of placements.

STAFFING CHANGES

Miss F Moffat in the Modern Languages department is off on Maternity Leave.

Mrs V Davidson in Mathematics is off due to illness.

Mrs S Kennedy has retired from History due to illness.

We welcome Ms C Baxter and Mr J Caldwell to History and Modern Studies and Mr D Cameron to Modern Languages.

ALL CHANGE IN THE MEDICAL SUITE

On Wednesday 19th September Mrs Moir retired after serving Bannockburn High School as Medical Attendant for the past 31 years. During that time Mrs Moir has fulfilled the role of nurse, paramedic, agony aunt, surrogate mum, substitute pupil support teacher, image consultant, pharmacist, health adviser and much, much more.

With Mrs Moir's retiral, Bannockburn High School has lost one of its most popular members of staff - caring, kind, compassionate and above all, a true and loyal friend and supporter of the school.

We all join in wishing Mrs Moir a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Over the past few weeks Mrs Duncan, Mrs Moir's successor, has been working alongside Mrs Moir so that there is no break in the continuity of service provided in that little room in the Geography corridor we have, for as long as anyone can remember, referred to as "Mrs Moir's!".

Now its time to make Mrs Duncan feel welcome in the school and to establish her way of doing things.

THE LITERACY GROUP

Once again Bannockburn High School's Literacy Group organised a Book Fair which ran in the school between 26th and 28th September. Pupils in years S1, S2 and S3 were given the opportunity to buy books by a variety of popular authors, many who are well known to us and have visited our school.

MUSIC TRIP

A group of S4, 5 & 6 pupils travelled to Glasgow before the October holiday to hear the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Masterworks Session 2007. They heard a musical programme by Bartok, Liszt and Lutislavski. The pupils were a credit to the school and everyone who participated enjoyed the afternoon.

SPORTS NEWS

Football - Congratulations to Kenny Govan (S5) who recently took part in the trials for the Forth Valley under 18's team, where he was successful in gaining a place.

S3 BOYS FOOTBALL

The S3 boys football team secured a superb win over Wallace High recently, winning 7-0. Goals were scored by Jack Walker, Calum McCormack (2), Grant Dixon (2), Grant Inglis, David McPhee.

RUGBY

Bannockburn High's Senior Rugby team played their first game in several years when they took on the visiting Stirling High. The boys played exceptionally well against a large, well drilled Stirling team and can take lots of pride in their effort and tackling, especially since many of the squad were making their rugby debuts. The final score was eventually 44-10 to Stirling, with Bannockburn tries scored by Andrew Kimmitt and Robert Kimmitt. Man of the match went to Karl Duffy.

SENIOR RUGBY

Bannockburn High's return to rugby continued just prior to the October Holiday in a three way tournament held at Denny High School. The first of the two shortened games the boys played was against Denny, where Bannockburn beat the hosts 5-0. The try was scored by Stuart Hall who was also named man of the match.

The next game was a close encounter against Graeme High, where the boys showed their improved skill levels by adopting a tactical kicking game, but unfortunately lost 5-0. Man of the match here was full-back Scott Headley. Throughout the two games Bannockburn were highly impressive in tackling and direct running and should take pride from their physical and confident style of play. Man of the Day was Callum Cameron, who played very well in his first outing as fly-half.

INTER HOUSE ACTIVITIES

S1 and S2 have participated in the first inter house activities of the term. The results are as follows :-

S1 - Fun Run Winners - Connor Donegan (Bruce), Ashleigh Russell (Bruce), Best costume - Alexander Gordon and best effort - Alex Gow and Charmaine Stretton. The winners of the Rugby were Wallace and player of the day was awarded to Stuart Govan also of Wallace House. The winners of the individual Fitness competition were Beth Baxter (Bruce), Roslyn Ivatt (Bruce) and Samantha Crombie (Wallace). The winners of the Bench ball competition were Stuart with the Players of the day being Logan McGuigan (Stuart) and Jennifer Muir (Bruce). After the event Bruce were awarded 130 points, Wallace, 50 points and Stuart, 40 points. The running total this year is Wallace 160 points, Bruce 230 points and Stuart 50 points

S2 - Rugby winners, Wallace with player of the match being Shane Hunter for Stuart house. The winners of the Water Polo were also Wallace, with players of the match being Steven Bryce (Bruce) and Heather Whyte (Wallace). The Basketball was won, again by a team from Wallace house and the player of the match was Jeffrey Cheng (Wallace) and finally the Fitness Factory winners were Mark Milne (Bruce), Stephen McKay (Bruce) and Sarah Scotland (Bruce). Overall winners were Wallace with 110 points, followed by Bruce with 40 points and Stuart with 10 points.

PARENT COUNCIL

The first meeting of the newly formed Parents' Council was held in the school staffroom on Wednesday 12th September at 7.30pm. A second meeting was held on the evening of 19th September at 7.30pm. There are still a number of vacancies to be filled on this new council. Parents are reminded that they are able to come along to attend any of the Council Meetings.

Future dates arranged, so far, are Monday 22nd October at 7.30pm; Thursday 15th November 2007 at 7.30pm; Tuesday 4th December at 7.30pm.

PSA MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

Please find enclosed with this newsletter an application form to take part in the P.S.A Monthly Prize Draw. You will find all you need to know on the application form.

ASN PARENTS FORUM

There are termly meetings of the ASN Parents Forum, currently held at SLANT base, St Mary's, Kildean. These are informal meetings where parents can share and learn from each other but also hear about any developments in the services that they receive. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 20 November, 7-9pm**. Bill Eadie, Head of Support and Development, is coming to this meeting to explain more about the proposal to charge for some of children and family social work services. Further information is available form Lorraine Sanda

EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE 2007/2008

Day	Lunchtime 13.05 - 13.35			After School 15.45 - 16.45			
	Games Hall	Pool	Gym	Games Hall	Outside	Pool	Gym
Mon	S2 5-Asides Miss Meek	Staff Swim	Bums, Tums & Thighs S5/S6/Staff	Athletics P7 Sports Dev	Rugby S1-S6 Mr Fulton	Staff Swim	Trampolining Miss Meek
Tue	S4 5-Asides Mr Wyllie	S1-S2 Swim Mrs Stirling		Basketball S1 - S6 Mr Halcrow	S3 Football Mr McClune/ Mr McMenemy	Boys Health Club Mr Ogilvie	
Wed	S1 5-Asides Mrs Mitchell	Staff Swim			S5/S6 Boys Football Mr Timmons S2 Boys Football Mr McMenemy	Girls Health Club Mrs Mitchell Miss Jeffrie	
Thur	S1-S6 Badminton Mrs Mitchell		S1 - S6 Dance/ Aesthetics Miss Jeffrie	Sports Club Mr Ogilvie/ Mr Reynolds	S1 Boys Football Mr Boyle Girls Football Miss Meek	Sports Club Mr Ogilvie/ Mr Reynolds	
Fri	S3 5-Asides		Staff v's Pupil Volleyball	5-Asides Staff		Staff Swim	Staff Fitness Suite

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER - JANUARY

Monday 15 October to Monday 22 October S4 pupils meet with House Heads- individual interviews

Monday 29 October - Friday 2 November S5 Pupil Support Interviews

Wednesday 7 November S5/S6 Parents Evening
4.15 - 6.45

Friday 9 November M+ Prefects Training

Monday 12 November }
to }
Tuesday 13 November }
School Closed to Pupils
Staff Development Days

Tuesday 20 November S4 Parents Evening 4.15 - 6.45

Monday 26 November }
to }
Friday 7 December }
S4 Preliminary Examinations

Wednesday 12 December Christmas Concert

Wednesday 19 December Senior Dance

Friday 21 December 1.30pm Close of School-End of Term

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Monday 7 January 8.55am School Reopens

Wednesday 16 January S1 Parents Evening 4.15 - 6.45

Monday 21 January }
to }
Friday 25 January }
S4 Pupil Support Interviews

Thursday 31 January }
to }
Wednesday 6 February }
S5/6 Preliminary Examinations