

Whitehill Secondary Newsletter to Parents

April 2005

Whitehill Pupil is UNICEF's Ambassador to Ethiopia.

Congratulations to Jamie Brown of S6 who will be visiting Ethiopia from 30th March to 7th April as a United Nations UNICEF ambassador. The main purpose of his visit will be to see how money from fundraising is spent.

Through his involvement with the Whitehill Pupil Council, Jamie became a member of the Student Council for Glasgow. He then became Director of the Glasgow Anti-racist Alliance. When UNICEF contacted them, Jamie went down to London and was selected as one of their representatives.

Jamie will fly to Adis and then Awassa visiting school projects, a children's rights club, immunisation clinics and nutrition centres. He will be travelling around the country in a UN jeep with a security crew.

There will be reports in the Herald, the Scotsman and Newsround.

Jamie will be presenting a report to the UNICEF conference in Edinburgh on 22nd April and also to the C8 conference which is allied to the G8 summit to be held in Scotland.



Jamie Brown of S6

Whitehill means business

The spirit of enterprise was in full flow when a group of S3 pupils formed their own business named **"Girls Mean Business"** as part of the Determined to Succeed Project. They hope to follow former pupil Michelle Mone's successful entrepreneurial career.

"Girls Mean Business" combined business knowledge with artistic skills from their Administration and Art classes to design, produce, market and sell hand-decorated tea-light holders in Mackintosh style which also contain quality chocolates.

Their product can be adapted for any occasion and there was a big demand for a special Mother's Day version. **"Girls Mean Business"** participated in the Trades Fair at the Forge Shopping Centre on Tuesday 15th March.

Tracy McConnell and Liam Cameron of S6 have been working with the pupils of Craigielea Nursery and

Theresa Flavin of Flavin Illustrations to produce a children's story book. The story book was also on sale at the Trades Fair.

The Whitehill stall at the Trades Fair was awarded the prize for the best decorated stall over the two-day event. The £150 prize will be invested for next session's enterprise activities.

A Beauty Day in February organised by Claire Anderson, Jade Colligan, Lynn Galloway and Megan Love raised money for charity. The girls had attended a

16 week college enterprise course in hairdressing and beauty therapy at the Glasgow College of Commerce. This was the second such event or-



ganised by the girls in aid of charity. Pauline McGloin and Dionne Jarvis were also involved in the first Beauty Day event. **Well done everyone!**

WIZ (Whitehill Improvement Zone) Academy

Whitehill pupils from 1st, 4th, 5th and 6th years will take part in the WIZ Academy on 6th, 7th and 8th April 2005.

They will work with student teachers from Strathclyde University delivering a learning and leisure programme for Primary 7 pupils from the 4 associated primary schools.

All pupils will take part in sport, dance, music, design technology, creative writing and a fantastic "Whodunit?" on the final day. Breakfast and lunch will be served every day. The entire programme is FREE!

Extra-curricular Activities— Buenos Dias

Having consulted with parents and guardians from the Whitehill community last year, Whitehill is delighted to offer a programme of evening classes after the spring break.

Leisure classes—6 week block from May to June

Tourist Spanish—one class for children (aged 8–16 years) and the other for adults

Basic IT skills—one class for adults.

There will also be information sessions on homework support, bullying and cannabis. Information will be sent to you in the near future.

Dates for your diary

School resumes after the spring break at 8.55 a.m. on Monday 18th April.

The May day holiday is on Monday 2nd May.

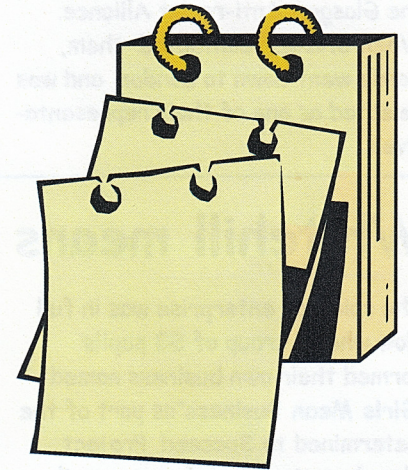
The S3 examinations will be held on 20th, 23rd, 24th and 25th May

Thursday 26th May, Friday 27th May and Monday 30th May are holidays for pupils. (Thursday 26th May is an in-service day for teachers.)

Junior prizegiving will be held on 23rd June.

Senior prizegiving will be held on 24th June.

School closes for the summer break on 30th June.



Information for parents about examinations



All senior pupils have now been issued with examination timetables and information from the SQA.

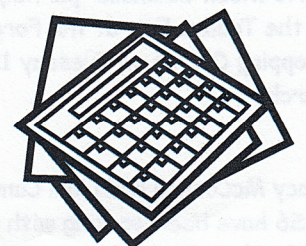
The Standard Grade exams begin with Art on 29th April and finish on 26th May.

The Higher and Intermediate exams do not start until 13th May. Study leave for S4 starts on 30 April but study leave for S5/6 does not start until 13th May.

Pupils will be given the booklet "Your exams 2005", 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 spring 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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