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MARYMASS MAID: Ann Butler III has been chosen as one of the four maids to the Irvine Marymass Queen this year. Congratulations.

VISITS NOT REPORTED in this issue were by the first year to Girvan and by the second year to Butlin's; the reporters seem to have gone into hiding.

HUMOURS:

- That 6th year will get their own room next year, and 5th year will use cloakrooms.
- That Susan Quinn, Lewis Rankine, Lynne Ekkels, Pauline Mulligan, Denis Herraghty, Margaret Ann Gilligan, Henry Dore had something to do with the production of this issue.
- That Sr Bernadette was taken to a police station on a year outing, but claims she was being shown round by a policeman who used to work in Kilwinning.
- That the tack shop will open for business after the holidays.

PRIZEGIVING DETAILS:

Tomorrow all pupils should report to register classes after lunch and remain there until sent for. The programme features the first and sixth year choirs, and individual or duet performances from Tracey Lipton, Claire Devine, Janice O'Connell, Teresa Todman, Elizabeth Creamer and Gerard Quinn. The guest speaker will be Mr W McCrindle of Ardrossan, who will be back from a business trip to Iran in time for the ceremony. Mrs McCrindle will present the prizes. This year's dux (top pupil in fifth year) is Charles Stewart. This year's sports champions are Michael Dillon, Colin McCaffrey, Mark Devine, Mary Harrison and Linda O'Neill.

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MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

May I wish you all a most enjoyable and restful holiday. Pupils of St Michael's Academy are expected to maintain the highest standards of behaviour, study, attendance, punctuality and dress. Most of you are trying very hard but there is still room for improvement. Be proud of your school. You have teachers of the highest calibre dedicated to giving you the best possible education. However this they cannot do without the full co-operation of yourselves and your parents.

May I also thank Mr Dickson and his team for all their hard work and I look forward to many more enjoyable editions of "SMART".

DRAMA GROUP PREMIERE

On the 8th and 9th of June, Kilwinning '77 Drama Group performed for the first time to the enjoyment of their audiences in the assembly-hall. The popular comedy farce "Boeing Boeing" by Margo Camalotte and Beverly Cross made its debut in London's East End where it ran for an amazing five years starring Patrick Cargill and Leslie Phillips.

The group were helped backstage and on technical jobs by members of the senior Higher English class nominated, of course, by Mr Cassidy. We were involved in everything from painting the scenery to actually taking part in the play. On the rehearsal night one of the actresses didn't arrive and one of our number took her place. Of course now she's convinced that she's on her way to stardom and won't stop till she reaches Hollywood. Although the secretary, Mrs Gault was very grateful for our help, we all thoroughly enjoyed our first experience of theatre-work and would very much like to help out again. No thanks was needed but, nevertheless, we were invited to the party after the show on Thursday night. The climax to a very interesting week.

By the way of interest the Director of the play, Mr Jim Tannock, who is also in charge of the Harbour Arts Centre Group will be directing the drama "Joe Egg" at the Edinburgh Festival in the near future. Worth seeing.

by Shirley Wright

REPORT ON BURNS COMPETITION

Last Monday at 11.15 a.m., the budding poetry reciters of St Micks came out in full force. About 17 people from first to fifth year decided to try their luck at impressing the "judge and jury" for the day - Mr Cassidy.

The first years were first - believe it or not - to undergo the torture. There were eight of them altogether. No 2nd years participated in the competition, so the third years came next. Last but by no means least were the seniors.

In the end Mr Cassidy decided that because there was such a gap between the standard of the 1st years, and that of the 3rd years, that he would give a prize to the best three first years, and these would be the junior prizes. He then decided that the third years should be counted as seniors. So, after much nail biting, the verdict was reached. The junior prize-winners were; 1st - Russell Waldron (part of Tam O'Shanter)
2nd - Catrina Running
and Anne Marie McKenna (Duet)

For some strange reason the other 1st years wish to remain anonymous.

The senior prize-winners were;

- 1st - Charles Stewart (V) To a Mouse
- 2nd - Margaret Anne Gilligan (111) To a mountain Daisy
- 3rd - Janice O'Connell (VV) To a Mouse

SINGING

On the Friday after the poetry competition, the second section of the Burns competition was held. The number of entrants was greatly down on last year's numbers, but just as good. There were;

Pauline Mann, Bernadette Craig and Tony Bierne. The winners have not yet been announced, but I'm sure they have all done well.

But there is one thing you must admit, while reading through this report, 3RD YEAR ARE DEFINITELY THE GREATEST.

BOOKS PRESENTATION

On Friday 3rd June the whole school assembled to see the presentation of 170 books from ICI to St Michael's Academy.

To make the presentation of the books was a Mr Peters, a departmental manager of the nitro-cellulose plant in ICI.

Mr Peters explained that in 1927 4 companies joined together to create the now famous name of ICI, and are now therefore celebrating their 50th anniversary.

To express their gratitude to the surrounding schools, where many of their workers were educated, ICI decided to present £700 worth of books to 11 schools in this area. The individual schools were allowed to pick the books of their own choice.

Mr Peters said "ICI like to encourage links between schools and universities with industry". He also tried to make it clear that industry did not have to be nasty, dirty place and that there were openings in industry for all sorts of careers. "ICI employ Lawyers, Physicists, Biologists, Accountants. You name it," Mr Peters said "we employ them."

Mr Peters made the presentation of 170 books, of varied subjects, to Mr McCutcheon and he hopes we will all obtain great benefit from them.

TRIP TO THE ZOO

On Friday 3rd about forty 1st years and 4 teachers set off on a Biological Trip to Calderpark Zoo by coach. We arrived at eleven o'clock. For half an hour we could look around the zoo. Then we were taken to a large hut for a talk. After the talk those who wanted to could stroke a python! (It was tame) then again were allowed to wander for two hours. Everyone agreed it was great. On the bus we sang just about all the way. We would like to thank the driver, Mr Burnett, Miss Timmons, Mrs Rattery and Mr Walsh who all went with us.

by Gerard Devine

CLASSICS EXPEDITION

On Saturday 11th June a group of 4th year students accompanied by Mr Dickson and his better half, went on an expedition to Hadrian's Wall.

We stopped at Brampton for lunch and spent most of our time looking for somewhere to eat our sandwiches. Next came a windy walk along the wall, from milecastle 42 to turret 41A. After our walk, a short drive brought us to ~~Varrawburgh~~ ^{Warrasburgh}, where there are remains of a Mithraeum temple. Unfortunately neither Mr Dickson or his guide book could remember what one of the statues was!

Our next stop was at Cilurnum (Chesters). We climbed out of the mini-bus and followed our leader up a path - to the public toilets. (Mr Dickson said he had been there before). Retracing our steps, we found our way into the fort (by the new entrance). We saw a well-preserved bath house and barracks-block. There also occurred the highlight of Mr Dickson's weekend - some people actually thought he was an official guide and began to follow our group along the fort!

We stopped at Brunton Turret for a few minutes and then went on to Hexham for a shopping spree. By that time several 4th years had "a lean and hungry look" as they were unable to find a single cafe that sold chips. In Hexham Mr Dickson splashed out and actually bought three girls a cup of tea and a stale doughnut each!

After our spending spree! we visited the remains of a supply base at Carbridge, before going to Acomb Youth Hostel by a country road reminiscent of the Big Dipper. We had our tea, made by the GIRLS (the boys were eventually forced into washing the dishes) and then went out for a night in the town. We found that Acomb boasted one chip shop (with a mile-long queue) and three pubs (which were out of bounds). Local talent was nil - were they all in Hexham!

On Sunday morning we went to Mass in Hexham and then drove to Housesteads fort, which was situated on top of a very big hill, (of MT Everest proportions). When we finally reached the ruins, Mr Dickson gave us a detailed lecture on the workings of Roman Loos. Then came what has since been described as the "most unkindest cut of all" - the two hour walk along the WALL.

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One IVth year was heard to remark that it would have been better termed a two hour assault course! We were quite sure that our leader has Sherpa blood in him, as he kept bounding up to the top of hills and taking photographs of the poor, unsuspecting pupils who were clambering up underneath.

Following the ascent of Everest, "Sherpa" Dickson took us to Vindolanda to see the ruins and a reconstruction of part of Hadrian's Wall. After doing a test-run for the IIInd year worksheets on the museum, we managed to find a cafe (which didn't sell chips!). On the door hung the notice: "Civilians are warned not to proceed beyond Hadrian's Wall; Picts and Scots are dangerous". Amid ominous mutterings about tearing up the turf, etc., we left for the Information Centre.

On our way to Annan, we stopped at several turrets and mizcastles (and vowed we would never look at another Roman stone again!). Soon we were back in Irvine, exhausted but happy and having learned more about Roman loos in one week-end than most people do in a lifetime!!

(report by J O'C, IV)



Sketch by Luigi

BIOLOGY FIELD-WORK

The third year biology field trip lasted from Monday 6th June - 11th with twenty-three pupils taking part and two teachers (worse luck) namely Mr Carr and Mr Walsh.

On Monday morning we studied various types of seaweeds and organisms like crabs, sea anemones and whelks. During this study a poor, unfortunate crab found itself down someone's jumper while another was in someone's bag! Mr Walsh took a mad turn and decided to take a piece of seaweed (*Laminaria saccharina* (L)) for walkies!!!

The Tuesday and the Thursday were spent on the rocky beach in Portencross investigating low tide and high tide rock pools and also levelling the shore. This proved to be very interesting work and we made a lot of discoveries, unknown to us.e.g. The majority of animals are usually found in high tide rock pools whereas it is mainly various types of seaweeds found in low tide rock pools. One girl actually fell for the seaweed (on it to be exact!!). We did quite a lot of walking altogether and the weather held quite well with the exception of a few showers on Tuesday. On the Wednesday and the Friday we studied specimens which we had brought back from the beach and at the end of the Friday afternoon each group gave a report on the week's work to the rest of the third year Biology pupils.

Altogether it proved to be a very interesting (and eventful) week for the pupils taking part.

CLASSICAL STUDIES FIELD WORK

On Thursday the 16th June, 42 second year pupils set out to go to Hadrian's Wall. The weather was rather overcast when we started off, but soon cleared up as the journey got underway. Our first stop was at Thornhill. We were all sent to spend a penny, and in the process were chased by a wild ferocious dog that rather fancied Mary Davie's (Irvine) ankle. On the way there was plenty of merriment and feasting.

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THE 4th year CARTOON CLUB

The increasing number of inquiries about the Film Animation Club has prompted myself and the rest of the team to tell you something about it.

The club was formed last year by Mr Smith the Art teacher for the 4th years to keep them out of trouble and I must add, for the moment, the club is exclusively for 4th years. A number of us got together and meeting most dinner hours started making a film called "The Milkman".

The film took many hours of hard work to complete. Unfortunately because of exams, which hindered progress, most of the team had to stop but thanks to Mr Smith who carried on the film was finally finished. All that is needed now is to match a sound track to the film.

Thanks to the expert skills and knowledge of Mr Smith it is a most rewarding pastime. Now the team is going to make a new film set to an old Beatles song. If any 4th year is interested he or she would be welcome to come along sometime and we do need new recruits especially the 4th year girls of whom there is a sad lack.

For the new term the meeting times will be pinned on the notice-board with any additional information.

John Paul IV

LUCKY NUMBER WINNERS: The winners of cash prizes in last issue's lucky number draw were Kenny Walsh 30p, S Kerr (104) 20p, and John Lennon (403) 20p.

RUMOURS:

That Mr M. will not be spending the dinner hour every day next year looking after the diners.
That K.C. is getting engaged (hotly denied).

"HELP THE AGED"

Our Record hop on Tuesday 14th raised the sum of £2.97 which is exceptionally well for a lunch time venture.

At our information desk, which is now closed, we received 100 entries for our sponsored disco and sponsored walk. ^{THANKS}

The kidnapping of poor Mr Gill raised the "ransom" of £6.60, 40p short of the target, after which we would have kept him. You've only yourselves to blame!! (No offence meant Mr Gill).

Saturday saw the Sponsored Disco in the Magnum while Sunday was the day for our walk on the moor.

report from 'Ace'.

AYR ART EXHIBITION

On Tuesday afternoon (14th) at precisely 1.30 p.m. the school mini-bus departed loaded with fourth and fifth year art students, heading for an art exhibition in Ayr Teachers' Centre. We were escorted by Mr Dickson (pilot), Mr Nellahy (co-pilot) and Mr Campbell (navigator). The exhibition (of Sixth Year Studies art work) was of a very high standard and proved very interesting. The exhibits covered a vast number of topics from architecture to costume designing and from abstract to religious drawings. All of this gave us poor Higher candidates a great many exciting ideas.

We left the exhibition earlier than planned so we visited Irvine Harbour Arts Centre where two professional artists had their work displayed.

All in all this proved a very enjoyable afternoon (off school) and I would like to thank all the teachers for it.

by Agnes Clifford 402

THIRD YEAR TRIP

On Wednesday 22 June, third year set out on their merry way to Millport. We left the school about 9.20am and travelled by coach to Largs. From Largs the 'Keppel' was then invaded by 150 of St Michael's and approximately 30 minutes later we arrived in Millport.

We were free until 3pm when we were to return for registration but at 12.30 some brave people met to go swimming. Together they marched down to the sand with threats of 'last one in gets thrown in'. Of course there were bicycles and even tandems. After a very enjoyable day we set back on the 5.50 boat.

In the bus, Mr Gill organised a free raffle for "being good". The winners were Helen McGill and Michael Hand in Bus 1.

This year's third year trip was one of the best (helped along by the great weather).

Third year returned to the school happy and sun tanned at 7.20pm.

In Bus 2, there was also a raffle and the winners were Charles Stewart and Carol Anne O'Pray.

AND AT SCHOOL.....

For once peace descended on the school. The Juniors had left on their annual safari, and a Senior pupil was a rare sight! Teachers took advantage of this by cleaning out cupboards, and the dinner hall was emptied by 12.50pm. Playing badminton, football or just lying in the sun were the main activities, while some seniors stayed in their own little domain. By 4pm the peace was shattered: First year had returned. Mind you, some of the buses were partially full, but the A.Y. still came and went, EMPTY!

COUNTY SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Two weeks ago the North Ayrshire heats were held at Ardrossan Academy. The winners of these heats would go forward to represent the school at the Dam Park, Ayr in the finals of the Ayrshire Championships. Four boys from our school won their heats: Graham Hannon (1500 m), Colin McCaffrey (200 m), Michael Dillon (100 & 200 m) and Mark Devine (long jump).

The finals were on Wed. 22nd June and started at two o'clock. Graham Hannon had decided to go on the third year trip, but Colin McCaffrey, Michael Dillon and Mark Devine were still going. I (Mark Devine) was the first to compete and I won with a distance of 5.33 m and second was a distance of 5.26 m. Next to compete was M. Dillon who was beaten in the 100 m. After that Colin was next in the final of the 200 m. and he came in fourth. M. Dillon had another chance in the 200 m. He won this easily.

M Devine III

Bottle Day



BRING YOUR OWN BOTTLE tomorrow (Tuesday) - each pupil should bring in some bottle or jar for the AUTUMN FAYRE which will be held after the holidays.

The more we do, the better the Fayre will be, and the sooner St Michael's will be able to afford a new mini-bus.

BRING A BOTTLE TOMORROW * ! * .

Sports Day

A SMART SPECIAL REPORT, edited by one of SMART's top reporters, Paul McGeown, 105, and illustrated by SMART artist Lainey Barrett, 202.



Lunchtime was over, as were the preparations. Everything was set. Sports Day was under way.

The contest started at 1.30 and within a few minutes every court, pitch and range was in use by pupils of every year. A quick glance at the scoreboard confirmed that Smithstone had taken both the initiative and the lead. As time went on it became more and more apparent that they, under Mr Gill's guidance, were going to be hard to beat.

The weather could have been a little better but we all had to be satisfied with a cool breeze balancing the sun which every so often got lost behind a cloud.

With only the relay races to come Smithstone were holding on to a lead of eight points from Ashgrove and Dalgarnen with Eglinton a short distance behind. The relays could have been the downfall of the leaders but they "stuck to their guns" and justifiably took victory.

With competition over the crowds flocked towards the scoreboard, anticipating a Smithstone victory, but impatient and tense awaiting the official outcome. They were rewarded when the tracksuited Mr Connolly called "The winners are Smithstone". The roar was undescrivable.

Mr Kavanagh, the Ashgrove housemaster, was unbiased claiming that his red and yellow rosette (A & D), his green jacket (E) and blue jersey (S) meant that he was supporting all pupils. My guess is that he didn't want to lose. If so it was worth it. In any case at the end of the meeting he was heard singing quite happily "Vee lost the cup", and was alleged to have said "Vee Ver beaten by Zee better team, zey had zee good players".

* Paul McGeown *

INDIVIDUAL REPORTS

Ashgrove won the 1st year basketball. In all six games were played. The most exciting was Ashgrove v. Dalgarnen; the final score was 8-0 with Jim McLean outstanding. Other good performances came from Jim Boyle and Joseph Abercrombie.

* Gerard Devine *

Eglinton gained one of only six outright wins in 1st year hockey. Their 'A' team won all of their games. The runners up were Smithstone. Third were Dalgarnen and last were Ashgrove who were victory-less.

* Anne McMillan *



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3rd year hockey. The hockey teams consisted of five players per side. Miss Dorby was 'ref' for the day and we all thought that she did very well. Each team played three games lasting 15 minutes. The results were as follows:

1st: Ashgrove, who won all of their three games.
2nd: Dalgarnen, winning two out of three.
3rd: Smithstone, who managed to win one out of three. 4th were poor old Eglinton, who won no games out of three.

The players in the winning team were Helen Westcott, Ann McLean, Ellen Sprought, Sheila Magorian and Margaret Anne Gilligan.

* Elizabeth Anne Donohoe *

SPORTS DAY (continued)

The 1st year football was won by Smithstone. Out of their three games the team, superbly led by Francis McDonald, came out on top on all occasions. Their hardest game was against Eglinton which they still managed to win 5-2.

* Paul Duffy *



Victory in the 2nd year football went to Dalgarven inspired by Robert Gibson who contrived to score five times. Runners up were Eglinton.

* S. Ed. *



1st year relay. In the boys race Dalgarven fought off a strong challenge from Eglinton which included a clash between Mason and Grant on the last bend. From the steps it appeared that Mason accidentally tripped Grant but the former showed a "clean pair of heels" to win.

* S. Ed *

2nd year relay. The 2nd year boys resulted in another victory for Dalgarven mainly brought about by a fine run by Rab Sweeney from second to first on the second leg. In the girls' race Smithstone came out top.

* S. Ed. *

3rd year relay. Smithstone led right from the blow of Mr Scullion's whistle in the boys' race. Mark Devine gained a great start, superbly kept up by Kieran Griffin, Danny Turnbull and Colin McCaffrey. Following this the girls competed in a close competition. In the end though it was Eglinton who won with Smithstone following them home.

* Elizabeth Anne Donohoe *

FACTS AND FIGURES:

	Points	Victories	
Ashgrove	317	6	
Smithstone	336	10	
Eglinton	295	6	
Dalgarven	308	8	* S. Ed. *

A FISHY STORY

On Thursday we interviewed Miss Boyle. We asked her what her favourite hobbies were. She told us fishing and a little bit of golf. She lived in Greenock before moving to Largs.

She thinks St Michael's is a great school. It's not too big and she likes working here. It's her first year as a teacher and her first time working in Ayrshire. She thinks the people in Ayrshire have a funny accent.

Her subjects are French and Spanish. She is also learning some German and Italian. We asked her if she liked first year. She told us that she liked them; they're original, too talkative, and it's a pity that they're moving on to 2nd year. She hasn't got a favourite class or a worst pupil.

We asked her if she would like the belt to be banned. The answer was "No. I don't think the belt should be used for anyone but it keeps discipline in school. If the belt was banned something else would be needed to replace it".

We asked her if she thought everyone should learn French. She said, "I think everyone should learn a foreign language - not necessarily French". This was an interesting interview and we enjoyed it as we did it in our French period.

by Monica McGarry and Susan Clegg 102

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YOUR LUCKY NUMBER: Prize: a box of chocolates.

Four numbers will be put on the main notice-board at 1.20 p.m. on Tuesday, just before the lines come in. The first one claimed from Mr Dickson (room 26) will win the choc.

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ST MICHAEL'S 12th YEAR TEST

TIME:- 20½ Years

Put a tick against the letter that you think is the best answer.

QUESTIONS

- 1) What would you do if the school went on fire?
Would you
 - a) Phone up all schools in the area and tell them to come and watch.
 - b) Rip up all the floor boards throw school books etc in the flames?
 - c) Roast potatoes on the embers?
- 2) If you saw the janny being chased by a savage dog, would you
 - a) Shoot the dog?
 - b) Shoot the janny?
 - c) Climb up a lamppost?
- 3) If you saw one of the teachers falling down the stairs would you
 - a) Laugh as loudly as you can?
 - b) Ask him if he was practicing for the school Sports?
 - c) Ask him for a banana in place of the one you dropped?
- 4) If you kicked a ball through the rector's window would you
 - a) Rush into the rector and ask for the ball back?
 - b) Shout "Goal" and demand that he kick it out again?
 - c) Run like the wind?

ANSWERS

- 1 a) Score 5 marks only because you would miss half of the fire.
 - b) Score no marks because the bigger the flames the easier for the fire brigade to see.
 - c) Score 10 Hungry Firemen will be glad of the roast potatoes.
- 2) a) Score no marks Robin Hood never shoots a dog.
 - b) Score 10 this will make it easier for the dog.
 - c) Score 20 for choosing the best view of the

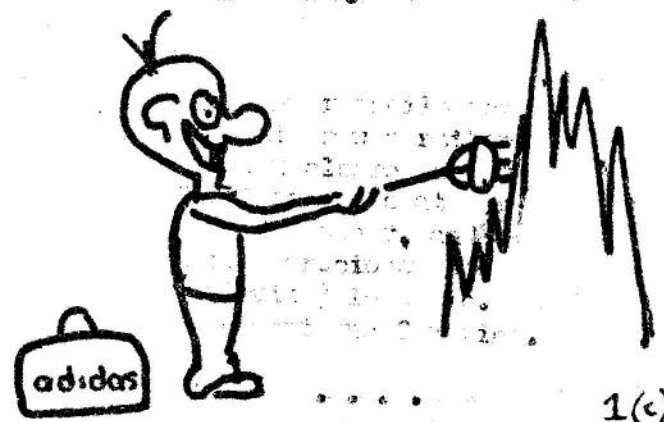
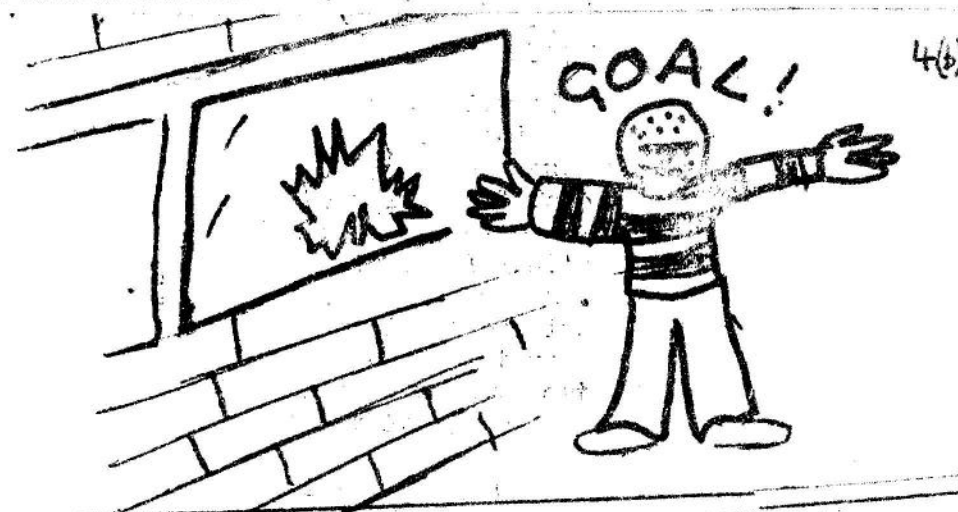
fun.

- 3 a) Score 5 now you might be in for (b) yourself.
 - b) Score 20 for the most original question of the year.
 - c) Score 15 for pure cheek.
- 4 a) Score 15 for bravery.
 - b) Score 20 for lunacy.
 - c) Score 6 for cowardice.

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RATING

60-80 Brilliant (suck)
30-60 Try harder
10-30 Could do better
0-10 Watch out for woodworm



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A STARRY-EYED EVENING
(by Angela Delury)

On the night of the sports, a group of 4th years went to Glasgow to see the film "A Star Is Born". As the trip was straight from the school, a meal was provided at the Milton Hotel, Kilbirmie. There were mixed feelings about the content of the dinner though! After wining and dining the group went on to Glasgow. The atmosphere on the bus was that of happiness. So far both the teachers AND the pupils were enjoying themselves. When the bus finally drew up outside the cinema, everyone went for a short walk as the bus managed to arrive early at the cinema after arriving late at the school! Soon the group was inside and seated, well after a bit of swapping around (mentioning no names in particular). The film itself was very sad and everyone had a good cry. When the lights went up we all looked around at each other and pretended that they had been laughing and not crying! Once on the bus again the happy atmosphere continued with singing. The bus stopped outside a cafe at the request of Mr Colgan so everyone could get chips. He's not that bad really. Congratulations Mr Colgan. The trip was a tremendous success!

Classical Studies Field work (continued)

When we arrived at the Wall we walked $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of it stopping at intervals for lectures from Mr Dickson. We proceeded back to the bus and went to Vindolanda which is a Roman town and fort. There we went to the museum which had a lot of interesting things in it. Then on our return journey home we stopped in Annan to buy fish and other suppers and we were given an apple and a coke or orange drink! Claire McCuskie and Mr Dickson (!) would make great housewives because they picked up all the papers on the bus. Altogether it was a most enjoyable excursion. And on behalf of the second year pupils we would like to thank Mr Dickson, Mr McClure and Miss Dorby for supervising us.

by C Bennett, I Barrett, P Robertson

My New Town

Four new pupils recently entered first year from very different directions, Shirley Rennie from America, Susan McAllister from London, Elizabeth Orr from Germany and, more locally, Karen Freer from Saltcoats. SMART asked them to tell us what differences they noticed in their new home town and in their new school.

MY NEW TOWN

When I arrived in Scotland I was hoping that the Plane would turn around and take me back to America. But after a while I began to like it here. At first I couldn't get used to the difference between the money here and the money over in the States. But after a couple of days, I began to learn it.

Another thing was the schools, in America you start school at 8 o'clock in the morning and end at 2.30 in the afternoon. You have seven periods a day. You don't get any breaks during school except the lunch period. In the halls we had lockers to keep all our books. And everyone in the school had their individual locker with a combination lock. You also had a gym locker to keep your P.E. stuff in. So really the schools are different, but you really get the same subjects as you would over there. Right now I like the school and I like Scotland and I hope that I'll stay here.

Shirley Rennie 106

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TEACHERS v. PUPILS by Janey Burns

End of term hockey match was a great success to the teachers. What would you expect with Mr Whiteside in goals. He spent more time resting than anything else. Pupils gave a great shot of the ball which was heading for his goals but Mr McLaughlin jumped in front and sent it up the other side. Each side played very well but the pupils were not discouraged when at half time the score was teachers 2 pupils 0. After being refreshed with half an orange the players returned. But Mrs Brown, obviously not refreshed, collapsed and had to be carried off by Miss Martin and Sr Bernadette. Teachers brought on their reserves and sent off two. The battle was hard for both teams because the pupils put their hearts and souls into the second half! Mrs Brown came back on, after a quick reconvert. About 5 minutes before the game finished all players came back on and as Mr Pentleton, the ref, blew the whistle the score was 3-0 to the teachers.

MY NEW TOWN

3 weeks ago I came to Dalry from London but before that I lived in Ireland where I was born. At first I thought Dalry would be dull compared to London but it is not a bit dull because I love animals and there are plenty about, seeing that I got a job with the vet. I don't get paid but I get experience because I want to be a vet when I grow up.

I have made lots of friends and have been to two cattle shows in a pony and trap which belongs to the people who live near us. Also I have been to the beach with my friends. Dalry is great, because I can go out anywhere I like whereas in London when I came home from school I had to stay in because I had no friends on the busy road where we lived.

School is very different because in London I went to an all girls school called "Maria", "Fidelis", Latin for Mary most faithful. Our uniform was a tartan kilt!!! a blue jumper, a white blouse and no tie. Lessons are quite the same although in history we learn how the Scottish won the war between them and the English and England is where I have just come from.

Susan McAllister 102

MY NEW TOWN

On June 2nd we arrived in Dalry from Germay. My last school was called Derby Middle School. It was a big school and was fitted with carpets and we had electirc blinds in every classroom and the school was shaped like this



We had lessons like PE, Games, German, French Maths, English, Science, RE 1-S etc, for PE we did things like Gymnastics and for games we did athletics and after we would have showers.

We had three different years. We had 2nd,
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MY NEW TOWN

I had lived in Saltcoats all my life and most of it in a house within walking distance of the swimming pool. So naturally swimming is one of my favourite hobbies.

In February of this year we moved to Kilwinning but I did not move school. Instead for a few weeks I stayed on at St Andrews, Saltcoats. St Andrews was a great school and as the day came closer to my change over to St Michael's my anxiety grew. Terrible rumours of new pupils being "roughed up" on their first day came to me from all sides.

When at last the day dawned I was petrified, I need not have worried the staff and pupils of St Micheal's could not have been kinder, and I'm still in one piece.

As for St Michael's, apart from spending a lot of time cleaning and polishing my shoes, thanks to the extremely muddy conditions of the playground and surrounding area it was every bit as good as, if not better than, St Andrews.

Kilwinning itself has however fewer facilities for its youth than Saltcoats. This is a great pity since Kilwinning is a town that is still growing. And lots of new houses mean lots of young people. And surely its a shame that all these people must travel to Irvine or Saltcoats for thier entertainment.

(Karen Freer 107)

MY NEW TOWN (cont)

3rd, and 4th years the 2nd years were in the south Play ground and the 3rd years were in the north play ground.

We had about 36 teachers. All for different lessons. We had a tuck shop and we had woods to play in it had benches and chair units.

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O.A.P.'s -Concert

On Monday, 6th June, a concert was held in our school hall for old Age Pensioners.

A choir of primary school children started the evening off with a couple of Scottish songs. Following them, we had two girls doing Irish dancing which went down well with the audience. During the remainder of the first half was a singing act by the 6th year girls, a Russian dance, a flute solo, piano duets and a piano solo, and a couple of songs by the first year choir. The first half ended with the whole cast of the 1st half on the stage singing "Mud, Mud glorious mud", which the audience seemed to appreciate.

The whole of the second half was taken up by the Prestwick Amateur Operatics Society who did a selection of minstrel and western songs, which most of the audience seemed to know and even began to join in.

Throughout the whole concert, Mr Westcott acted as compere, and "humoured" the audience with his jokes(?). Mrs McDonald played the piano for a few items and even joined in with 6th Year girls for their rendering of "Flower of Scotland". Mr McCutcheon liked the 6th Year girls act so much that he invited them to repeat it for Prize-Giving Day.

On the whole the concert went well, and even although the audience was smaller than expected every one had a good time.

By J.M. (former pupil)

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