

# WHITEHILL SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2007

### 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 and 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.

### Farewells

*Farewell to the following members of staff who are moving on to pastures new after the summer holidays. We wish them all well, no matter where they go.*

Mr Mitchell has been at Whitehill for eighteen years, during which he has taught mainly History. Mr Mitchell is well-liked by staff and pupils and renowned for his clever, witty sense of humour and his encyclopaedic knowledge of many things, especially football and other sports. Mr. Mitchell was a Senior Teacher for many years, his responsibilities being work experience and Young Enterprise. Mr Mitchell has carried out a lot of work for SQA. His supported study classes and exam preparation classes were very successful. He will be moving to Hillhead Secondary after summer.

Farewell to Mr Stewart who has taught in the Art department for twelve years. Mr Stewart specialises in design and is particularly interested in architecture and interior design. His expertise with new technology is well-known and many staff have sought his advice on computers and printers. Mr. Stewart is retiring to the country life down in the Borders. He intends to spend his time designing and making furniture. (Mr Stewart is also a very good dancer!)

Mr Ali is known for his quiet, cheerful, courteous disposition. In his two years teaching Science and Chemistry at Whitehill, he has organised many curricular trips for pupils. He also arranged for a world-famous calligrapher to visit the Art department on two occasions to tutor pupils (and staff) in the art of calligraphy.

Miss Gow brought her thoughtful, considerate, enthusiastic approach to IT and, throughout the session, has contributed a lot to the department and the school. She has organised several discos and extra-curricular visits, one of which will take place during the summer break. She is well-liked and will be greatly missed by pupils and colleagues.

Miss McNeice had been at Whitehill as a student in Home Economics and returned here to teach last session. Miss McNeice seems to have boundless energy and enthusiasm and has made great contributions to the department and the school. One of her most enjoyable Whitehill experiences was the London trip and the visit to Ready, Steady, Cook.

Mr McIntosh has taught Religious Studies two days a week at Whitehill for almost five years. Mr. McIntosh is well-liked by all for his quiet, engaging manner and thoughtful, thorough approach to teaching and learning.

Mr Neil returned to Whitehill to run the Faculty of Performing Arts during Mr Renton's absence—a job he did very well! Mr Neil's enthusiasm, consideration and patience have been greatly appreciated by staff and pupils. He will resume his post at St Andrew's Secondary after summer.

Mrs Cunningham has been at Whitehill for almost three years, contributing to various departments. She is always prepared to accept new challenges and is often described by colleagues as multi-talented. She is also a brilliant cake-maker—a skill she has demonstrated many times for the benefit of staff and pupils.

#### **INFORMATION FROM HEAD TEACHER**

**Please refer to 2 important letters enclosed from the Head Teacher, Mr Liveston.**

**They will give you a full update about the new temporary 3-18 Campus and highlight the importance of wearing the full Whitehill Secondary School uniform from August.**



# Congratulations

Congratulations to *Ideal Envy*. The all-girl band consisting 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!

## Responsible Citizens Programme

Two groups of pupils have been working with H4U and Laurie Doyle on emotional literacy workshops over the past term. Laurie has commented very positively on group progress. Developing these skills will help our young people when it comes to seeking employment as it is high on employers lists of desirable personal qualities!

Youth Services and the East End Mentoring Project have been working with two S1 groups on developing successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens through group tasks and workshops. This group has been so successful that they are continuing with activities over the Summer Holidays. Well done!

Little Stars Drama Company took class 2.1 for a drama workshop last Friday. The pupils enjoyed the experience and worked well together. 2.1 have also shown their community spirit by having a voluntary charity collection each Friday. Spare change has been collected and around £70 has been sent to Cancer Research and Children in Distress.

## Enterprise Activities - Successful Learners

Make It In Scotland - S2 pupils from 2.4 won through to the finals of Make It In Scotland Manufacturing Challenge at the Science Centre in May 07. The pupils won best in category for their presentation skills. Well done to Ryan Bounagui, Scott McLeod, Jonathan McKinlay, Kirsten McPhail, Emma Wheeler, Lauren McLeod and William Edgar. Mrs McBride and Mrs Brownlow also won a prize for successfully making a hydrogen fuelled car!

After the success of our S2 Girls enterprise group at Ibrox, we have been invited to take another group of pupils to the Ready To Learn Centre at Ibrox next session to work with Space Unlimited on a high profile Enterprise project. More news later about that!

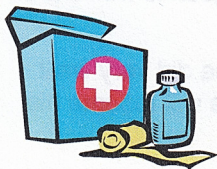


## Keeping Whitehill Tidy - Effective Contributors

As part of a Glasgow Campaign, 2.1 and 1.1 have been involved in litter picking with PC Roarty and PC Faulds.

## Rowing Challenge - Successful Learners

Whitehill competed at the Glasgow finals and came 5th for their age group! Congratulations to Roshan Ginda, Andrew Corletto and Graham Clelland. Andrew and Roshan have also been attending water sessions at Glasgow Green. We have plans to open this club up to S1 next year! Look out for more information.



## Welcome to our new school nurse

We would like to welcome our new school nurse, Penny Roberts, to our school. Penny will be continuing to operate the 'drop in' sessions on Thursdays at lunchtime in August. We look forward to working with her.

## Welcome to the new S1!

We held a transition day for our new first years last week. Our guests had a chance to be taught in various departments and meet some of the teaching staff they will be working with next year. Miss McCracken and Mr Fleming will be visiting P7's in the last week of term to issue each pupil with a Whitehill Welcome Pack. The pack includes a school tie, Stepping into Whitehill booklet, pencils, drinking bottle and school bag. We look forward to our new S1 joining us in August.



## **Horizons Pupil Council Conference at Hampden 11.6.07**

### **Effective Contributors/Confident Individuals**

The conference addressed the issue of sectarianism through drama. Melting Pot Arts Drama Company were very impressed with the work of the pupils—especially since the two groups were working together for the first time. Brendan McIlroy, director of the drama company said, "The work produced was outstanding. The atmosphere in the conference was excellent. It was great to work with pupils who were really interested in the topic and in drama." Ben Haines from the Scottish Executive, Alison Logan, the Sense Over Sectarianism Co-ordinator from Glasgow, Frank Docherty, local councilor, and school chaplain, Rev. Davidge, also attended the conference. On behalf of Whitehill Student Council, Jade Love welcomed guests to the conference.

*The report below was written by Ceara McGrory*

### **Pupil Council Conference: Sense Over Sectarianism**

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2007, a group of pupils from Whitehill Student Council attended a "Sense Over Sectarianism" workshop at Hampden Stadium. It was a joint workshop, which has been held annually for the last five years between Whitehill Secondary and Our Lady's High, produced by a drama company, Melting Pot Productions. The themes of the workshops have included Respect and Citizenship. This year's theme was Sectarianism. During this workshop we took part in a variety of drama activities, which were all equally fun and informative. The main aim of the Whitehill Student Council is to make an impact on the wider community by exploring many important issues that play a huge role in our lives as citizens of Glasgow. We hope to tackle sectarianism in the community and learn to respect one another, regardless of our religion or the team we support.

In the first half of our workshop, we were shown a play, highlighting the extremity of sectarian behaviour and the consequences of making the wrong decisions because of peer pressure. After the play, we discussed the wrong decisions made by the characters, and willing volunteers went onto the stage and played the characters, rather than letting the professional actors do all the work. This was a worthwhile and interesting activity, enabling us to understand why some people partake in sectarian behaviour. We were then paired up with a person we did not know and we took part in an activity in which we had to show complete trust in our partners and another activity where we had to learn 3 facts about our partner in one minute. Interacting with unfamiliar people was very eye opening and we made a few new friends throughout the day.

In the afternoon, we were put into groups and made up our own play concerning sectarianism. We were given characters and we had to make up a play with two different endings, one where the character made the right decision about sectarianism and one where the character made the wrong decision. This was very informative as we began to realise how one bad decision can change your whole life, either in a positive way or in a negative way.

Overall, the day was very enjoyable, interesting and informative. We learned a lot of valuable information about sectarianism. We were given an insight into why some people take part in sectarian behaviour and how the pressure put on you by your peers can force you to make decisions that you know are wrong and have terrible consequences. All of these activities made us realise that, with no exception, sense should always come before sectarianism.

*Ceara McGrory 3.1*



## Special Prizes

### Dennistoun Sports Prize

Jacqueline Young

### School Board Prize

Ceara McGrory

### Former Pupils' Prize

Lisa McKinlay

### Rose Ryan Memorial Prize

Gemma Sands

### Madeleine White Memorial Prize

Nina Dawson-Scott

### Leaps and Bounds Prize

Brendan and  
Duncan Robertson

### Diane Watson Memorial Prize

Stephanie Dunn

### Recognition of Sporting Achievement

Indio Singh and Nathan Delgado

### Higher Prize Winners

Lesley Armstrong	<i>Art and Design</i>
George Black	<i>Modern Studies</i>
Gary Bower	<i>Computing</i>
Craig Johnstone	<i>Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography</i>
Eric Kelly	<i>Advanced Higher Mathematics</i>
Maxine Leedham	<i>Music, Intermediate 2 Mathematics</i>
Christopher McSwegan	<i>English, History</i>
Thomas Spence	<i>Business Management</i>
Karen Turner	<i>Religious, Moral and Philosophical Studies</i>
Kirsty Wilson	<i>Administration, Human Biology</i>

## Intermediate 2

Natalie Beck	<i>Practical Craft Skills</i>
Darren McNeil	<i>Music</i>
Kimberley Neill	<i>Biology</i>
Lorna Watson	<i>Administration</i>
Jacqueline Young	<i>Health and Food Technology, Physical Education</i>

## Intermediate 1

Nicole Campbell	<i>Administration, Art and Design</i>
Maryum Causer	<i>Lifestyle and Consumer Technology</i>
Adam McGrory	<i>Travel and Tourism</i>
Zuleka Causer	<i>Mathematics</i>
Emma Purcell	<i>Mathematics (Applications)</i>

## Additional Awards

### Emprove

Scott Billy McCausland, Sean Broe

### Scotia Prize Winners

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

### Mathematics Challenge Award

Tia Smith, Stanley Smith, Scott Ramage, Jason Sharkey

### Plato Prize Winners

Jamie-Lee McMillan, Lorna Watson, Sophie Ralston, Amy Waddell, Ryan Aitken, Scott Ramage, James Jessamine, Allan Scott

### Trades House Awards

Lily Smith (P6 Golfhill Primary). Ryan Bounagui, Emma Wheeler, Hayley Mattinson, Selina Cruickshank, Stephanie Dunn.

### Sports Day Champions Award

Mobolaji Agoro, Marisa Hunter

### Glasgow Enterprise Awards: Diamond Award for Enterprise

Matthew Stanway

### Whitehill New Learning Community Award-

David Watson

### Business Engagement

Chelsie Reilly

### Student of the Term

Ceara McGrory



## Prize winners for S1, S2, S3 and S4

### S1 PRIZES FOR

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND EFFORT

Leona Koay	1A
Lee MacNicol	1A
Alison Pollock	1A
Scott Ramage	1A
Jason Sharkey	1A
Andrew Cadden	1B
Danielle Cameron	1B
Christopher Curran	1B
Robyn Hunter	1B
Linda McCulloch	1B
Rebecca Murray	1B
Georgina Smith	1C
Stanley Smith	1C
Melissa Beattie	1D
Cameron Sinclair	1D
Lindsey Bruce	1E
Amy Waddell	1E

### S2 PRIZES FOR

#### ACHIEVEMENT AND EFFORT

Andrew Corletto	2.1
Angela Thomson	2.1
Donna Wilson	2.1
Collette Anderson	2.2
Gemma Smith	2.2
Steven Coulter	2.3
Simone McBride	2.3
Rebecca McClure	2.3
Sophie Ralston	2.3
Kayleigh Reynolds	2.3
Ryan Bounagui	2.4
Stacey Crawford	2.4
Kirsten McPhail	2.4
David Watson	2.4
Emma Wheeler	2.4

### S3 PRIZE WINNERS

Ryan Aitken	<i>Computing</i>
Callum Baird	<i>Geography</i>
John Cruickshank	<i>Science</i>
Selina Cruickshank	<i>Business Management</i>
Nathan Delgado	<i>Administration, Physics</i>
Kieran Ginda	<i>Modern Studies</i>
Jade Love	<i>French, Music</i>
Ceara McGrory	<i>English, Mathematics, History, French, Biology, Chemistry</i>
Scott McLean	<i>Geography, Physical Education, Art and Design</i>
Brendan Robertson	<i>Home Economics</i>
Matthew Stanway	<i>Home Economics</i>

### S4 PRIZE WINNERS

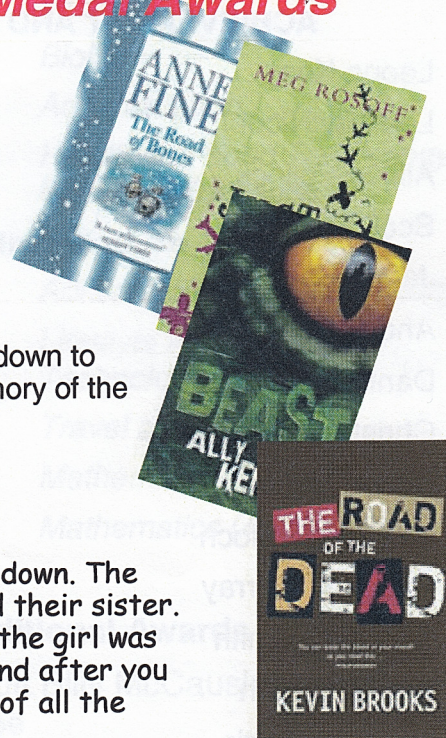
Nina Dawson-Scott	<i>English, French, Mathematics, Music, Physics, Craft and Design</i>
Farhan Khan	<i>Biology, Chemistry, French, Geography, Computing, Physical Education</i>
Mark MacGregor	<i>Administration, Business Management</i>
Louise Wallace	<i>Mathematics, Home Economics</i>
Rebekah Hendry	<i>History</i>
Stephanie Irvine	<i>Modern Studies</i>
Paul Curran	<i>Science</i>
Chelsie Reilly	<i>Religious Studies</i>
Nadine Haggarty	<i>Art and Design</i>
Rae Martin	<i>Art and Design</i>
Carston Ginda	<i>Graphic Communication</i>



WATCH, LISTEN  
& READ



## Carnegie Medal Awards



Pupils at Whitehill Secondary have been shadowing the Carnegie Medal award, which is awarded annually by children's librarians for an outstanding book for young people. From April each year there is a shortlist of six books. Whitehill Secondary Literary Project buys copies of the books and passes them to pupils who agree to read and review them. Our pupils then post their reviews on the web site. This year's winner, announced on 21 June, was **Just In Case** by Meg Rosoff. To read some of our pupils' reviews, go to [www.ckg.org.uk/shadowing](http://www.ckg.org.uk/shadowing) then **Reading Groups**, then scroll down to Whitehill Secondary. The Carnegie Medal award was established in memory of the Scottish philanthropist, Andrew Carnegie. This year is its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### Sample Review by Vicky Muir 2.3 *The Road of the Dead – Kevin Brooks*

I found this book very powerful and good to read. I could not put it down. The story is about two brothers who are trying to get the man who killed their sister. At some points in the story I found it hard to read as you hear how the girl was killed. There is a lot of feeling in the story and I loved it for that and after you read it you want to read it all over again. The story makes you think of all the dangers in the world. It is a must read book.

*P Gallagher School Librarian*

## 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, 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.

A group of S1 boys have been working on problem solving skills through Outdoor Education Activities. They were involved in hillwalking, gorge walking, mountain biking, abseiling and climbing. The boys' attendance at the group has been excellent. Well done Derek McNeill, Cameron Gray, Bradley Maitland, Ian Cummings.

## REIDVALE AWARDS

Whitehill Secondary pupils swept the boards at the Reidvale Housing Association Awards ceremony on Monday 25 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**

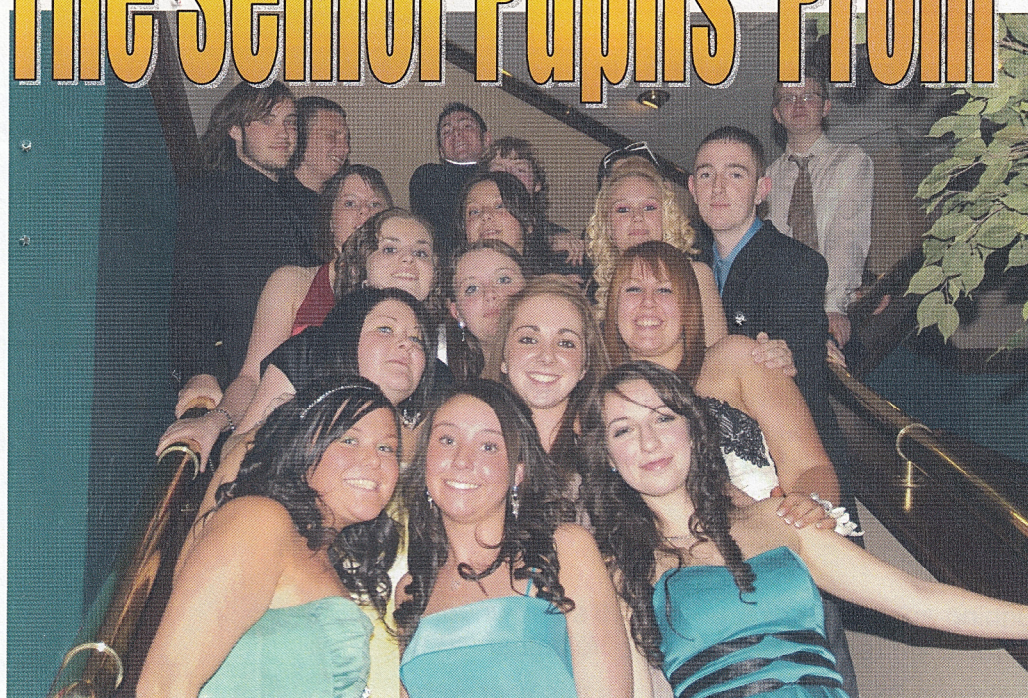
**Gemma Lewis**

**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.



# 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".

**New Skills New Start programme for S3** - Mrs. Brownlow took a group of third year pupils gorge walking as part of a programme to develop team work and employability skills. The group had a fantastic day. Particular credit to Gemma Sands and Bianca Fitzpatrick who demonstrated first class team work skills on the day.

**Soccer Success Programme** - 4 of our S5 pupils will be attending Celtic Park until Christmas on the Soccer Success programme. They will spend half the week at a college and half a week in the stadium developing coaching skills.

## **Horizons Whitehill and Our Lady's visit the Auld Firm! - Successful Learners**

30 pupils from Whitehill Secondary and Our Lady's High School were invited to spend a few hours at Ibrox and at Celtic Park looking at what each club is doing against sectarianism. The boys had a great time and were given a tour of both Ibrox and Celtic Park by Dominic Sharkey and Tony Russell.

## **Horizons Working with St Mungo's - ICT - Successful Learners / Confident Individuals**

Andrew Corletto, Steven Coulter, David McPherson and Ryan Bounagui worked with a group of boys from St. Mungo's Academy to develop an anti-sectarian website. The group met at Celtic Park and worked with Tony Russell over a period of 5 weeks.

## **Just Like You**

Hold my hand  
Feel the skin  
I am a human like you

Skin, bones and blood  
Feelings – just like you  
Yes, just like you

So, if we are the same  
Why do you do this to me?  
Is it even wrong to you?

Every day I stumble home  
Battered and bruised  
Your victim

You grab me by the hair  
Your knee meets my face  
Nose and knee collide

Proddie scum' you scream  
Right into my tear stained face  
Scream, scream, scream

Then you leave me lying there  
After spitting in my eye  
Hatred lined saliva – poison

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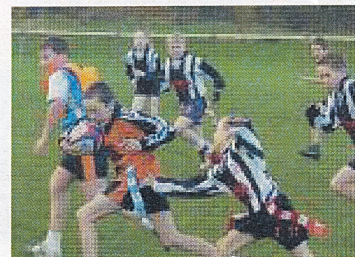
*by Jade Love*



# PE department news

## 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!



In other rugby related news both Indio Singh and Nathan Delgado 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.

## FOOTBALL

Next year the school will be running an under -13's, under -15's and under—18's football team. Team managers have yet to be confirmed (any volunteers ?)

The boys involved in the Rangers and SFA coaching schemes this year were invited to play in a seven-a-side tournament on the pitch at Ibrox which was a great success.



Mr Dorward came along to drive the bus and managed to score a penalty to his great delight (*Mr. Sim dived the other way but don't tell him!*)

## YOUTH GAMES

Whitehill entered 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.

## SPORTS DAY

Well done to all class teams involved in what was another successful Whitehill sports day. The winning team for 1<sup>st</sup> year was 1.4 with 50 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> year 2.2 with 59 points and in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year championship, the boys winner was Mobolaji Agoro and for the girls Marisa Hunter. Well done to everyone who helped make the day a great success.

## THANK YOU

The PE department would like to thank all staff that helped this year from driving the school bus to helping organise sports day. Without the continued help from other members of staff the PE department would not be able to offer the pupils of Whitehill the activities and opportunities we do. All your help is greatly appreciated by both staff and pupils and we are looking forward to seeing you at more events next year.

**Watch out for the new Extra Curricular**

**Timetable due to start in August 2007.**

**Have a good summer and -KEEP ACTIVE**