

WHITEHILL SECONDARY NEWSLETTER TO FORMER PUPILS

2007-2008





From Our Easter
Newsletter

Student Council Successes



The Student Council sold pancakes in the Fuel Zone on Shrove Tuesday. The £50 profit has been added to the money raised from the sale of Valentine cards and cakes for Red Nose Day, by the Charities Group. This brings the grand total donated by Whitehill pupils to the many worthy causes, supported by Comic Relief, to £325.



Student Council members and representatives, who took part in an Event Organiser Programme on 5th March, are planning a School Fayre during the second week in June as an Enterprise Venture. Those pupils involved hope to liaise with, and involve, some of the pupils from our associated primaries in the Learning Community. The Council would like to thank Krissa Brown, Jenna McDonald and Stephanie Dunn for representing Whitehill at the bi-monthly Student Council meetings at Glasgow City Chambers in previous years. We also wish them success in their forthcoming exams and for the future. Emma Hill will accompany Jade Campbell to future meetings. Jade attended the Lord Provost's Burns Supper for the first time with Krissa, who was there for the last time.

The Student Council once again hosted a Burns Supper for members of the local and wider community. Mr Fleming and his Third Year Home Economics pupils served members of Reidvale Housing Association and Dennistoun Parish Church traditional fare, of a standard that would rival professional chefs - a view that was shared by the Advisor for Home Economics, Frances Gallacher, and Councillor Frank Docherty. Our guests from Our Lady's High School - Mr. Love, Head Teacher and Mr McArthur, Principal Teacher P.E.— were also most impressed. The entertainment was provided by Council members, Mr. Morrison, Depute Head, who piped in the haggis, and Mr. Lowdon of the English Department, whose presentation of the Immortal Memory was most informative and entertaining. Our guests were most impressed.

Whitehill Student Council members are looking forward to welcoming and working with pupils from Our Lady's High at a conference in our proposed venue, Glasgow City Chambers, on the seventh of June. The theme for this year's conference is Sectarianism, and the programme will be formatted in accordance with the Horizons Project.



Easter Assembly Church service arrangements

The Easter Assembly will be held in Dennistoun Central Church at 11.30 a.m. on Friday 30th March.

The service will be conducted by the Reverend Peter Davidge. There will be a variety of performances throughout the assembly, including items from the Pupil Council, staff, bands and the Charity Group. All parents and friends of the school are welcome to attend. As usual at the start of the Easter holidays, school will dismiss at 2.30 p.m.

Congratulations

to George Black (S6), seen here being presented with his dux award at the Christmas assembly by Councillor Frank Docherty.



Congratulations to Whitehill's Scotia Group, who took part in Blue Peter's Shoe Biz Appeal.

Mrs Brownlow saw the report on television and thought it would be a good idea for the group to take part to complete their community involvement. The members had to encourage pupils and parents to bring in old shoes to raise money for children in Malawi. To do this, we had to give public talks at assemblies and send information round the school. We had large plastic boxes for people to take their shoes to. We have

collected an amazing ten large bags so far. The search goes on. **Get your shoes in for the children of Malawi.**

Marisa Hunter, Chelsea McPhee, Joseph Donnelly, Robert Kinnaird, Ian McMath, Steven Best, George Sweeney

Congratulations to the pupils who took part in the Stockmarket Challenge at the Mitchell Library.

"Pupils of 3rd year visited the Mitchell Library on 24th January for a Stock Market Challenge hosted by Morgan Stanley. The objective of the day was to try to get the most money and beat other schools. It was a very interesting and enjoyable trip!"

Ryan Aitken

Congratulations to the 12 S4 boys who completed the Construction Craft Taster Course at Glasgow Metropolitan College: Scott Hastie, Gary Scott, Gary Smith, Lee Rennie, James Gray, Alistair Dott, Thomas Downie, Lee Gaughan, Dylan France, Derek Dick, Scott McKenzie and Robert McKelvie

Congratulations to Student of the Term, Matthew Stanway. Matthew's hard work, commitment and contribution to the Burns Lunch have earned him this award. Well done!



Tree Planting with the Scotia Group

On Friday 23rd March, Andy Torrance and Neil Young from Milnbank Housing Association taught us how to plant apple trees. They split us into groups of two and each group planted a tree. We planted different varieties, including Scottish Bridget, Apple Fortune, Edward VII and Egmont Russet. Next term we are going to plant a small orchard with the help of Milnbank Housing Association. In a year, they will blossom. In five years, apple pies will be available.

Marisa Hunter, Chelsea McPhee, Joseph Donnelly, Robert Kinnaird, Ian McMath, Steven Best



Sense Over Sectarianism Activities - 'Smash Bigotry out of Sport' - 'Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors'

Whitehill Secondary School continued their successful cross-sector partnership work with Our Lady's High School in Motherwell when Mr Renton took 12 pupils from S2 to play in a badminton festival. The next activity will be a Dance Workshop with the dance coaches from Rangers and Celtic Study Centres. One pupil said, "It was great. People should forget about religion and have a laugh." Another said, 'I learned a lot. If we work together, we are stronger.'

The Whitehill "Recycle me" Campaign

Many thanks to all the staff and pupils of Whitehill for taking part in this campaign. I would especially like to thank the pupils and staff who have volunteered to help with the work of the Eco Group.

Mrs Brownlow





From Our Summer Newsletter

ACTIVITIES WEEK

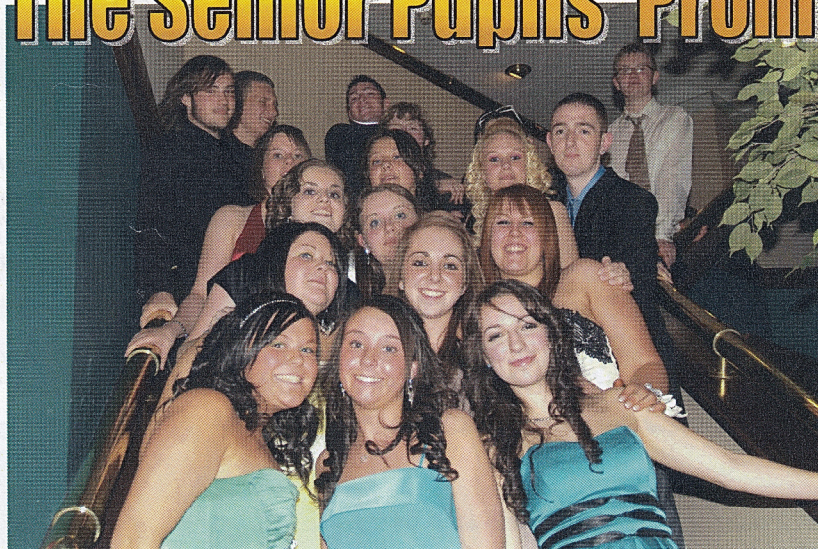
Whitehill's Activity Week has again seen a variety of A. B. O. U. T. reward excursions to Bearsden Ski Slope, Fife (golf), the Museum of Flight, Deep Sea World, Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh Ghost Tour, a cycling assault course, cycling round Glasgow and the visit to Alton Towers. About 80 pupils have been out of school on excursions each day. Mr. Farmer and Mr. Fleming co-ordinated the activities which are run by teachers and departments. There were also several in-school activities such as football, PE, films and using the internet.

Congratulations to everyone who has kept A.B.O.U.T. and earned a reward.

ABOUT is the Whitehill School Code for Pupils.

A is for Attendance. **B** is for Behaviour. **O** is for Organisation. **U** is for Uniform. **T** is for Timekeeping.

The Senior Pupils' Prom



The Senior Pupils Prom was held on Friday 15th June at the Crowne Plaza Hotel on the riverside. Everybody had a great time. The meal was lovely and was complemented by a splendid cake baked by Mrs Cunningham. Everyone was dressed up to the nines and looked very glamorous.

Mr McAllister made a short speech congratulating S6 on their achievements and wishing them well for the future. He particularly thanked Stephanie Dunn, Krissa Brown, Mrs Dalziel and the Prom Committee for all their hard work in organising this successful event.

Pupils were presented with medals and certificates to mark their "graduation."

THE EMPROVE GROUP

Four boys from our S2 attended the EMprove group, working at developing issues relating to interpersonal skills and communication. The boys took part in team building activities, Duke of Edinburgh activities and sessions relating to emotional literacy, anti-bullying and self esteem. The sessions culminated in the boys going on the Clyde Challenger, an ocean-going sail training yacht.

REIDVALE AWARDS

Whitehill Secondary pupils swept the boards at the Reidvale Housing Association Awards ceremony on Monday 25th June. The award winners were presented with fantastic certificates and vouchers to the cheers of a packed audience of residents during Reidvale's Annual General Meeting.

Reidvale will also be sponsoring pupils who attend Higher or Further Education.

The following pupils received the awards for educational and personal achievements.

George Black

Sean Broe

George Edgar

William Edgar

Amy Waddell

Gemma Lewis

Danielle Thomson

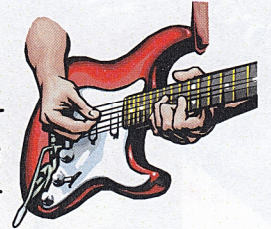
All the staff at Whitehill are very proud of the pupils' achievements and we're sure you agree that they are a credit to the school.



From Our September Newsletter

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ideal Envy**. The all-girl band of Laura Watson, Nina Dawson-Scott, Lyndsay Gallacher and Rae Martin represented Whitehill at a citywide Battle of the Bands in the Old Fruitmarket. The band came second in the contest and won an electric guitar and an amp for the Music Department. The girls said, "It was a great opportunity to play at such a renowned venue with such great rivals." Well done, girls!



THE HOLOCAUST EDUCATIONAL TRUST

S6 pupils, Karen Turner and Lesley Armstrong, were among a group of Glasgow pupils who visited the Auschwitz– Birkenau camp in Poland on 19th September as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust Project.



The Amnesty International Youth Group With the help of Mrs Pinterich, the group aims to campaign and raise awareness of serious concerns such as the abuse of human rights in China, the problem of Guantanamo Bay and the fight against terrorism.

Karen Turner, S6

Recycling On Friday, the 14th of September, we went with three S1 and S2 pupils and Mrs Brownlow, to visit Polmadie Recycling Plant. The visit was arranged by Councillor Frank Docherty and it was good to meet members of Dennistoun Community Council who also went along.

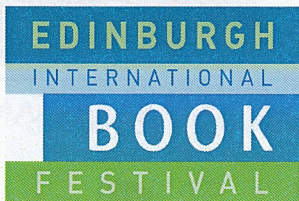


The plant recycles paper, plastic, and steel and aluminium cans for the whole of Glasgow. It was really interesting. Isobel Boyland, who works with schools to encourage recycling, is going to come to our school to give us advice on how to recycle our paper, plastic and cans at Whitehill.

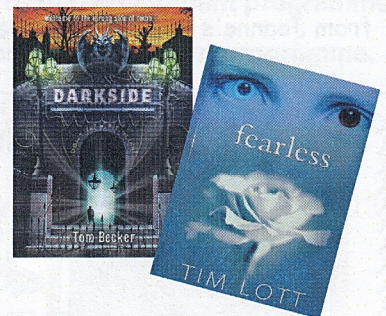
Emma Wheeler 3.4 and Donna Wilson 3.1

The Craft and Jewellery Club. Every Tuesday at 1pm, the Whitehill Craft and Jewellery Club meets in the Art and Design Department to make and design all kinds of articles e.g. earrings, designer hair bands, bangles and other craft products. If you've got a good idea for a new product, come along and join in.

Ms Dorran



On Friday 24th August, Mr Gallagher and Mrs Rice accompanied a group of S1 pupils to the Edinburgh International Book Festival. The purpose of the visit was both educational and as a reward for the pupils who have consistently met the **ABOUT** targets in English.



The group attended talks by two of the visiting authors promoting their work: Tom Becker, who was interviewed by Vivien French about his novel 'Darkside' and Tim Lott, whose novel 'Fearless' was favoured by the pupils.

A visit to Princes Street Gardens proved, as always, to be very popular, and once again the pupils were reluctant to leave and requested a return visit to Edinburgh. The pupils are to be commended for their behaviour and as representatives of Whitehill.

Mrs Rice

From Our Christmas
Newsletter

School Uniform Success

Our uniform policy has proved very successful. Pupils like the idea of wearing uniform because they feel and look smart and know that they are safe, as they are easily identifiable.

The majority of our parents also support our policy because it has reduced the element of competition among pupils e.g. who is wearing what and who has got the most up to the minute and most expensive pair of denims, top etc. Visitors have also commented on how smart our pupils look and this has led to more respect for the pupils coming from the public at large.

Thanks to all pupils and parents who have supported our initiative.

A reminder of our uniform – White/sky blue shirt and school tie, dark trousers or skirt, black shoes.

Well done, everyone! The Faculty Heads



Beauty School Drop-in Day

A Beauty School Drop-in Day was held in the Conference Room on 19th of December, from 10.00am till 3.00pm.

Treatments available were: manicures, facials, and hand and arm massages

The day was run by S5 and S6 girls attending the Intermediate 1 Enterprise Course at the Central College of Commerce. The girls raised £163 for charity.

Merry Christmas from two former pupils.

Pictured here are Lulu, the singer, songwriter, actor and television personality, who was at Whitehill in the 60s and Joanne Reid Rodrigues who was at Whitehill in the 70s.

Joanne is the founder of the highly successful Slimming Together programme and an internationally-known journalist and motivational speaker on health, nutrition and lifestyle. Joanne's latest book, "The Life Transformation Diet", is available in the school library now and will be available through bookshops in January. You can also get a copy from Joanne's Slimmingtogether.com website.



Joyeux Noël et Bonne Année!

Après beaucoup de travail, tout le monde est impatient de s'amuser et de fêter Noël. En espérant que le Père Noël va vous gâter.

Les classes de français



Sports News From Our Newsletters

FOOTBALL

Football continues to be as popular as ever at Whitehill, with lots going on.

The Under-18 team, coached by Mr Sim, have had mixed fortunes, with some good performances without getting the rewards their efforts deserved. Mr Campbell has taken the Under-15 team and achieved good results, especially a spirited 3-3 draw with St Mungo's. The Under-13's, coached by Mr Neil, have played a number of games since the turn of the year, the 9-1 beating of John Paul Academy being the highlight. At the Under-13 level, around 30 boys and girls regularly attend coaching sessions run by Queens Park FC on a Wednesday after school in the P.E. department, while, every two weeks, a squad of 10 participate in the Bank of Scotland Soccer seven-a-side at Glasgow Green.

March 2007

RUGBY

Scottish Rugby League have set up a rugby academy for S1 in Whitehill which has proved to be a great success with many of the S1 boys attending being selected for Scotland Development Squad training sessions at Nethercraigs. As a result of attending the Development Squad sessions Cameron Sinclair, Craig Fairfield and Jason Sharkey have all been selected to represent Scotland at under-13 level. Congratulations, boys!

June 2007

YOUTH GAMES— outstanding participation and performance from Whitehill pupils

Whitehill entered 60 pupils for the Glasgow Youth Games — an Athletics team, a boys football team, a girls football team and an S1 Rugby League team this year. There was success across the board, with many of the athletes winning medals for Whitehill. Both football teams did very well throughout the day. The Rugby League team did exceptionally well and on their first outing as a team won the Youth Games Rugby League event in a close run competition.

June 2007

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to the following pupils

Indio Singh and Nathan Delgado who have been selected to represent Scotland at under-16 level to tour Serbia & Montenegro and France over the first four weeks of the summer holidays. It is a great achievement

to be selected to represent your country abroad at such a young age and everyone at Whitehill wishes the boys all the best on the upcoming tour.

June 2007

Alex Cumlin and Derek McNeil who are in the finals of the West of Scotland Junior Indoor Bowls.

Gary Fraser who is playing at Under-14 level for Rangers as part of their Youth Development programme.

Declan Hughes who is playing at Under-13 level for St Mirren as part of their Development programme.

Congratulations to the S1 boys for the enthusiasm they have shown for sports. To date, 90% of the boys have been involved in playing, coaching or football festivals.



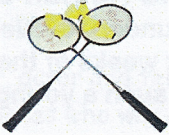


13 March – Tonight, the boys play their qualifying game for the later stages of the Under-13 Glasgow Schools Championship.

Congratulations to former pupil, **Alex Rae**, now player- manager of Dundee.

Congratulations to former pupil, **James McArthur**, who has just been appointed Captain of Hamilton Accies and has been selected for the Scotland Under-21s.

How we aim for a fit and healthy life for our pupils

Extra-Curricular Activities Timetable

DAY	LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES	CLUBS RUNNING AFTER SCHOOL		
		Games Hall	Gymnasium	Outside
Monday	Games Hall booking available S2 – S6 Tone Zone (bums)		Trampoline Club 	Rugby League S1 – S4
Tuesday	Games Hall booking available S2 – S6 Tone Zone (tums)	Netball Club 	Athletics Preparation	
Wednesday	Girls Football	U13 Football		U15/U18 Football Training
Thursday	Games Hall booking available S2 – S6 Tone Zone (legs) S1 Football Tournament	Badminton Club 	Athletics Preparation	Football Match Night 
Friday	Games Hall booking available S2 - S6 Tone Zone (arms)	Staff/Seniors Football		Rugby Academy  Periods 6 & 7



Tone Zone runs during lunchtimes with Mrs Campbell (1.05 – 1.25pm).

Each day concentrates on toning up a different part of the body –

So come along and see what a difference 20 minutes can make!!!

Through Culture and Leisure, all S5/6 Whitehill pupils have access to the multi-gym at Whitehill Pool in their Wednesday afternoon leisure classes.

