

WHITEHILL SECONDARY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2008

ACTIVITIES WEEK



Whitehill's Activity Week has again seen a variety of ABOUT reward excursions to Bearsden Ski Slope, Fife (golf), the Transport Museum, Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh Ghost Tour, M and D's at Strathclyde Park, Drum Adventure, Impact Arts, an ascent of Conic Hill, cycling round Glasgow and no less than three busloads of pupils visiting Alton Towers. Unfortunately our Waverley trip to Rothesay had to be postponed because the Waverley was experiencing technical difficulties. It will now take place on Friday 22nd August.

About 50 pupils have been out of school on excursions each day. Mrs Dalziel and the Pupil Support Assistants co-ordinated the activities which are run by teachers and departments.

Congratulations to everyone who has kept ABOUT 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 Clelland has been at Whitehill since 1974 which makes him the longest serving member of staff. Until 1989, he was Principal Teacher of Modern Studies. After he became an AHT, he was responsible for running the prelim, S Grade and Higher exams, for S3/4, school resources and organising the timetable. He intends to spend more time in his orchard and on music.

Farewell to Mrs Lennox, who has been at Whitehill for 21 years. Mrs Lennox taught Physics and Science and, as a Senior Teacher, looked after students and visitors from other countries, a role she continued with until this session. Mrs Lennox is well known for her quiet, patient disposition and the great care she takes over everything she does.

Mr Hinshelwood has been at Whitehill since 1991, teaching Modern Languages, including French and Spanish. His enthusiasm for languages prompted him to study in Spain after university. In Whitehill, he has been a very strong and supportive member of the Modern Languages team. He is looking forward to spending more time on music and travel.

Dr. Youcef has been a teacher of Chemistry at Whitehill for four years. During that time, he has managed to computerise 95% of the Standard Grade and Higher courses and has even produced DVDs for use by pupils sitting SQA exams. Dr Youcef also automated the formative and summative assessment processes in science. He will be teaching and carrying out research in Oman next year. He is sad to leave Whitehill and says he has never been happier in a school.

Mr Sim has been a teacher of PE at Whitehill for three years. Mr Sim's pride and joy is his rugby team, Whitehill Warriors. Thanks to his efforts, Whitehill's young rugby team is now one of the foremost in Scotland and some pupils have moved on to play for the city and even the national squad. Mr Sim will be travelling around Europe until April 2009.

Miss Belardo has been a member of the IT department this session. She has taught Administration and Business Management and developed an excellent working rapport with all her pupils. She prepared pupils for the Stock Market Challenge which resulted in a second place for us. She has thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Whitehill community.

Miss McGavigan has taught History and Social Studies in Whitehill for the past year. Miss McGavigan is well-liked by pupils and staff. She has enjoyed very much her year here and says it has been a pleasure to work with so many friendly pupils and members of staff.

Mr Mukhopadhyay (known to everyone as Mr M.) has taught Technical subjects here for the past year. Mr M. is known for his friendliness and happy, smiling demeanour.

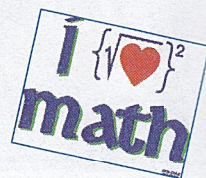
Mrs McColl started in Home Economics midway through the session. She is now moving on to pastures new.

Good luck to them all!



Major successes for Whitehill's talented young mathematicians.

In May we had 9 prizewinners (3 gold, 3 silver and 3 bronze) at Junior level in the UK Maths Challenge - a brilliant performance. This competition is entered by hundreds of schools and thousands of pupils from all over Britain. Our gold winners were: Jason Sharkey, Scott Ramage and Stanley Smith. Silver winners were Christopher Curran, Robert McDonald and Lindsey Bruce. Bronze winners were Georgina Smith, Tia Smith and Darren Rudolph. Well done to our winners and to those S2 pupils who took part.



22 S1 pupils visited the BBC studios in Glasgow on Friday 13 June to participate in recording an episode of the children's TV programme, "Get 100". It was great fun enjoyed by all our pupils taking part!!

Four of our S1 and S2 took part in the first ever UK Maths Trust Challenge held at Strathclyde University. Our pupils did themselves and our school proud by finishing in front of many bigger schools from all across Scotland in both state and private sectors. Our team was made up of Marcia McSwegan, Shona Westwood, Jason Sharkey and Scott Ramage.

On 12 June we sent 4 teams of young mathematicians to take part in the Glasgow Schools Maths Challenge - this time at Glasgow University. Twelve pupils made up 3 teams at Junior, Intermediate and Senior levels. Our Senior team members were: Christopher McSwegan, Farhan Khan, Nathan Delgado and Craig Johnstone. Our Intermediate team members were Melissa Beattie, Steven Coulter, Roshan Ginda and Georgina Smith. At Junior level we were represented by Marcia Smith, Steven Talbot, Ryan Wallace and Shona Westwood. On this occasion we didn't return with any prizes but our pupils had great fun and were tremendous ambassadors for our school and community.

Well done to our S2 pupils!! 46 have moved up a level in mathematics by passing a National Test this year. We look forward to their continued hard work and further success next year. **Well done again!**

Mr. Sharkey and the Maths Dept.

WHITEHILL SECONDARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2008 – 2009

Teachers Return	Thursday	14 August 2008
Pupils Return	Monday	18 August 2008
September Weekend	Friday	26 September 2008
	Monday	29 September 2008
First Mid – Term	Monday	13 October 2008
	Friday	17 October 2008 inclusive
Christmas / New Year	Monday	22 December 2008
	Friday	2 January 2009 inclusive
Second Mid – Term	Monday	16 February 2009
	Tuesday	17 February 2009
Spring Holiday	Monday	6 April 2009
	Friday	17 April 2009 inclusive
May Day	Monday	4 May 2009
May Weekend	Friday	22 May 2009
	Monday	25 May 2009

'Hopping Channels'



On the evening of Wednesday 11th June, pupils from Whitehill Secondary School put on a school show called 'Hopping Channels'.

The show, fronted by Liam Bruce (S1), followed a T.V. and Film theme and was aimed at promoting a healthy lifestyle through means such as dance, music, drama and sport. It also gave pupils the opportunity to showcase the hard work that goes on in the school on a daily basis.



I am pleased to say that the evening was a huge success, with around 170 people turning up to watch. Ticket sales raised £250, which will be donated to the Disasters Emergency Fund for the Myanmar Hurricane Appeal.

There was a fantastic atmosphere created by the pupils, parents and staff and some great performances on the night.

I would like to thank everyone who supported the show and look forward to seeing you all again next year!!!

Mrs Campbell



"I was involved in the football display and it was good to show off my skills to parents and friends. It was an enjoyable night and everyone really liked it. It was really good that Mrs Campbell got everyone together to take part in a big show. I am really happy that I took part in 'Hopping Channels'. Thanks, Mrs Campbell."

Kenny Stevenson, S3

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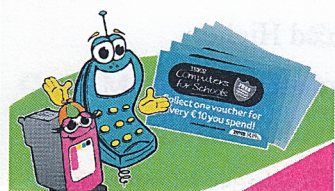
Clean Glasgow Event

On the 10th June 2008 the Whitehill Secondary Council visited the Piping Centre in Glasgow with the school councils from Haghill Park Primary, Alexandra Parade Primary and St. James' Primary. The purpose of the visit was the Whitehill Secondary Council Conference. Ms McCracken, Mr McGovern and Mrs Rice accompanied us. The conference topic was: 'Clean Glasgow Campaign'; the focus was the importance of having a clean city to live, work and play in.

Our first task was to design a poster to promote keeping our city clean. The groups had very different ideas; all of the posters were very bright and colourful. Some had very catchy slogans: 'LET GLASGOW SHINE'; 'IT'S GLASGOW'S TIME TO SHINE'; 'CLEAN GLASGOW'; 'KEEP GLASGOW CLEAN'. The ideas and designs were very original; the posters could have been entered into a competition.

After a break for juice and muffins it was straight back to work, because we had to decide what we could do with a £200 budget for improving our schools. The task was in the format of the TV show 'The Dragon's Den'. The atmosphere was very realistic. The best business idea would be awarded the money. One of the business ideas was to find sponsorship for recycling bins. All of the ideas were posted and soon the Dragons had made their decision; that ALL the schools would receive £200. We learned a lot about Enterprise and Citizenship by working for the benefit of the community.

Shona Westwood 1B



TESCO COMPUTERS FOR SCHOOLS

Many thanks to everyone who helped with this collection. We managed to collect a brilliant 2510 vouchers. Thank you very much for all you help. Thanks also to Mary Boyd and Rebecca Lafferty (2D) who helped with the counting and collection of these vouchers.

Mr. Campbell, ICT



SPECIAL PRIZES

Centenary Prize in Memory of
Diane Watson

Jade Campbell

The Leaps and Bounds Prize

Suzanne McGregor

The Rose Ryan Prize

Josh Deakin

The Dr. Madeleine White
Memorial Prize

Maxine Leedham

The School Board Prize

Andrew Corletto

The Dennistoun Sports Prize

Nathan Delgado

The Former Pupils' Prize

Lesley Armstrong

S5/S6 PRIZE WINNERS

Nadine Colligan	Intermediate 2 English
Audrey Freeman	Intermediate 2 Administration
Stephanie Irvine	Higher Art & Design
Alexis Kyle	Intermediate 2 Biology
Nadine Haggarty	Higher Mathematics
Maxine Leedham	Advanced Higher Music
Alan McEwan	Intermediate 1 Art & Design
Steven McNaughton	Intermediate 2 Computing
Christopher McSwegan	Higher Modern Studies
Kelly Maloney	Intermediate 2 Health and Food Technology
Rae Martin	Intermediate 2 Mathematics
Lorraine Menzies	Intermediate 1 Lifestyle and Consumer Technology
Kimberley Neill	Higher Human Biology
Emma Reilly	Intermediate 2 Health and Food Technology
Tom Stone	Intermediate 1 History
Laura Watson	Higher English,
Kirsty Wilson	Higher Mathematics
Thomas Young	Intermediate 2 Modern Studies
Nina Dawson Scott	Higher French
	Higher Physics
Farhan Khan	Higher Geography
	Higher Chemistry
Lyndsay Gallacher	Higher Computing
	Higher Music
Billie-Jo McCrimmon	Intermediate 1 English
	Intermediate 1 Mathematics
	Intermediate 2 Health and Food Technology
Scott Quinn	Intermediate 2 Physics
	Intermediate 2 PE
Craig Johnstone	Advanced Higher Mathematics
	Higher Administration
	Higher Business Management

S3 PRIZE WINNERS

Sophie Ralston	Modern Studies
Roshan Ginda	Chemistry
Kirsty Graham	Science
Darren Branks	Craft & Design
Nicole Johnston	Art & Design
Simone McBride	Music
Daryl Hawick	P.E.
Kirsten McPhail	Administration
	P.E.
Mahalia Singh	Administration
	Home Economics
Steven Coulter	Mathematics
	Physics
Ryan Bounagui	Biology, French
Antony Verrechia	Geography
	Art & Design
Andrew Corletto	English
	History
	Business Management
	Music

S4 PRIZE WINNERS

Ryan Aitken	Computing
Emma Boles	Art & Design
John Cruickshank	Science
Selina Cruickshank	Business Management
Scott McLean	Art & Design
John Miller	Graphic Communication
Brendan Robertson	Home Economics
Matthew Stanway	Home Economics
Mehdi Sunda	Modern Studies
Nathan Delgado	Physics, Music
Gary McCracken	Geography
	Craft & Design
Ceara McGrory	Administration, Biology
	Chemistry, English,
	French, History
	Mathematics, PE

S1 PRIZES FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND EFFORT

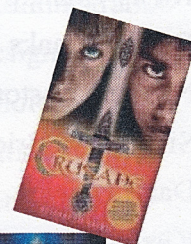
Cara Hyndman	1A
Shannen McGowan	1A
Marcia McSwegan	1A
Stephen Watson	1A
Cody Cameron	1B
Amy Carnegie	1B
Elsa Manirankunda	1B
Laura Sergeant	1B
Louise Dorman	1C
Hannah Hill	1C
Laura McAlister	1C
Ami Torrance	1C
Ryan Wallace	1C
Matthew Aird	1D
Erin Callaghan	1D
Steven Talbot	1D
Shona Westwood	1D
Liam Bruce	1E
Carly McCluskey	1E
Oliver Robertson	1E
Paige Weir	1E

S2 PRIZES FOR ACHIEVEMENT AND EFFORT

Jason Sharkey	2A
Danielle Cameron	2B
Robert McDonald	2C
Joanne Paulley	2C
Scott Ramage	2C
Georgina Smith	2C
Stanley Smith	2C
Melissa Beattie	2D
Cameron Sinclair	2D
Lindsey Bruce	2E
Amy Waddell	2E

Once again Whitehill pupils have taken part in shadowing the annual Carnegie Medal. This means that they have read the shortlisted books and put reviews on the national website (www.ckg.org.uk/shadowing). It has been our best-ever year for reviews, with over 15 on the website, almost as many as all the previous years put together.

Congratulations to the following pupils for taking part and for writing some great reviews: in S.1 Halima Ali, Amy Carnegie, Cara Hyndman, Elsa Manirankunda, Marcia McSwegan, Siobhan Wallace, Shona Westwood; in S.2 Melissa Beattie, Andrew Cadden, Joi McCausland, Joanne Paulley, Scott Ramage, Georgina Smith, Stanley Smith; in S.3 Lauren McLeod and Vicki Muir. Well done, everyone!



Sample reviews

S.1 Siobhan Wallace

Crusade This fast-paced book is set in the Third Crusade at the time when England's very own King Richard is warring against the Sultan Saladin of the Holy Land as they engage in a war for their respective faiths – England to reclaim the "True Cross" and the Holy Land to "drive out the barbarians." It follows the lives of two young men called Adam and Salim as they cope with the hardships of war from their different perspectives. As the book progresses, it dives into a world of pain, suffering, friendship and love as the two nations collide in the unholy war. I personally thought this book would be quite boring to read, but after the first 5 pages it's hard to put this great book down. A must-read for anyone wanting a book filled with conflict and apprehension but which ends satisfactorily.

S.2 Andrew Cadden

Here Lies Arthur I thought this was quite an interesting read although at first I thought it was quite slow and dull but once you have read through the first few pages it is genuinely entertaining and fast-paced. The writer, Philip Reeve, is very clever as he knows how to keep the story intense but also makes you want to keep turning until you reach the end of the book. My favourite character in the book was Myrddin as he is very cunning but also very smart and intelligent.

S.3 Lauren McLeod

What I Was This book took a while to get to the main story, but once it did it just got better and better. It's about a boy who doesn't quite know where he fits in but when he meets Finn an unpredictable change occurs, leaving the reader shocked and slightly confused. I would recommend this book if you have patience.

P Gallagher

School Librarian

Plato ICT Award Winners

The following pupils have been presented with Plato awards for their achievements in I.C.T. this session.

Boys

Mobolaji Agoro S4 Craig Johnstone S6 Jay Morrison S1 David Thomson S2

Girls

Amy Carnegie S1 Emma Greenfield S4 Caroline Leedham S3 Caitlin Wylie S2

Craig and Caroline are the overall winners and each received a cheque for £40. The other winners all received cheques for £20.

Mrs Fleming and Mr Campbell, ICT Dept.

Industrial Carousel

Congratulations to all S3 pupils who participated in the Industrial Carousel last Wednesday. Everyone behaved well and enjoyed the morning. I'm delighted to say that the feedback from pupils has been excellent. A big thank you to all our visitors who came along to work with the groups of pupils. Keep thinking ahead and remember that your work experience week starts on 6th October. Have a good summer.

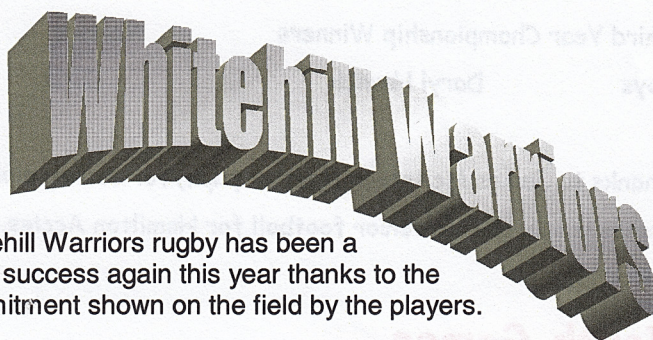
The Senior Pupils' Prom



The Senior Pupils' Prom was held on Friday 30th May at the Hilton Hotel. Everybody had a great time. The meal was lovely and was complemented by a splendid cake. Everyone was dressed up to the nines and looked very glamorous.

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

Pupils were presented with medals and certificates to mark their "graduation". The Prom Committee also presented personalised certificates to every member of staff.



Whitehill Warriors rugby has been a great success again this year thanks to the commitment shown on the field by the players.

This year was the first year of the Glasgow S2 League and Whitehill Warriors have dominated the opening season.

The S2 boys record for the season stands at:

Played - 40 Games	Won - 35 Games
Drew - 3 Games	Lost 2 - Games



Whitehill Warriors team have the highest points total for tries scored during the year and have conceded the fewest points out of all the teams in the league. Many of the boys have been highlighted as being exceptional young players by the Scottish Rugby League Development officers in Glasgow and will be watched very closely next year with a view to many being given the opportunity to play at international level. Unfortunately this year the trial match between Scotland and Wales did not happen. Almost the whole Whitehill team was put forward to take part in that match, however, which highlights the quality of player Whitehill has produced over the last two years.

Whitehill Warriors participated in this year's Youth Games at the Donald Dewar Leisure Centre, having won the competition last year. This year the boys exceeded expectations, only stumbling against a stronger-than-usual Smithycroft side. They did well to only lose by one point as they had played three games without a break by this time. Whitehill comfortably ran out winners against every other team at the competition and cemented their place as the best S2 rugby league team in Glasgow. The day was a great success and the boys conducted themselves in an exemplary manner throughout, running out deserving winners and retaining the title for a second year.

On a personal note, I will be leaving Whitehill at the end of this term and it has been a great pleasure to watch the boys' skills develop over my time here. I hope the boys continue to develop as players and, hopefully, with hard work and commitment to training, the Whitehill Warriors can continue to provide the benchmark for other school teams in Glasgow. I will be keeping in touch and checking on the results, so no slacking!

Good luck next year, guys!

Mr. Sim

PE department news

Sports Day

Sports Day took place on the 5th June this year. It was a strongly fought competition between classes in S1 and S2. All pupils took part in great spirit and tried hard to win points for their class. Well done!

The results were as follows:

S1	1st	1.2	S2	1st	2.4
	2nd	1.1		2nd	2.1
	3rd	1.3		3rd	2.3
	4th	1.4		4th	2.2

Third Year Championship Winners

Boys Daryl Hawick

Girls Nicole Johnston

Thanks to James McArthur (former pupil) for coming along to present the medals.

James is now playing senior football for Hamilton Accies. We wish him well next season playing in the SPL.

Youth Games

On Friday 16th May, the PE department took 70 pupils to venues across Glasgow to take part in the 2008 Youth Games. The pupils performed extremely well, representing the school at football, rugby league, netball, basketball, athletics and badminton. Well done to the **rugby league** team who won the overall tournament and also to the S1/2 girls' **netball** team who finished 3rd out of 13 Schools.

Glasgow Schools Athletics Championships.

Congratulations to **Jason McCallum** (S2) who jumped 1m 45cm to finish 2nd place in the high jump at the Glasgow Schools Athletics Championships on 2nd June.

Well done, Jason, this is a great achievement.

Mrs Campbell

**Watch out for the new Extra Curricular
Timetable due to start in August 2008.**

Have a good summer and KEEP ACTIVE

Stop press: Congratulations to former pupil, Catherine So, who is graduating from Glasgow University with a 2.1 degree in Psychology.

Reminders: School resumes at 8.55 a.m. on **Monday 18th August.**
School uniform can be bought at John Lewis in the Buchanan Galleries.