

WHITEHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

ACTIVITIES REWARD WEEK

After the success of last year, staff have decided to run an even bigger and better week of activities for pupils. The timetable will be suspended during the last week of the summer term and pupils will be involved in a range of activities.

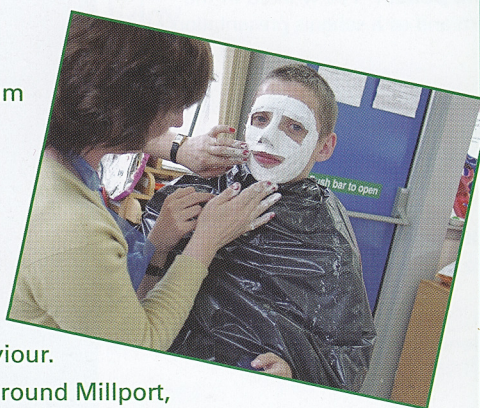
All pupils will be able to take part in school based activities, such as ceramic painting, guitar and drum workshops, designing a web page, football, boxercise, swimming or trying to become Whitehill's own Pop Idol.

Only those pupils who have been behaving well will be allowed to participate in out of school activities. This will be their reward for good behaviour. This year's options include Alton Towers, cycling around Millport, windsurfing, canoeing, archery, horse riding, a trip "Doon the Water" in the Waverly and lots more.

Pupils' behaviour will be monitored when they return from the Easter holiday. If necessary they will be given two opportunities to improve their behaviour. A senior member of staff will warn them if their behaviour has been poor.

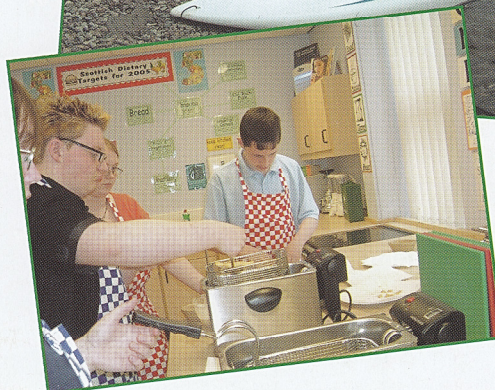
Our hope is that all pupils behave well enough to enable them to take part in all activities.

Timetables and payment cards will be issued after Easter. We will be asking parents to sign these to indicate that you give your consent to pay for the activities chosen by your child. This may be a good opportunity for parents to start "bribing" their children to tidy their bedroom, wash those dishes or walk that dog!!
GOOD LUCK.



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THE INTERVIEW - PC FLEMING

Shelley Gilchrist and Demi Crawford of S1 interviewed PC Fleming for this newsletter. It went so well that at the end of the interview, PC Fleming let the girls try on her body armour and her "batman" belt. Read on.

Shelley and Demi: Q: Why are you working in the school?

PC Fleming: I'm a Community Police Officer. The school is a community school with many different agencies working in it and from it. It is hoped that my presence will assist the exchange of information and ideas and benefit the whole community. If me being here makes people feel safer, well that's great.

Do you like your job? Yes I like my job. I've been doing it for 18 years. I joined the police in 1986.

What other jobs have you had in the police? I've worked in the family protection unit, in the control room and as a schools presentation officer.

What made you want to join the police? To try to help people as much as I can. I have always wanted to join the police since I was at school. My father gave me good advice to get another job first before I joined the force.

Have you encountered any problems being in the police?

The biggest problem I have is trying to arrange childminding round shifts.

What do you do to relax? I like gardening and fancy myself as a bit of a singer.

Do you have any pets? I have three cats.

If you hadn't been a police officer, what would you have done?

I would have quite liked to have been a vet but I wasn't clever enough. Nursing is another thing I would have liked to have done.

What kind of music do you like? The kind of music I like are the Beatles, Run Rig, Bay City Rollers and Annie Lennox.



Do you like your uniform? It looks smart but it can be uncomfortable in hot weather. This is due to the weight of the body armour.

(We both tried the body armour and batman belt (utility belt) on and we think it is very uncomfortable. **Shelley and Demi**)

HEALTH NEWS

Glasgow Healthy Schools Scheme

Our Health Development Officer, Morven Campbell, has been very busy meeting with staff and pupils to explain how she can help our school and Learning Community to improve health. She made a presentation at a recent staff meeting describing what it means to become a health promoting school and how we can all help to take this forward. One important area of this is working with parents and we are again asking for any parent who might be interested in helping us to contact either Morven, or myself (Hilda Dalziel) on 562 0290.

We are in the process of setting up a health library where pupils can access information on many health issues. The Pupil Council have been very active in this and thanks go to them for all their hard work.

The Pupil Council also held a competition for S1 pupils to design a poster highlighting the issue of dog fouling in the school grounds.

Our Health Festival will be held early in June. Pupils from all our pre-5 and primary establishments as well as our own S2 pupils take part in this event and have a great day at a variety of workshops. If you would like to see what happens, or maybe to pick up some tips then please come along – more details will be issued nearer the time.

Last Friday staff from GGHB were in school at lunchtime highlighting No Smoking Day. Pupils had their carbon monoxide levels monitored along with a number of other activities designed to make them think smoking and health.

A quiz was issued and the winners were:

- Louise Hawthorn 2.4 who won 4 tickets for the UGC cinema
- Lisa McKinlay 3.3 who won 2 tickets for the UGC cinema
- Yasmin Azam 6.2 who won a £10 Asda voucher
- Conor McGrath who won a radio alarm clock

Dates for your diary

Friday 14 May	Higher and Intermediate exams begin
Monday 17 May	S3 exams start
Tuesday 18 May	S1 Parents' evening
Friday 21 May	Industrial Awareness Day for S3 pupils
Thursday 27 May	In service day for teachers. Holiday for pupils.
Friday 28 May	School holiday
Monday 31 May	School holiday
Wednesday 2 June	Sports Day
Thursday 17 June	Junior prizegiving
Friday 18 June	Senior prizegiving
Monday 21 June	Start of activities week
Friday 25 June	Close for summer break
Tuesday 10 August	SQA results received by candidates
Wednesday 18 August	School reopens after the summer break

THE CAIRNGORM CLIMB

Staff at BCW Group - a big supporter of Whitehill - have decided to climb one of the highest mountains in Scotland, and raise money to buy Whitehill Secondary a new minibus.

There are over 300 people working for BCW Group plc in Glasgow, and hopes are high that a larger number of them will be sponsored by family and friends to take on the "Cairngorm Challenge", raising up to £15,000 that is required to buy a top of the range vehicle. In addition, a number of BCW Group's partner organisations have said they will help reach this ambitious total before the end of the school year.

Clever Cairngorm Facts

- Cairngorm from Gaelic An Carn Gorm, or "the blue hill."
- Cairngorm is Britain's sixth highest mountain, at 1244m.
- Cairngorm has over 100 days of snow a year.
- Cairngorm is home to a number of flowers and plants that grow nowhere else in the world.
- From the top of Cairngorm you can see Ben Nevis (over 60 miles away)
- On a busy day in the winter you can have 5000 people skiing on the mountain at any one time.
- The 10km climb will take six to eight hours to finish by foot but would only take fifteen minutes in the Whitehill minibus!



SQA EXAMS

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS ABOUT EXAMINATIONS

All senior pupils have now been issued with examination timetables and information from the SQA. The Standard Grade exams begin with Art on 30th April and finish with Science on 28th May. The Higher and Intermediate exams do not start until 14th May. Study leave for S4 starts on 30 April but study leave for S5/6 does not start until 14th May.

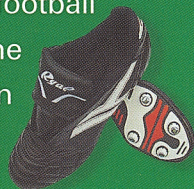
I would like to ask all parents to read through the booklet "Your exams 2004", particularly the sections about unacceptable conduct and about items banned from exam rooms. Please make sure your son/daughter does not bring a mobile phone to school on exam days. The rules are very strict. Any pupil caught with a mobile phone, whether switched on or off, will forfeit the exam.

Several departments are running special exam revision classes in school over the Easter break. These classes have been an enormous benefit to exam candidates in the past. Please urge your son/daughter to take advantage of them.

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FOOTBALL

Commiserations to the under 18 football team who narrowly lost out in the quarter finals of the Cup - beaten 9-8 on penalties. Hard luck!



CHARITY GROUP



Our Charity Group are busy raising money – so far we have raised money by selling and delivering Valentine cards, and at the moment we are trying to Guess the Number of Sweets in the Jar. There was also a Prize Draw with a first prize being a giant Celebrations Easter Egg. The money raised is being used to buy vouchers which will be donated to the Health Visitors at Bridgeton Health Centre. They will then pass these on to needy families in the local community. Last year we raised £350 for this appeal and we hope to beat that total this year.

YOUR EXAMS A REMINDER FOR SENIOR PUPILS

- ✓ Arrive in good time - about ten minutes before the exam starts
- ✓ Check you have been given the correct exam paper
- ✓ Read all instruction and listen carefully for any announcements or additional instructions
- ✓ Write in black or dark blue pen - you may use pencil for rough work, diagrams etc
- ✓ Remember to cross out all rough work
- ✓ If you feel unwell, tell the invigilator
- ✓ Put your name and SCN on every piece of work/paper
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- ✗ Do not help, or get help from, any other candidate
- ✗ Do not cause a disturbance - you will be made to leave the room and your work will be disqualified

⚠ If you have a bag or ANY forbidden materials, ask the invigilator where you may place these. Mobile phones must not be taken into the examination room.



Mobile phone



Spellchecker



Calculator with inappropriate data



Pencil case/calculator case



Books, notes, sketches, paper

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Under 18's Football team who have had an excellent year.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the S4 ABOUT tournament.

Congratulations to all those who participated in the GOALS programme. All their work was handed in on time and the students that were in charge of the Whitehill group commented that our pupils were well behaved and very enthusiastic.

Congratulations to the following pupils who each won HMV vouchers in the Fuel Zone's Healthy Eating competition: Tracy McConnell, Craig Crawford, Julie Ann Kerr, James McArthur, Kirsty Levett, Eric Kel, Lauren Mack, Jade Campbell, Catherine So and Donna Forsyth.