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BELGIAN TRIP

50 pupils of 1st and 2nd year including Mrs. McKinley are going to visit Belgium at Easter next year. For most of us it will be our very first trip abroad. We are all looking forward to it very much. We will be staying in a hotel in Blankenberg and we have been promised a great time of fun at Kall Pleasure Park. Included in the trip also, is a day's shopping at Middleburg Market in Holland. Just in case we get into mischief we have decided to take the following staff with us:

Female

Mrs. McKinley
Mrs. Parker
Mrs. McGuinness
Miss Cruickshank
Mrs. Lamb

Male

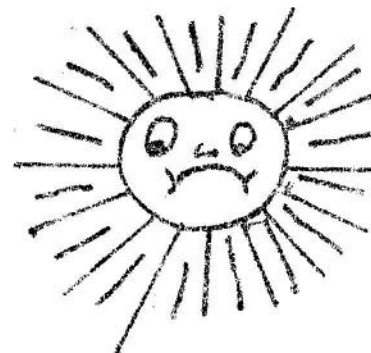
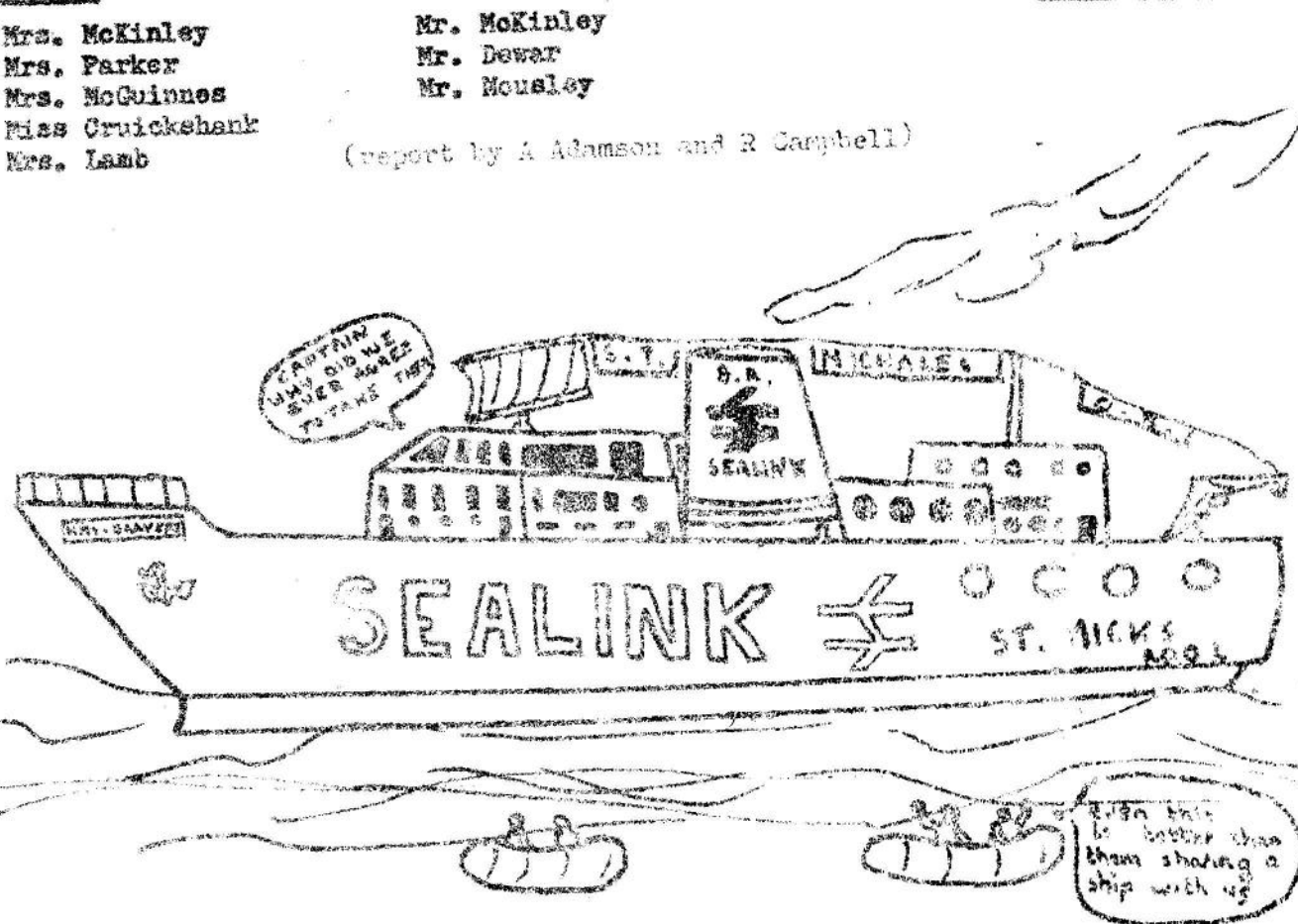
Mr. McKinley
Mr. Dewar
Mr. Mousley

(report by A Adamson and R Campbell)

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THE DOCTOR WHO OF ST MICHAELS By (Susano'neil) and (Elaine-McLaughlin)

No doubt the pupils of St Michaels have noticed the new Doctor Who of the art department, alias Mr Rennie.

We managed to interview him as his tardis landed in the classroom.

Mr Rennie who comes from Barrhead discovered his talents lay with art and he enjoyed art school. Mr Rennie specialise's in making prints.

Asked if he liked St Michaels his reply was that he could not really tell as he had not been in the school very long but he thinks the school is very progressive in it's recreation activities. Mr Rennie also liked the staff and the pupils, but finds the older pupils are very easy to get on with.

In his spare time, Mr Rennie who is not married, enjoys music and drawing. Finally I went along to the head of the art department, Mr Campbell, and asked him what he thought of Mr Rennie's appearance. He quoted, "Clothes don't make the man".

Mr Rennie was last seen wrapping his 19' scarf tightly round his neck jumping into his tardis for an appointment with THE HEAD THE LORD.

NEWS AND VIEWS ABOUT THE BELGIUM TRIP

We asked some of the 1st and 2nd years why they were going; these are only some of the answers we got - the others are too terrible to write down:

C Craig: 'So that I can poison Mrs Parker'

J Welsh: 'For the boys.'

C Blair: 'For the money.'

E Porter: 'To taste the wine.'

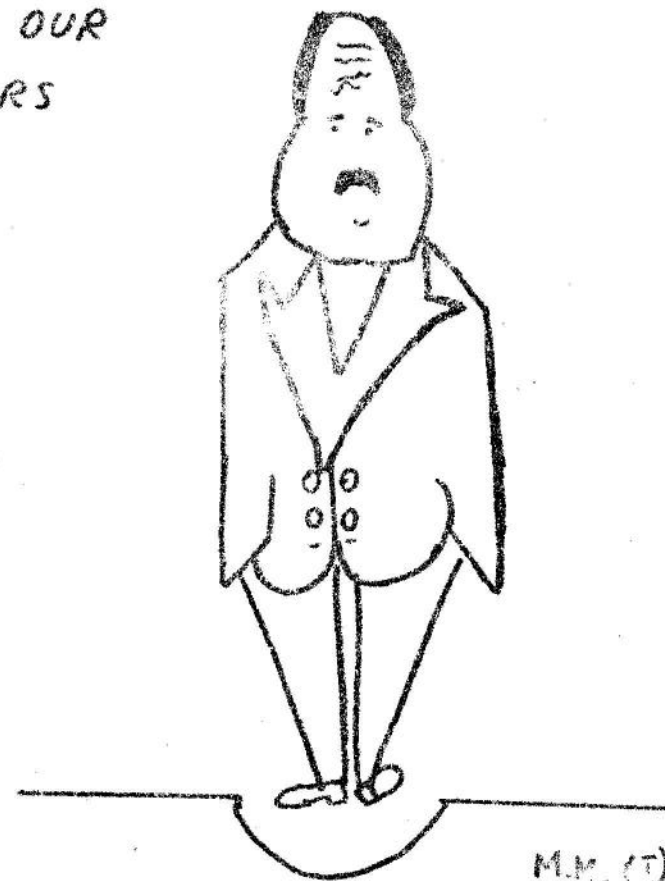
M Sfarra: 'So that I can throw ?? overboard'

R Campbell: 'To taste the food.'

A Adamson: 'To get peace from brothers.'

ONE OF OUR TEACHERS

WHO
IS
THIS ?



HARBOUR ARTS THEATRE

Have you ever been to the Harbour Arts Theatre in Irvine? If you like ballet, drama, art, folk songs, folk singers or are the sort of person interested in joining photographic clubs or the H A C itself, here is what is coming.

On Friday, November 5th - Poetry
Octopus is a group based in Ayr. The poetry group is made up of eight members. Seven read their own poetry and one sings.

(M Savage)

THE DAY OF THE GREAT FLOOD

(a true story about a day during summer)

St. Michael's was peaceful; it had been another ordinary day; while the teachers were all busy playing golf or gardening, and while the pupils were all lazing in the luxury of several weeks without homework, the cleaners had on that very day, Wednesday 14th, 1976, finished their annual super-clean of rooms and corridors. They had left, and the janitors had gone home. The burglar alarms were switched on, and St. Michael's was peaceful.

Then, at tea-time at 6.00 p.m., the alarms sounded. Janitor Mr Mc Laughlin dashed from his home - who was in the building? another mouse? (they were good at setting the alarms off) a trapped cleaner? a teacher come to life? With his slippers on his feet, he splashed in and found himself in several feet of water. A tank had burst. He raced for the tank room at the foot of 'A' stair, opened the door, and was almost washed away by the wall of hot water which cascaded out amid a cloud of steam. The taps at the top of the tanks would have to be turned off, so with a connollian leap he jumped onto a box - and through it, and landed in the surprising waves: "the a submarine in there" he told Smart.

Mr Gray was called in. Then the rector. Then a man from the fire brigade, who looked sadly at the mess, commented it wasn't deep enough, and walked away. By this time it was lapping at all the classrooms, as far as Sr Maura's one way, and Mrs McKinley's the other. Which left our two superjammies sweeping the water out from then till midnight. The worst affected rooms were the Rector's and room 6, but tiles all along the corridors were lifting.

The trouble was a faulty pipe connection: a steel instead of a brass connection onto copper. The second tank was the same, so it would need to be emptied, but a leak developed first.

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GREECE '77'

Sun, golden sand, blue seas. The holiday of a lifetime. Mr Dickson has finally decided (after we practically nagged him to death) to take a group of seniors to Greece in the summer (1977). He's told us that because the holiday costs so much (£175) we might have to spend the odd night sleeping on the beach(?) (we don't know if he's kidding or not.)

To raise some pocket money for the trip Mr Dickson has us out in the cold - washing teachers cars. For the miserable fee of £5.00 we will wash, rain, then even wax any car regardless of the state it's in (an offer Mr Gill couldn't refuse).

The trip will be the last two weeks and we will be travelling to different parts of the country staying in hotels (most of the time). There are still one or two places left if anyone is interested.

Mr Dickson is using a savings plan to help pupils save up the money so that a lump sum would not be necessary. (either that or he's planning to disappear at the end of June and go to Greece himself.)

SHIRLEY BRIDGE (RD. 11. 11. 11. C.)

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Thursday came. The cleaner came - for their pay, but eight stayed to help with the mopping up. The second tank dripped into a basin. It would have to be emptied the wet way, by creating a controlled flood, using sandbags as a barrier. Just one problem - no sandbags were to be found this side of Glasgow, so the jammies shovelled the long jump into paper bags to suit.

The next day, Friday, saw the second tank emptied out the boys door. Luckily that water went where it was meant to go. Over the following weeks, floors were retiled and repolished - so if you saw tiles being laid on the first morning back, you now know why. And if it hadn't been for our sensitive burglar alarm picking up the water movement then there might not have been a first morning back.

INTERVIEW WITH THE RECTOR

Trembling at the knees, your two intrepid reporters entered Mr McCutcheon's office. Reporting for SMART can be dangerous, they thought, but a job is a job so we interviewed the new rector.

Our new rector was not the big ogre that we all thought. He is very pleasant, so we asked him a few questions and here are the answers.

Question How do you think the school has changed since your earlier departure?

Answer I see very few changes since my last sojourn. However, I do detect a lowering in the standard of dress and behaviour. We have an extremely attractive school uniform and there is no reason why all pupils should not be wearing this. Pupils must realise that all school rules are to be obeyed, and any transgression of these will be severely dealt with. Staff have my full backing in any stand they take on dress and discipline.

Q Do you prefer St. Michaels to St. Josephs?

A A loaded question! Let me just say that I spent 2½ very happy years at St. Joseph's. I found the pupil's and parents very friendly and cooperative, but I am sure I shall find the same qualities in the pupils and parents of the St. Michael's.

Q What are you going to do about vandalism in the school?

A I intend to take the most stringent action to stamp this out. This will include immediate punishment, police involvement and suspension from school is

the case serious enough. I do not understand the mentality of louts who destroy property and inflict physical injury just for the sake of doing so. Such people have no place in St. Michael's Academy.

Q What plans do you have for the future?

A I intend to maintain the excellent reputation St. Michael's has in educational circles, and to attempt to make the pupils and their parents proud of the school. I hope to introduce even more extra-curricular activities. At the moment I have an assurance from the P.T.A. that they will consider running regular Discos for senior pupils.

Q Who doesn't St. Michaels start up a riding school, because you get it at a much cheaper rate because of majority, and some pupils are jealous of Ravenspark?

A There is no need to be jealous of any other school for any reason. After all, in what way could any school possibly be better than St. Michael's? However, if we have a budding Harvey Smith or Princess Ann I shall do all I can to assist.

*Denis Houghton
St. Michael's*

TOP OF THE FORM (S.F.) - Mon. Oct. 11th

By 56-46 a strong Largs team beat St. Michael's in the semi-final of the ICI Trophy. The first/second year team had one bad spell when they lost six points in one round and the gap slowly opened until at the beginning of the final round St. Michael's had to get at least ten points to have any chance of victory. Regrettably this didn't happen and a fifty strong group of Largs supporters almost raised the roof. Although defeated the St. Michael's team enjoyed the competition and wished Largs luck in the final.

Paul McGeown

FIRST YEARS IMPRESSIONS OF ST MICHAELS

I asked some of the first years pupils what their impressions of St Michaels were these are some of the complaints. Some of the girls said that they did not like wearing leotards for P.E.

A few of the pupils said they did not like wearing school ties. About the teachers the pupils agreed that the large percentage of them are very good. Apart from the criticisms and comments the majority say the school is very good.

(by S. Harrison)

Free offer: sawdust suitable for gerbils, rabbits, etc. from Mr Dewar. Bring your own bag.

LATE NEWS:

6th year girls, on behalf of ACTION RESEARCH FOR THE CRIPPLED CHILD are holding a disco in the Assembly Hall on 19th Nov., for 5th & 6th yrs from St Joseph's and Queen Margaret's as well as our own. The girls say NO drink and NO scruff, and no 4th years. Tickets at 40p from L Hodge or M Callaghan.

They will also be running a lunchtime disco for S1, S2 & S3 and a sponsored silence, both on 5th November.

This issue has been typed by Patricia Duffy, Anne Kennedy, Janice McVeigh, and Mary Anne Watson.

END OF TERM OF REPORTS

As it was the custom several years ago at St Mike's we used to have a operette at the end of term, well Mr Westcott, our well-known music teacher who practically runs Prestwick, plans to produce a show at the summer. So SMART had to get a report and here it is: We asked "Which years do you plan to include in your show?" He replied: basically 5th and 6thyr and perhaps some 4th also the backstage staff.

When asked about which show he was doing he replied "no comment" but said he would choose it after he auditioned the people taking part. Hopefully the show will be self financing and when asked about staging any coffee mornings he replied: NO NO and then proceed to claim insanity.

OXFAM

Still on Mr Westcott he would like to thank the collectors for oxfam. Who spent their time one Saturday (and very few were there) in Milwinning. They collected the surprising and highly gratifying sum of £64.85. Oxfam is very grateful to those concerned.

Mr Westcott (again) wishes to advertise the fact that an oxfam show will be over in the school, during December, when goods produced in the under-developed countries, and it will, in turn, provide pupils to purchase unique and unusual gifts for Christmas. Cards will also be on sale. Opening Hours: 12.30- 1.30.

Denis Harraghty.

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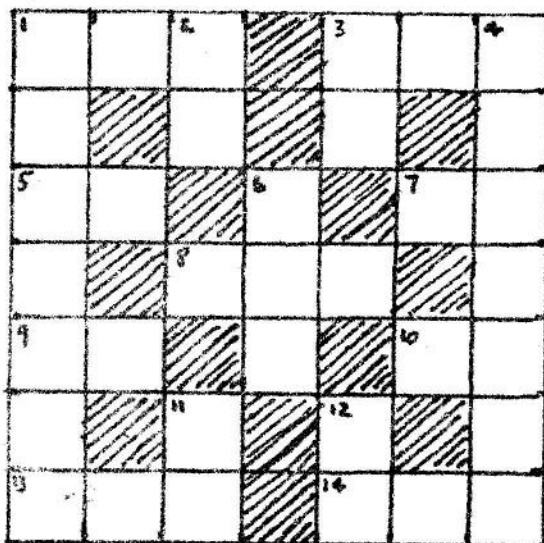
Needs your reports, news, views, letters, competitions
Hand items to your class representative or direct to
Mr Dickson

OPEN DAY WITH CLOSED DOORS

The first meeting of the PTAs this year was a great success with around 130 people attending. The Mass was con-celebrated by Fr. Boyd, Fr. Flynn, and new priest Fr. Hanley. After Mass there were tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes. Some teachers were on hand to speak to parents and the sixth year girls organised a tour of the school. Going round I felt sorry for them because whenever they went to enter a room they found it closed with the odd exceptions. It was coming to the stage when we were expecting them to say "Here is the Latin Room door", or "Here is a Light Switch". Eventually we arrived at the staffrooms and most of us thought "Nice place", untill somebody called out "Hey, look over there, there are tomorrow's sandwiches." In short it was a very enjoyable evening. There was one sad note on the programme, the departure of the ever popular Fr. Boyd as Chaplain to the school.

(by Paul McGeehan)

ARITHMETIC CROSSWORD



Clues: Across:

1. 23×14
3. $9 \times 7 - 10 + 11 \times 7$
4. $5. 222 \div 6$
7. $37 + 25$
8. $7080 \div 12$
9. $7532 - 7433$
10. $7+9+10-11-2+100-99$
13. 22×22
14. $24 \div 2 \times 12 \times 3$

Down:

1. $11798712 \div 3$
2. $32 - 10$
3. $6+11-4+15-2 \times 2-4$
4. $33317728 \div 4$
6. $444 + 333 + 222$
11. $24 \times 2 \times 3 \div 2 + 2$
12. $5^2 + 2^3 \times 2 - 2$

Name

Class

HOCKEY (BY JEFFREY STEFARD)

On Wednesday 6th October the first, third and fourth years were playing St Andrews school in Ardrossan. When we reached the school we were not in the mood for playing but the game had to go on. Mrs Brown who took us went to referee the third and fourth year team, while we got Miss Smith from St Andrews. In the first half the St Michaels first years had been up at the post of St Andrews more than once. In the second half St Andrews got up near our goals about twice and nearly scored two goals, but our good goalie saved them well.

After the match the score for the first years was 0.0. but for the third and fourth years it was St Michaels 0 St Andrews 10. What a disappointing score. Then on our way home Mrs Brown went off in someones car and left us standing in the middle of nowhere. So we all went our separate ways and eventually we all got home. I think.

ADVERTS

If you wish to buy
sell
or swap anything

hand a written advert in to your class representative
or to Mr Dickson (room 26)

COMPETITION RULES

Only one entry per pupil is allowed.
Do not hand in the whole paper - just the competition corner.

Hand entries in to room 26. ^{Thursday} Wednesday at 4.00 p.m.
A secret draw will decide the prizes.
Prizes will be 30p, 20p, 10p, & 10p.

* Have you heard about the 403 raffle? Your chance to win a teddy bear, record token, 2lb box of choos, 1lb box of choos, even half a bottle of wine!!!
In aid of old folks Christmas hampers.
Tickets on sale now from Miss Lennen's.

* V. Callaghan & L. Hodge would like to apologise about the comments made in the last SMART, at the end of the article about the charity disco. We are sorry if it upset anyone.

* Graeme Burnett has been picked for the Scottish junior archery team. He is the only one from Ayrshire going, and there are only six people going altogether to the Rotherham Jubilee celebrations on December 5th but unfortunately he is not needing any days off school. He is in the Irvine Toxophilites

* CHRISTMAS HAMPER:

PLEASE MAKE 20 CAP'S HAPPY THIS XMAS.

GROCERIES etc. given to ANY 6th YEAR GIRL OR BOY
TERESA (ROOM 11)

OXFAM SCHOOL SHOP

REAL
UNDER-
DEVELOPED
COUNTRY
GOODS
(INC.
BRITAIN)

XMAS CARDS
REASONABLE PRICES
"PERSONNED" by
VIth YR GIRLS
OPEN DURING
NOVEMBER + DECEMBER.



MUSIC ROOM 2

SCHOOL DIARIES

now on sale
see them at, and
get yours now
from

Sr. Bernadette
Miss Boyle
Mr. Dickson

20p hurry!

spaces for dinner
tickets and seasons

SMART

2p

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TOP PRIZE 50p!

This is a lucky number issue. Every copy has a lucky number on the middle page. All you have to do is to keep your copy safe until Tuesday afternoon. Every copy sold before Tuesday has a chance of winning. The lucky numbers will be put on the main notice-board on Tuesday afternoon. Prizes are 50p, 30p and 20p.

School Dances

1st, 2nd & 3rd year Christmas dances will be held on the 14th, 15th, and 16th December respectively. Dancing will be mixed, Scottish country and modern dancing. During the 40 minute interval the school rock (?) group will play to modern dancing. Mr Colgan has set up extra - stereo equipment to improve the sound effects. Mrs Barkey will be catering for the dances. Mr McCutcheon has given permission for girls to wear trousers, but absolutely no WAY OUT GEAR eg no Gary Glitter freaks.

Thanks must go to all members of P.E. Staff for their co-operation in the helping to teach the complicated (??) dance steps.

ECOLOGY AND BIOLOGY

On Friday 12 November at 1pm 10 pupils went on a biology field trip to Lendalfoot which is a few miles outside Girvan. Two teachers came with us, Mr Carr and Mrs Anderson. Mr Mousley drove us there and back but he did not stay. The journey went off to a good start with the spare tyre going flat, so we stopped off at a petrol station, while waiting there one boy out of nine girls played Nana Moskouri on the bus and sang loudly. The singing did not last for long as Mrs Anderson passed around very sticky treacle toffee.

Eventually we reached the big town of Lendalfoot with a brach, about three houses and one shop. All the girls were double quick in grabbing the best rooms and leaving the room with the mouse for the boy. The first night was a disaster. We didn't get to sleep until about 4am, and that was after a lot of bumping, banging, t thumping and shouting. I'm not suprised Mrs Anderson and Mr Carr were'nt all that pleased next day. For our tea on Saturday night we had lovely rubber hamburgers.

During the weekend we did fresh water ecology, investigated rock pools and climbed a couple of hills round about. The morning we were going back to our beloved school one of the girls fell into the sea-water while trying to jump the waves, she was soaking. We all really enjoyed ourselves and thought the hostel was lovely.

By Bernadette Craig
and Marie Forde

ADVERTS

Would give Bob Dylan's Greatest Hits (new) for any Donny and Marie cassette (new). See Mary Davie 202

Anybody want to buy or swop Cockney Rebel - Psychomodo
See Liz Paterson 501

Radio for Sale! Blue pocket radio. See Russell Waldron
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LWT'S ERADICATE THE BLEMISH. (Message from the school captains)

It has become traditional for the school captains to write a "sooky" letter for the school magazine. However we cannot in all honesty, claim that all is well at St Fike's.

The standard of behaviour of some of our wellknown layabouts makes the job of the staff difficult and creates many problems for their fellow pupils. We are aware that Mr McCutcheon is making attempts to deal with this problem and we can assure him of our support in whatever steps he deems neccessary in coping with this problem. We ask the more responsible citizens to give whatever assistance they can to eradicate this blemish on the schools character(may we repeat eradicate, not exterminate-we don't want vigilantes)

We hope that next year's captain will not have to repeat this message and the traditional "sooky" message will again grace the pages of SMART.

Jim McMillian and Katy Cherry.

Smart Artist's Fingers hurt

This just shows you how dangerous pushing on the stairs can be. One of the Smart Representatives had a nasty accident when he was pushed down the stairs by some of the bigger boys in stair D. He has staved one and also broken one of his other fingers. He had to take the rest of the day off and his mother took him to doctors. Now you watch out for Michael Murphy is on the war path. Beware of the pushing and hazards on the stairs.

(by M.MacIntyre and F.McDonald).

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THESE WORDS
TO MAKE A LARGER
WORD. THE EXTRA
LETTERS WHEN

READ DOWNWARD'S SHOULD
SPELL THE NAME OF A T.V.
PROGRAMME.

2) TENNERS

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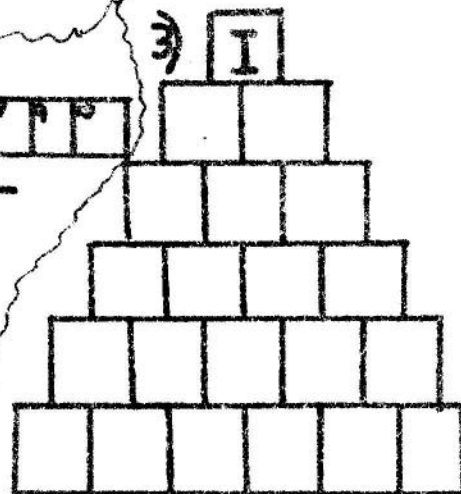
9,3,7,10,6,5 GIVE
A KIND OF RULER

LETTERS

1,6,5,8,10,2,4

GIVE A JOB IN A
SCHOOL.

IF YOU ARE RIGHT
THE ANSWER
SHOULD BE A
TEN LETTER
WORD



ADD A LETTER THUS
MAKING A 2 LETTER WORD.
ADD ANOTHER LETTER TO MAKE
A 3 LETTER WORD AND SO ON.
THE LAST WORD SHOULD BE
A DICTATOR'S NAME.

Miss Wade the well known English teacher in our school when asked said she "adores" poetry. Her favourite hobby is house-painting; she has just painted the outside walls of her house with Nicotex; 'Wood Smoke' shade. She also said it looks very attractive but needs a third coat for perfection.

When we asked her how long had she been teaching at St. Michael's, she replied "I've been teaching almost from the beginning." She taught Latin as well as English and when she was at school herself, she enjoyed most of her subjects.

We asked Miss Wade her idea of the pupils at this school she said that there wasn't enough real students. She said she used to use the belt only when it was needed. Miss Wade thinks 'cheek' mostly deserves the belt.

When we asked her her view of Prestwick. She said that it was the best town in Ayrshire. Finally when we asked her if she bought SMART she said she used to, but recently it hasn't been available for some strange reason.

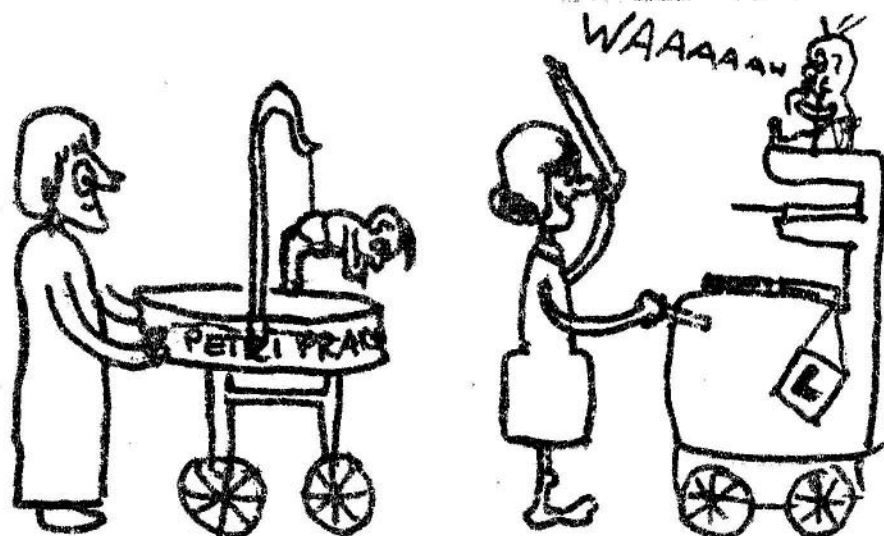
(by Lorraine McAllister and Marilyn Rodden)

If you are interested in helping the missions bring in your used stamps please, and contact any of the following:- Jean Smith IIyr, Mary Russell IIyr, Margaret A. Gilligan IIIyr, Susan Quinn IIIyr, Cornelia Mullen IIIyr, Maire Forde IIIyr, Elizabeth A Donohoe IIIyr, Lynne Kerr IIIyr.

If you prefer you can take them directly to R on 10, where Sr Maura will take them.

THANK YOU!

THE STORK IS COMING!



"My husband wants a baby" said Ms Collum who left last Thursday. He's got quite used to the idea now. The baby is going to be called John no matter if it's a girl. Eventually she would like to have a dozen, eight girls and four boys. Ms Collum told us that she will be coming back to teach in St Michaels in the Spring. The baby is due on 18th February. Meanwhile Mr Carr is taking over for her. Our favourite teacher did not find out she was ^{leaving} until the 16th. She had been consulting a two year old calendar which showed that the 18th was a Wednesday and so she was prepared to leave last Wed. instead of Thursday!

We also interviewed Mrs Cumming who told us she was leaving on Friday to have a baby, due in February. One of St Michaels star cooks. She plans to have a girl and a boy; her husband wants a boy naturally, she would like a girl. They can't decide on names but Mrs Cumming would like an Italian name and her husband a British name so they are still fighting.

She thinks she might be bored having nothing to do but says that it will be easier than looking after all her classes. "I'll send you a card when it's born and bring baby back to see you." Two part time teachers will take over, as Mrs Cummings doesn't plan to come back till the baby is older.

Roni and Tricia

DO YOU KNOW PARA HANDY'S REAL NAME?

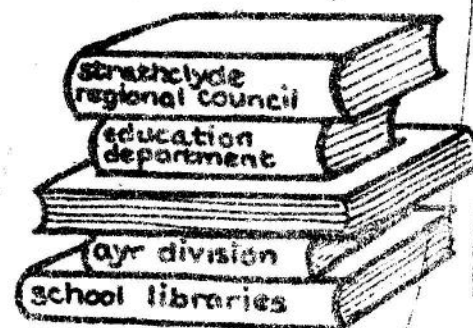
The answer lies on one of our new consignments of books in the library. Whitten in the Glesca language which we all know (apart from one or two "foreigners") It tells of the adventures of the "VITAL SPARK" and her crew: Para Handy, Dougie, "The Tav" and of course not forgetting the engineer, MacPhail. Their adventures range from far away places such as Barra and Tarbert to Arran and Londonderry.

The basis for BBC - Tv's "VITAL SPARK" series, it is hilariously told in the book, bringing to light many things many which the tv series didn't mention such as one of the crew is married, which one I won't say: you'll have to read the book to find out.

There are 81 stories altogether, each taking places in the "highlands and Islands of Scotland (not of course forgetting quayside scenes at the Broomielaw). Although the stories are fairly short, they are very humorous and certainly good for reading during a boring French or maths class.

Published by Pan, it is simply entitled "Para Handy Tales", and costs 50p or it can be borrowed from the Library, although you'll have to wait, because I'm still reading it!

(reviewed by D. Herraghty).



YOUR LUCKY
NUMBER IS

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Yvonne Eads
Lillian Pratt

ABOVE AVERAGE BASKET

Are you interested in how the basketball teams are doing? Well, as far as first year are concerned not too bad at all. In fact this year's team is one of the best for quite some time. The teams, trained by Mr. McIlroy, has played five games and although they have only been victors once they have played well.

Their victory was against Auchenhavrie where they won by 18 pts to 14pts. Their first defeat was at the hands of the Scottish Champions, Cumnock. There followed three very close interesting games. At St. Andrews the home team won by 16pts to 12pts after a good start.

The return game against Auchenhavrie brought revenge to the visitors. They clocked up 28 pts to St. Michael's 22 pts. The fifth game was the most exciting. Ardrossan Academy gained a six point lead before St. Michael's got into the run of the game. We scored a rally of baskets and were up by 18pts to 10 pts with less than "a quarter" to go. Then Ardrossan came steaming by to 18 pts a piece. Play went up and down for a few moments then with only seven seconds left Ardrossan scored the winning basket.

With training and practice this could be an excellent team.

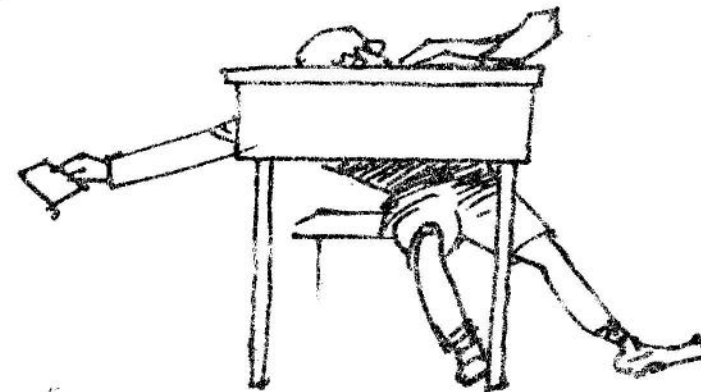
(by Paul McGeown)

"CAVALCADE"

On the 6.11.76 Glen Michael, that well known shower of cartoons, came to St. Michael's for an on-the-road show. There were about 500 people there. There were five cartoons:- Merlin Mouse, Sylvester and Tweedle Pie, Foghorn Leghorn, and that one that all you's big babies sit at the T.V. on Sunday's to see "SPIDER MAN" Someone made a sponge cake in the shape of Donald Duck's head. Glen Michael said that the cake would be on the show on Sunday 14th November.

They had two competitions and the prizes for the competitions were L.P. and single records. His dog Rudi was on the show as well, he let some children clap Rudi.

(by Ann Adamson)



SYRUPYISHUS NOTE-PASSING

ARITHMETIC CROSSWORD WINNERS

The competition winners were chosen at the SMART meeting on Thursday. One of the SMART team picked out her own accidentally (?) even though they were folded, but it didn't matter because it was wrong anyway. The chosen few were:

1st William Chambers	403	30p
2nd Eddie Green	405	20p
3rd Sandra Mullen	107	10p
4th Billy Cullinane	301	10p

Collect prizes from Mr Dickson's room.

3rd YEAR BASKETBALL

St Mike's 3rd year boys started the season badly with defeats by Stewarton and St Andrew's both at home. Things started to pick up against Ardrossan when St. Mike's won 21-18 at Ardrossan. Then last Monday Auchenhavrie were the visitors but we lost 54-42. To add to the scoreline, Paul Barling, Michael Hand, William Creamer and David Campbell were sent off in a game which was far from fair. Everytime one of our boys went into a tackle, it was 'peep' and a P.F. against them. The following night they travelled to St Joseph's but were defeated 90-24.

(by Tony Beirne)

FROM TWO EYESORE FOURTH YEARS

Dear Smart Editor,

I have bought several copies of Smart and every time I let my friends from other schools read the mag, we get a few bad remarks as well as good.

I am told that the mag is very good apart from the fact that it would be better if we could read it.

Our school mag is called SMART so lets SMARTEN it up and having it living up to its name.

It can be quite painful screwing up our eyes to make out the blurred print. THANKYOU.

M.HARRISON and A.Stewart.

P.S.and I am sure there are more eyesore pupils in the school.

Editor's Reply:

I agree that Smart is often not as Smart as it ought to be. There are two main reasons for this.

Firstly, the last issue was the first one produced by this year's SMART typists. We can't deal with all the problems(e.g. the typewriters) the first time, but I'm sure the quality will improve quickly.

Secondly, many of the contributions are handed in almost at the last minute, not leaving much time for correcting and re-typing. Besides, not all contributions are as neat and readable as your letter was.

Of course, St Michael's should have nothing but the best. This issue should be an improvement. If you're still screwing up your eyes, enjoy the cartoons. Or better still come and help to produce SMART.

UNE COMPETITION FRANCAISE

If you are interested in French and are in first year what follows may be of interest to you.

A French competition will be held between exams and Christmas for first year pupils, for which a cup will be given as a prize.

The competition was first held two years ago and proved very popular. Thomas McGinty was the winner then. Last year, due to a packed timetable, the competition had to be dropped.

Sr Maura suggested the revival of the competition this year, and, with the help of the French Dept Staff, the heats will be held during class time. The competition will be confined to the lessons already prepared and there will be up to five representatives from each class. In the event of a tie, the competition will be played against the clock.

Bonne Chance!

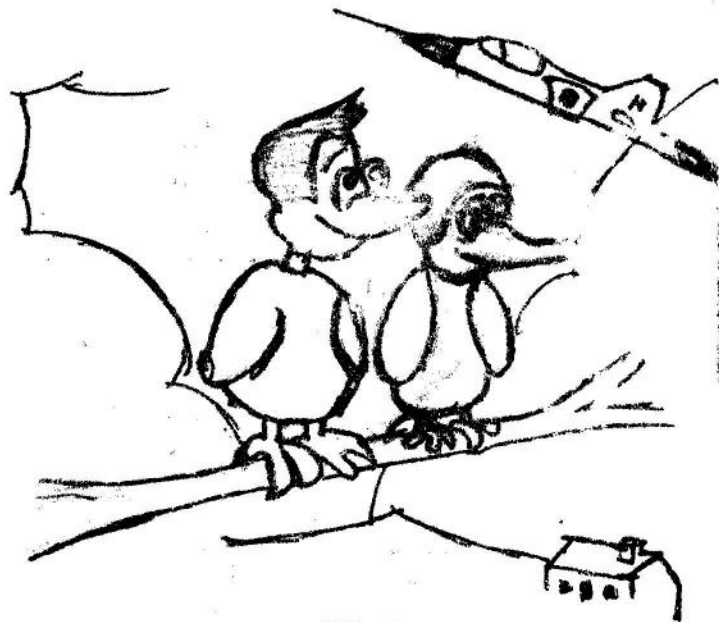
Report by Paul McGeown and Gerard Devine

* This issue was typed by Janice McVeigh, Anne Kennedy, Janice Kytzia, and Maria Hughes. It was stapled by boys from 102 and 207. Cartoons are by Henry Dore and Mr C..... Puzzle page by John Douglas.

* Puzzle page answers: Goodies, journalist, Hitler or Stalin.

* The next issue: Monday, 6 December. It will have exclusive interviews with Miss Dorby and Mr Kavanagh. Please don't delay in sending in your letters or news - you don't have to be on the SMART team to write in SMART.

* Photo News: If you're waiting for your school photo for all your fans, then you'll be glad to hear that Mr Westcott expects them back within a week.



1st bird: Hey! He's going fast.
2nd bird: So would you be if your
backside was on fire!!

(a back page cartoon by Henry Dore)

Doc, our staff cartoonist, gives his view
of the recent exams. (exam report inside)

Letter to the Editor

Please cast some light on the non-app-
earance of the 2nd year exam timetable.

How are we 2nd years to be expected to
pass our exams with the usual brilliance
(which has been so eminent in our work
during the past year) if we are rushing
about in a frenzy trying to find our
destination?

Would someone PLEASE cast some light on
this, the most baffling mystery of the
20th century.

from A.M. and another



SMART

ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY FORTNIGHTLY NEWSPAPER

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Everyone reads SMART: sales of the
last issue totalled 384, the highest
figure since March '74. You can't
afford to be without SMART.

If you miss SMART at registration, you
can still buy it from Mrs Hastings in
the library or from room 26. Usually
we have a few spare copies printed.

Others who helped with this issue are:
SMART team for choosing the paper
colours; boys from 102 & 207 for
stapling; M.S., G.D. & G.W. for the
puzzles; D.O.C. & H.D. for cartoons;

News and other items for the New Year
issue can be handed in any time: the
sooner the better, because it helps
the typists.

PRIZE
CROSSWORD
INSIDE

50p, 30p, 20
PRIZES

What is this?



Answer
Somewhere
Inside

The Senior Dance

At last we have news about the Senior Dance! All being well, the dance will be held on Friday 17 December. There is uncertainty about this date, because as yet we have no band hired for this night.

The dance will require the usual formal dress affair. Pupils of the senior school will in fact be informed of such details, at a later date.

At the dance this year, it is hoped that we will be able to have the small tables for "supper", which have proved very popular in previous years. Of course, this involves a great deal of work on the part of the Homecraft Teachers. Many do not appreciate the work done by them. They are doing it in their own time. They don't have to do it. They will be aided a little by the pupils who take Homecraft though.

On the whole, everything going well, everyone should have a most enjoyable and entertaining night! We Hope!

By Josephine Mellan (V.C.)

First Year Dance

Mr Kavanagh expects 170 1st year pupils to attend this year's dance. Some pupils will not be though, because of the old-fashioned dances. We all prefer to do pop-dancing. Teachers say that we have to know them and they will be useful to learn for when we are older, but we have already learned them from primary 1 to primary 7. Do we have to do them again? The dance will be on the 14th December which is a Tuesday at 7pm-9.30pm and it will cost 35p.

OTHERS who helped with this issue include:

Typing: Janice Kytzia, Anne Kennedy, Veronica Pieroni, & Frances Davie.

One day during our playtime, we stood inside Sr Dominic Savio's room waiting for Miss Dorby. As we checked over our notes she came in. Another SMART interview was about to begin.

Living in Troon Miss Dorby had quite a distance in the mornings to start her training which was in Notre Dame College in Glasgow. After having teaching practice at St Joseph's Kilmarnock, Queen Margaret's Ayr and St Thomas Aquinas Glasgow, she came to St Michael's. Although she likes St Michael's, ideas were put forward by her to improve the school, such as more competitions and teachers and pupils getting together in these competitions.

Even though her hobbies are badminton, swimming and reading, she would have liked to have been working with airlines or as a courier, somebody who manages arrangements and travels. During the summer holidays Miss Dorby had a job to do with airlines, but she prefers this one.

(by Graham Waites and Gerard Devine)

DEBATING RESUMES

Once again St Michael's are gracing the Daily Express Debating Tournament with their presence. The first heat takes place in Irvine Royal Academy on the 21st of December. 8 schools are taking part in debating the motion that "Modern methods of education are the launching pad for illiteracy."; *Mr Cassidy is arranging two good debaters.

Hoping to follow in the footsteps of our former successes in earlier tournaments, our record in this competition has been as follows. Two years ago Anne Scullion and John Beethman got us into the final and we came second; last year we were represented by Lesley Quinn and Mary Theresa McCann.

(by D. Herraghty)

This Week's Puzzle

Find the 10 countries:-

India
Scotland
Wales
America
Africa
Tasmania
Denmark
Germany
Australia
Spain

move in any direction

K	P	A	I	N	A	M	S	A	T
K	R	A	M	N	E	D	Q	D	M
O	I	G	A	M	E	R	I	C	A
Y	W	N	O	N	L	P	C	R	F
N	J	W	D	N	I	A	P	S	R
A	M	A	N	I	M	U	S	V	I
M	B	E	I	W	A	L	E	S	C
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G	V	F	T	O	C	S	B	G	T

HE'S MARRIED!

We managed to drag Mr. Mc Laughlin, the young English student, into a secluded spot in the prefects' room where he gave us the details of his life. "Saltcoats born and bred" he began, telling us, to our amazement that he studied for 5 years to be a priest in Aberdeen. Then to Glasgow University and Notre Dame. St. Michael's is his first experience(?) of teaching and he seems to like it. He would like to teach here after his training. Married for just 4 months, he told us jokingly (we think!) that he has 6 kids!

Mr. Mc Laughlin is only staying here on a 5-week course, and he leaves to go to St. Andrews. We wish him lots of luck in his future career.

(by S. Wright and M. Dalton)

2nd Year Exams

Well, that's the 2nd year exams over (who's shouting hurrah?)

They started on the 24th, with a Maths and an English exam with 2 exams on Thursday and Friday. There were a few scattered about last week like Latin (or G.R.) and Spanish (or Modern Studies).

Most 2nd years thought the exams were easy (who am I kidding?) as a whole. The majority voted the Maths (written) the hardest. The votes for the easiest went to Geography.

Most folk haven't got their marks yet but they're all wanting them (don't you believe it) as soon as the teachers can correct them.

So for all you 'sooks who passed, congratulations, but for all you poor folk who failed, better luck next time.

(by B. Teaz)

FIVE-a-SIDE FOOTBALL

It appears that Mrs Tannahill is something of a professional footballer. She showed her outstanding ability by "carrying" her team to a victory of 3 - 0 against 407 "ladies" (perhaps some of the under 16 team could get some tactical tips from her before their next defeat). My apologies to Mr. Connolly. The other members of the team were, Miss Boyle, Miss Martin, Mrs Brown, Mrs McAllister, but in comparison to Mrs Tannahill not even Miss Martin were evident. Hard luck 407, ye wuz robbed!!

In the continuing saga of 4th years inability to co-operate even in their own interest, 402 boys and 406 boys did not field a hockey team and therefore allowed their opponents a 'by' into the next round of the 4th Year inter-class challenge shield. (by anonymous)

We, 407, would like to thank the teachers for taking place in the football match on Tuesday. The next time we will make sure that we will win. From; Isabel Flaherty, Rose Mc Dermid, Orla Gaitens, Audrey Mc Dowall and Margret Stewart.

MRS SMITH (NEW MEMBER OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT)

Mrs Smith came from Hilton Academy to St. Michael's after a break of a few years. She finds it very much the same to get on with the pupils. When asked if there was a higher musical standard here she said that there was not from the point of view of singing, due to mixed classes.

Mrs Smith has two sons who do not interfere with her work as they are sent off to bed. Apart from the piano she can play percussion instruments. Her hobbies are reading, knitting, and watching selected T.V. programmes.

The thought of music as a living by playing in a band, has never come into her mind, so we'll never see her on "Top of The Pops"

(by Tony Boirne and Graham Hannon)

DATES FOR YOUR SCHOOL DIARY

Have you put these dates in your diary?

Jan. 6 : School opens

Jan. 10 : Next issue of SMART

Feb. 18 : Mid-term holiday

Feb. 21: Mid-term Holiday

Mar. 31 : School closes for Easter

Apr. 13 : School opens after Easter (unlucky date)

May 16 : Holiday

May 17 : Holiday

June 29 : School closes for summer

Aug. 19 : School starts again

NOTE: there are still diaries available, at the bargain price of 20p, from Sr. Bernadette, Miss Boyle, and Mr. Dickson. Profits go to school funds.

WHAT MR. KAVANAGH THINKS OF US

Mr. Kavanagh, 1st year housemaster, is well known as one of the most pleasant teachers in St. Mike's, when in a good mood - not too often.

When we interviewed him he was in one of these good moods. Mr. Kavanagh, who lives in Kilmarnock is married with a son; when we asked him if he liked living there he said "As long as I'm living I don't care where".

Next we asked if he preferred this year's first year to last's, to which he answered, "As I know more about this year's first year, the answer must be YES". Then: "What problems do first year have which other years don't?" He replied, they had the problem of adjusting to a new school. They had to get used to having several teachers and to changing from one room to another after every period. They have gone through the transition period very well and are now well settled into St. Michael's.

When we asked what he thought about first year's behaviour, and if he belted them, he answered with a smile, "You know I never belt anyone;" he also said that "certain pupils in first year do not behave as well as I would like them to."

Mr. Kavanagh's hobbies are; teaching, children, golf, swimming and gardening. His favourite pop stars and film stars are Morecambe and Wise, and Elvis, he said "His first hit was released when I was two years old". Favourite football team, St. Mike's Academy first year, otherwise he has very little interest in football anymore. When we asked him his ambition, he replied, "to go through a whole day in St. Mike's without having to reprimand a first year pupil".

(by Mark Collins and others)

ACROSS CROSSWORD CLUES DOWN

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| 1. Allow | 1. Noxious |
| 7. Hearing Organ | 2. Groups of followers |
| 8. Concave Vessel | 3. Put ashore and leave on desolate island |
| 10. Yields; reset coder (anag) | 4. Metal |
| 11. Appears at electrodes at electrolysis | 5. Fish |
| 12. Negative Reply | 6. Likewise |
| 14. Act against | 8. Vegetable |
| 17. Anger | 9. You and I |
| 18. Place of perfection | 13. Pungent |
| 21. Objective form of 9 down | 15. French gold |
| 23. Feline creature | 16. Armistice |
| 24. Small doctor | 19. Old Sailor |
| 25. Unite by fusion | 20. part of verb "to be" |
| | 22. Therefore |

RULES

Cut out the crossword and hand it in to Room 26 not later than Thursday at 9.40a.m. All answers which arrive in time will have a chance to win the prizes - of 50p, 30p and 20p. Hand in only the crossword not the whole paper

BY A FEW CHESSPLAYERS

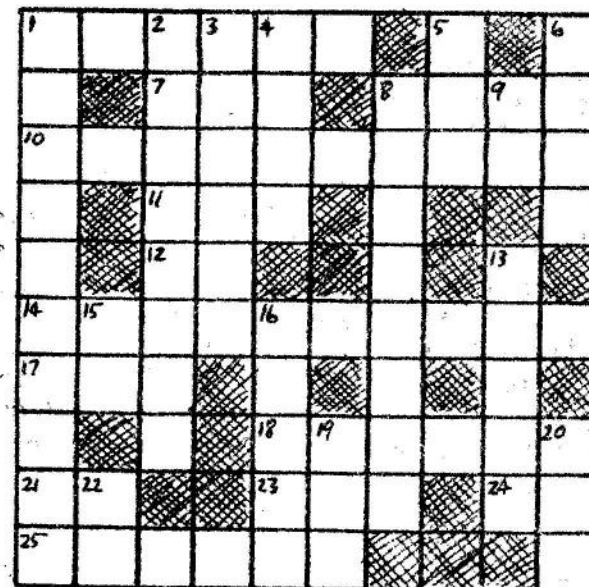
Now that the Chess Club has started many of the boys think that the school should have a chess team because most of the other schools have one. A few of the boys play for local teams and think that we could have a good team. All that is needed is a teacher to run the team and organise friendly matches this season, then the team could join the school chess league next year. Last year a team led by a couple of 6th year boys had a convincing win in their only match. Score was $9\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$.

If any teacher is interested contact Mr. Kavanagh.

Page one answer: a waiter caught in a lift

Prize Crossword

Tear along dotted lines



Class

Name

SCHOOL MAG '77

The Irvine Development Corporation seemingly have some spare cash to spend! A notice has been put out to the various local schools to say that the Corporation will donate the sum of £100 to finance the production of a school magazine.

Our school magazine was last produced in 1968 and there have been vast changes since that time. The magazine would resemble your various "annuals"; to be produced not at Christmas, but in June.

Mr McCutcheon has called for members of staff to form a committee to determine if the project will be undertaken. Mr Cassidy would take over the editorial side, Mr Campbell, the graphics, Mr Pentleton, photographs and Mr Maxwell, the typing out of the finished product.

We hope that this magazine will get under way and that it is a great success. (by J Downie)

DISCO REPORT

The very successful disco, on Friday 19 November, made a profit of nearly £70. Laura Hodge and Maureen Callaghan would like to thank the following: the teachers who supervised; the servers at the tuckshop; the raffle ticket sellers (over 100 books sold). The girls say they couldn't have sold them all by themselves.

Special thanks are also extended to Mr McLaughlan and Mr Gray who fixed the hall and a very big thank-you to Mr McCutcheon for his co-operation, advice and generosity. (He was even dancing!)

There was very little trouble although one of the unofficial Kilwinning youth clubs turned up! Phoenix provided the music and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

By L Hodge, M Callaghan and D Herraghty)

LUCKY NUMBER WINNERS

The lucky numbers went up on the notice-board on Tuesday afternoon as promised, but no-one claimed the top number. The second number received first prize, much to the delight of Linda Brawley who won 50p. The other lucky readers were Heather Fitzsimmons (30p prize) and William Twigg (20p prize). A consolation prize of a ten-pence piece went to Graham Doyle.

TALENT AHOY

by A. Mc Cambridge

Since a lot of people are interested in the talent contest we have asked Mrs. Tannahill to tell us some things about it. She told us that first, second and third year have already been interviewed but 4th, 5th, and 6th year have still to be interviewed. There has to be no chosen number of pupils in the concert. It should last 1½ hours. The reactor has still to decide on the day of the concert. There has to be a surprise for the winner

WHAT THE BUS CREWS REALLY THINK!

SMART always claims that if there's a scoop, they will get it. Well this is not so much a scoop but an exclusive report. Two Western S.M.T. conductresses, one A.A. conductress and one A.1. driver were interviewed. We asked what they thought of us.

One of the Western conductresses thought that the Kilbirnie bus was the noisiest one. She preferred the Beith bus, on which she had never any bother or any serious trouble. The A.A. conductress said she had never any trouble with the old Troon Bus. The driver also chipped in with his only complaint that being that some people hang out of the windows, but the conductress quickly pointed out, Not on their bus.

The second Western conductress said that she thought the Dalry bus was the quietest. Although she prefers Long distance services, she likes the school bus. As well as the Dalry run, she also does a run to an Irvine school, but she prefers St Michael's to the other school! Her pet hate is the language which she thinks is *%#@#@ Well ridiculous!

And now the A.1. drivers contribution: it sums up the above comments perfectly. This driver, thinks, that the trouble-makers are just show-offs, they are insignificant people who draw attention by noise, vandalising buses and spitting. He is used to vandalism and rowdiness. Apart from that he gets on well with us and with one of the other Irvine New Town Schools (He has three children whom he quite rightly treats as equals).

We have had no space for interesting reports about new pupils and about Mr Kavanagh's model club: they will be in the New Year issue.