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THE BEST-DRESSED TEACHER

We went round nearly every class in the school at the end of last term to find out who in the eyes of the pupils is the best dressed teacher and here are our results:

1st Mrs Tannahill	1st Mr Fitzpatrick
2nd Miss Boyle	2nd Mr Mollroy
3rd Mrs Graham	
4th Mrs Anderson	no other votes for
5th Miss Martin	men teachers.

(Mr Nellany voted for Mrs Graham.)

by Pauline, Helenor and Liz

VISIT TO SMITHSTONE

by Catherine Edge

On the 9th March, Mrs Nolan took 104 to Smithstone House for the day. To get there we went in the Smithstone House mini-bus and the school mini-bus.

Just after getting out of the mini-bus Mrs Nolan nearly got knocked over by Prince the dog. Prince also tore up K McQ's scarf and took the table tennis ball.

Throughout the day we did different things such as finding out as much as possible about other people. Acting out a small play which a group of us thought up.

After lunch we had mass, then came back to school.

TUCK SHOP THIS WEEK

Two new lines this week: Steak and Onion crisps 7p;
Prize 9p.

Other lines as usual: Mars 10p; Drinks 6p; Double Agents and Chewits 5p; Mice 1p; Mojos 1p; Forty-Niners 5p; Crisps (Pickled Onion, Steak & Onion, Gammon) 7p.
Tooth paste available at local shops.

This issue was probably stapled by Marco Biondi, Martin McKee, Gordon Scott, Paul Maardle, Paul Morris, Billy McLaughlin, John McLaughlin and Michael Meehan.

Hand news and reports for the next issue in to room 26

ST. MICHAEL'S ACADEMY RUMOURS & TALES

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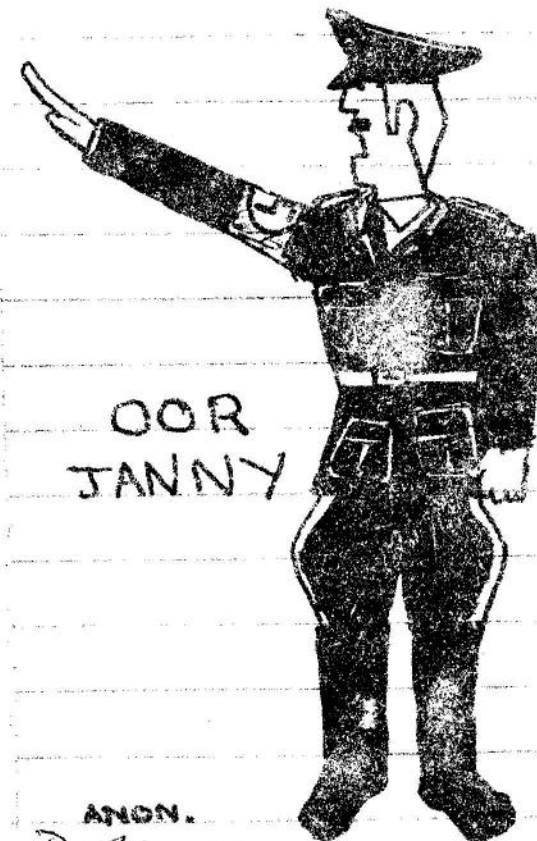
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COMPETITION for the best photo taken on the Germany trip. See Mr Nellany.

WANTED for SUMMER ANNUAL: black and white photos of Germany trip OR slides. (Colour prints can't be used.) All photos will be returned to owners.

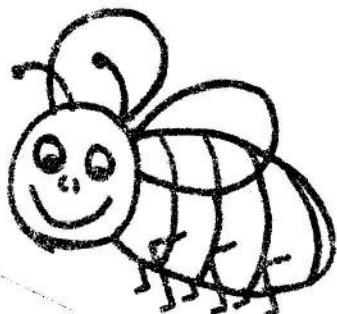
INSIDE THIS ISSUE: a bumper bundle of news PLUS a prize competition.

Sixteen pages of fun and facts. B SMART, Buy SMART, Keep SMART at the top of school newspapers.



ANON.

D. O'Connell



AS

There's a special buzz around the school. The SMART bee is going round collecting news and rumours for the SUMMER ANNUAL.

It will contain lots of special features, with puzzles and prizes and tales and cartoons.

If you pay in advance, a copy will be yours for 20p. But the price in June will be 25p.

The third year SUMMER ANNUAL sales girls will come for your order between now and the end of May.

No other secondary in Irvine New Town has a regular newspaper like SMART. Two don't have newspapers at all, and the third one's newspaper hasn't been published since before Christmas. Our high sales recently mean that we can afford to bring you, this week, a bumper issue including a prize competition. Everyone reads SMART.

WHO REALLY PAYS?

Recently, Strathclyde Regional Council announced that they would have to pay an extra £1.3 million for insurance, partly because of increased vandalism, particularly in schools. That works out at an extra 50p per person, for each member of each of our families. We pay.

At the end of last term, vandalism in the boys toilet cost £80 (£68 for two new cisterns and £12 for time). The cost comes from the same Council as the cost of other things for schools. £80 is 8p per pupil, so it means 2 jotters less or 40 sheets of paper less per pupil. Everyone suffers.

Less expense like this would mean more left for us to spend.

(by 'Minos')

STOP PRESS: Seven windows broken.

PAGE THREE PROFILE

This week we feature Celia Bradley as SMART's Page Three Profile. We apologise to readers for the fact that we cannot afford to print a good enough photo of Celia to do justice to her.

CELIA

Celia is a beautiful 16 year old with blonde hair, blue eyes and has a pleasant nature. I asked Celia when she was thinking of getting married. She replied by saying:

"I won't consider marriage for at least another 9 years. So don't all propose just now."

She likes Easter eggs, study periods, Jethro Tull and also likes going to discos. She dislikes children, punk rockers and people who bite their nails. As for school she would like to see better facilities made for the Music Dept., also more discos in the school. Her thoughts on SMART are that there is too much about sport but apart from that it's O.K..

Her lucky number is 18; her fav colour is black. She also has a fav teacher in the school (Mr Whiteside).

Celia will be leaving the school at the end of her Vith year.

information obtained by 'The Big Yin'

201 RAISE £21

In February, 201 held a 30 minute sponsored silence in their H.E. class. The silence was their own idea. SMART hears that they have done very well, raising a total of £21 for the missions.

WANT TO WIN A CHESS SET

You have your last chance this week to buy draw tickets for a Chinese chess set, cast in fibreglass resin, with pieces up to 4ins. tall. The draw is being arranged for Chess Club funds by Mr Smith, who is selling tickets at 5p each and 10p for three. The draw will be made at assembly, probably at the end of this week.

ACTIVITIES —

FIRST YEAR HOUSEMASTER REPLIES

You will remember that in the last issue we printed a letter from someone in 201 complaining about the large number of 1st year activities compared to 2nd year. We also printed a comment from Mrs Brown who said that 1st yr activities are to encourage 1st years to become part of the school and that 2nd yr pupils should have more important things to think about.

SMART has received from Mr Colgan the following

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

In reply to Mrs Brown's comment which implied that first year activities are there only as a sort of psychological cushion against orthodox education in first year only, may I assure all boys and girls in first year who participate in clubs that their psychological cushions will be intact until they leave this school, assuming that their teacher is willing to take the club in question and that they are interested enough to attend it. In fact, may I take this opportunity to ask Mrs Brown if she'd like to start a first year club in "Wheat and Barley Crop Management" with perhaps a view to starting the "Bake your own Bread an' Sup yer own Ale" club in 4th year.

May I also, since I am finally in print, warn the 2nd year boys of the impending descent of the 1st year "Block-busting Basketball Beanfeast", when the "creme-de-la-creme" of 1st year basketballing talent will take on, and no doubt take out, each 2nd year class in turn. You have been warned, 2nd year boys! Mr Kavanagh will not be abused by high absenteeism on playing - sorry! - playing days!!

Mr Colgan

LUCKY NO. WINNERS

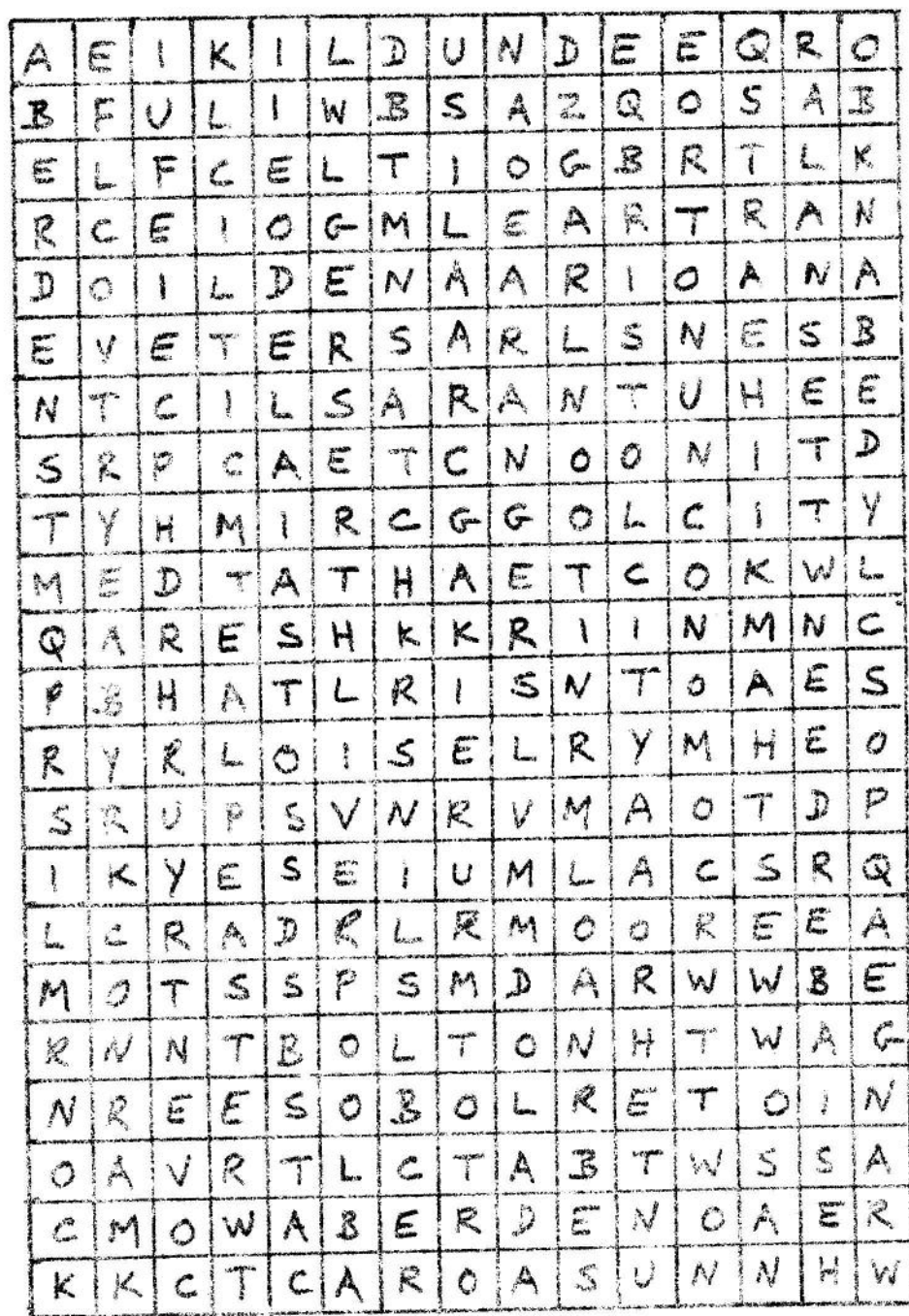
The three large Easter eggs offered in the Easter SMART lucky number draw were won by G McDermid (1st yr), J Cullinane (2nd) and L Barrett (3rd yr).

ALLY'S TARTAN ARMY

a poem by 4th year's no. 1 KENNY DALGLISH fan,
Carole A Logan.

Now at last the time has come
As Ally's team goes to the sun,
They're going to the Argentine
To show that they're the greatest team.
Bring on Iran, the Dutch and Peru
And we will show them what to do.
When we have won these first three games
Scots for the Cup will be the claims.
So now we've reached the final eight
Our heroes stand at glory's gate.
I'm sure that Spain will prove a test
But we will show why we're the best.
Two games to go to win the Cup
But who will be the run ners-up?
The Germans in the semi-final
But we'll win through to play the final.
Our chance for glory lies ahead
As Scotland leaves the rest for dead.
To play the final now we go
To play Brazil who fear us so.
As captain Bruce leads out the team
They must fulfil our wildest dream.
Scotland have them on the run
Surely now the game is won.
Goals from DALGLISH and Andy Gray.
To make this Scotland's proudest day
To you this may sound like a dream
But I have faith in all our team.
But thousands like me will agree
That Scotland should have won by three.

FIND THE FOOTBALL TEAMS



MR BURNETT LEAVING

Mr Burnett is leaving at the end of April, but stop crying stone tears as he'll be back to take relief lessons, i.e. when teachers are absent. He has been here almost three years and is going to Kilwinning Academy.

We think he should go to Ailaa because he likes "the kids" but he also likes Mr Pentleton so that would either get him out or a life sentence. He can't really think of anything he hasn't liked but his favourite class is third year physics. He thinks SMART is "pretty good" and he can't think of any way to improve it.

He says that the senior badminton team has done well but the others haven't excelled themselves. He hopes that Mr Cairney or Mr Ritchie will take over the badminton. He would like to thank Gary Donnachie for all the help he has given the badminton.

His parting message is "Work hard to try and be successful".

We would like to thank Mr Burnett for the interview and wish him luck in his new school.

by Peppy

← PRIZE COMPETITION

On the opposite page is a football-team-chase. Find as many hidden teams as you can and write them down on this form. Hand in to room 26 by Wednesday at 4.0 p.m.. Prizes of 50p, 30p and 20p will be awarded to the three who find most.

Your name Class

Names of teams: _____

MORE SPACE ON BACK

The new school mini-bus arrived last Tuesday afternoon just after 2 p.m..

In a short ceremony at about 2.30, the keys were handed over to the Rector, and pictures were taken of the bus, the Rector and some tidy pupils by photographers from the school Camera Club (for the Summer Annual) and by the "Irvine Times", printed in last Friday's paper (front page). First comments about the bus were from the Rector, who liked the instrument lay-out. Mr Scullion, chairman of the mini-bus committee, who said "It's a dream to drive" (well, compared with the old one . . . it had to be).

VSD 6S THE NEW MINI-BUS

St Michael's, of course, has the best - the new bus is the latest Ford model, announced only two months ago, with a completely different bonnet styling and a better engine underneath.

SMART will have a full report on the new bus in the next issue to tell you all about the engine, the bodywork and how it handles.

Of course, the best costs a lot. The total cost was about £4,670. The Autumn Fayre and other things mean

that the school has been able to pay half. The other half has been paid by the Regional Council, and will have to be paid back in instalments. This will mean more fund-raising next session.

To keep the bus safe until its new garage is built, it is being kept at Kilwinning Academy for the moment.

The old one is now for sale. Any offers? The side door has two new bolts, so it isn't hanging half off any more.

The only criticism of the new bus heard so far is its colour - white - from pupils who sound as though they don't look forward to keeping it clean.

It is not yet known which trip will use it first. It might be the SMART STV visit! The bus is also booked for the Classics Dept. trips to York and to the south of England. It's super transport for everything from sports teams to fieldwork for all departments, so roll up with the bookings. It's come at last.

BREAK-IN AT ST. MIKE'S — THREE CAUGHT

Three weeks ago burglars broke into the school, not knowing that our burglar alarm goes off in the police station before it goes off in the school. Within a few minutes, at 2.00 a.m., there were police cars covering the two sides of the building, and the janitor with his dog. The alarm shows where the break-in is and three were caught. A 20 year old man was fined £75, and two boys, aged 15 and 14, were remanded for sentencing.

Q: Why was the beach wet?
A: Because the sea weed.

SPACE FOR BACK OF PRIZE COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

LIBRARY NOTES

MON lunch-time : 1st years
TUES " " 2nd years
WED " " 3rd years
THURS " " 4th years

5th & 6th years: any day

library shut on Fridays

Mr Cook, the new librarian, has noticed that a lot of books are missing. He is going through the files and says that if books are returned promptly there will be no fines. He needs to know now what books are out to pupils and staff. IF BOOKS ARE RETURNED WHILE HE'S CHECKING THE FILES, THERE WILL BE NO QUESTIONS AND NO FINES. If a book is out, it means others can't get a chance to use it.

"Oliver" will be performed on the 12th, 13th, 15th, 16th and 17th June. Tickets will be 60p and 40p.

The senior choir record with E.M.I. on 28th April.

The 3rd year disco was cancelled last Thursday due to lack of interest.

FIVE-A-SIDES: Every Friday in the Boys Gym, Mr Liverpool himself has been giving certain people football. Unfortunately the league for 3rd years has been abandoned because most of the classes do not have enough players willing to abide by some dubious refereeing decisions.

Even so some players are willing to continue although we had for a while to change the venue (girls' Gym). We hope he keeps it going (and looks for a new referee) as we know there is a great demand for something to do at dinner-time.

by the Catlys

NORTH AYRSHIRE CUP SEMI-FINAL (U-19) St. Michael's 2
Inchmaharvie 2

I could so easily be writing about a St Michael's win or defeat but instead I must report on a fast, furious drawn semi-final which would have warmed the hearts of 86,000 people at Hampden.

A 'crowd' of thirty thrilled to a first half of end-to-end football. Two minutes before half-time a long throw to Curran's near post was somehow deflected home and St Mike's were a goal adrift.

The visitors went two up with a blistering volley midway through the second half but from there on St Michael's dominated. McKenna and Gilhooly came alone, the latter hit the woodwork, and in top gear Quinn scored left footed. In the course of justice Gilhooly scored the equaliser rounding two men to drive the ball into the roof of the net.

The U-19's fightback earned them a replay but the only losers were those who didn't see the game.

(by Sp.Ed.)

LOST last week in school: a brooch, belonging to Miss Lennon, and of great sentimental value. It has two horses on it. Reward for finder. See Miss Lennon.

MISS BOYLE

Miss Boyle lives in Largs and has been teaching for 2 years. She once stayed in Greenock. She likes St Michael's and has never taught at any other school. When she was young she went to St Mary's Primary School, Greenock, and St Columba's Secondary School, Greenock.

Miss Boyle thinks that the belt is necessary to keep discipline in school. Her favourite actor is Clint Eastwood and favourite actress is Barbra Streisand. Her favourite singer is Kris Kristofferson and favourite group is The Eagles. She has no favourite television programme (- odd). She also likes Scrabble.

Her ambition is to be a millionaire (isn't that everybody's?). She would like to visit California and would like to live in France. She likes school dinners (what? take her away!) and her favourite food is sea food. If she wasn't a teacher she would like to be a secretary. When asked if she liked SMART she said "Yes. It's funny sometimes."

interview by the Two J's

STV:

The complete list of those going on the SMART trip to STV on Tuesday, 25th April is: Maureen Wells and Sandra Taylor, 106, Ann Marie McKenna & Michelle McDonald, 204, Chic McCallum and John McIntyre, 202, Mary Walsh and Oonagh Sinclair 308, Alan Whyte and Paul White, 3rd yr, Denis Herraghty, whose idea the trip was, Paul McGeown, Miss Martin, Mrs Graham and Mr Dickson.

RUMOUR: That, on 21st March, Mrs Anderson said 'right' 106 times in a double period.

DID YOU KNOW that at one school in Florida, USA, the pupils now have to take home reports on their work every night. The reports comment on their work and behaviour. So far the pupils are working twice as hard and their behaviour has improved greatly. What a good idea!

BASHER BABS

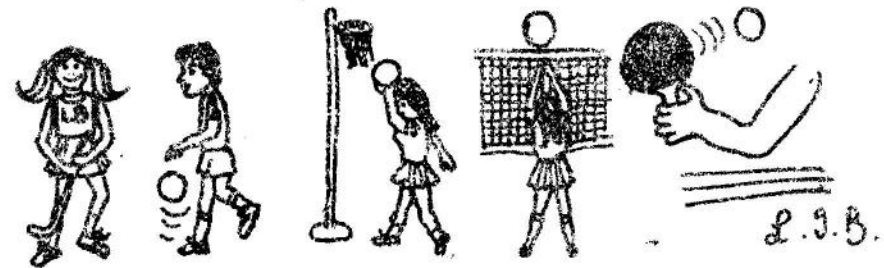
It was Basher's second day on the job. She was handling the spectre of Superjanny fairly well. To make her point she'd taken line supervision and dinner duty and thrashed the lot of them into submission in no uncertain manner, and she'd avoided every missile with the ease of a seasoned campaigner. Still, Charlie Blew was still fairly fresh and fond in everyone's memory, but she'd handle it.

The constant problem being a superhero at St Mike's was that there was "Punishment and Repair" every morning. Superjanny had it; every Superhero to come would have it too. First there was the reprisal hour between 7 and 8 a.m.. This time it was 3rd year heidbangers. Five of them had to be hanged for accusing the dinner lady of using KittyKat in her spag. bolognese, then hung from Mr Vernon's wall bars as an example. (An old punishment highly favoured by the History Dept..) This didn't take long since the gibbet was already permanently set in concrete from Superjanny's day, although the ropes were getting a bit threadbare. Anyway a few seconds saw them changed and the boys marched happily to the punk palace in the sky.

This done, it was time to repair yesterday's damage before 9 a.m.. Wash off the usual 2 miles of insulting remarks around and across the homecraft huts; replace the usual 157 windows in the main buildings (all broken from the inside, so no real cleaning up and anyway a good smattering of broken glass around the place kept the kids down to walking pace). But the big job was the Biology hut which had exploded during an experiment newly introduced by Mr McClure on how not to find a gas leak. She looked at the still smouldering remains of the hut and Mr McClure's beard, took the first pile of razed rubble in her ample arms, and concentrated all her powers on the job at hand. "Will this Herculean feat be my last super-task of the day or will it be my first?" thought Basher Babs. Only the Gods know that, Babe, and the author too of course. Look in the next issue for your first glimpse of our Cosmic Queen and the conclusion of this gripping tale.

Next instalment . . . next issue . . . May 1st

Sports Report



U-19 FOOTBALL VICTORY

Putting their first defeat of the season behind them, the U-19's took on and totally annihilated Carnock Academy to win a place in the North Ayrshire Cup semi-final.

The first half saw both teams employing the same tactics, namely hitting the ball and hoping for the best, which resulted in the game becoming a rather dull affair. It was Carnock who opened the scoring, but minutes later Bernia Quinn equalised to make the half-time score 1-1.

After a sharp half-time talk, St Mike's moved up a couple of gears and bombarded the Carnock goals. Two goals from Andy Horn, one each from Gilhooly and Russell, totally shattered Carnock's confidence and it was to the credit of 'keeper Carslaw that Carnock missed a penalty. In desperation Carnock put on both their substitutes but to no avail. Further goals from Russell and Quinn helped St Mike's cruise to a 7-1 victory. Russell, McCaffrey and Gilhooly starred in this magnificent team effort but nobody could forget the rest of the team which included star names such as McMillan, Carslaw, Chambers and the elusive Foy. The only note of dissent from the team came from 'keeper Carslaw who had only six touches of the ball in the second half, the majority of those being passbacks.

by "Stefan Foy, Ray Hanks, Jim Stewart, Willie Pettigrew and Trevor Brooking"

North Ayrshire Cup semi-final: see other pages
AYRSHIRE CUP FINAL (v. Ardrossan) Tuesday 25th April (Ardrossan Rec.)

PUPILS THRASH STAFF

Pupils 5 Staff 1

Unlike the two previous encounters, this game didn't follow the pattern of a draw. Right from the start the pupils put in a claim for their inclusion in Ally McLeod's Argentina pool, scoring in the opening minute through McCaffrey.

Shortly afterwards McIlroy had the ball in the net but this goal was chopped off for off-side.

In the seventh minute Foy robbed McLaughlin and passed to Horn who calmly slotted the ball away. Midway through the half Gilhooly ran 60 yards only to be stopped by 'keeper Keenan. Just before half-time Horn scored his second and the pupils' third goal.

Half time: Pupils 3 Staff 0

Cassidy was soon in on the act after the re-start. He earned the name 'mud-face' - I can't think why. After Doyle had scored the pupils' fourth goal, the staff made some positional changes which paid off when, during a goalmouth scramble, they were awarded a penalty. McIlroy scored. Russell rammed home a McKenna chip in the closing minutes and the pupils were home five-one victors.

Staff XI: Keenan, McDonald, Cairney, Whiteside, Mousley, McNulty, McIlroy, Walsh (Cassidy h-t), McLaughlin, Ritchie, Fitzpatrick.

Pupils XI: Wilson, Russell, Chambers, McMillan, Traynor, Horn, McKenna, Quinn (Doyle h-t), Foy, Gilhooly, McCaffrey.

Referee: Robertson.

report by Sp.Rd.

CHARITY CASH

As you know, this was a charity match. Mr McIlroy reports that the total raised from pupils' 5p each admission fee was £26.15, which has been sent to the Magpie Appeal for Brittle-boned children.

TURN OVER for basketball, football and netball →

Meanwhile the first round-robin series of games in the first year basketball tournament has been completed. 102 remain unbeaten.

	P	W	L	Pts
101	5	4	1	8
102	5	5	-	10
103	5	2	3	4
104	5	1	4	2
105	5	-	5	0
106	5	3	2	6

On the football front, while the seniors have their Carnock victory under their belt, the fortunes of the

junior school have not been as good. The second years had successive defeats at the hands of I.R.A. (beaten 5-2) and Auchenhavrie (beaten 6-4). The U-13 were beaten 4-2 by Greenwood.

Linda O'Neill reports that the 4th year 'A' netball team beat Greenwood 14-6 last Tuesday and that Catherine Wilson was the Superstar of the match.

BROKEN LEG

About three weeks ago, the janitor, Mr McLaughlin, let his pigeons out for a training flight.

That night when his pigeons were in, he didn't notice that one pigeon was missing.

The next morning when the two pupils who record the weather, Gordon Ronney and Paul McAulay, noticed the pigeon lying on the ground, they took it to him and he discovered it was one of his own money-winning pigeons. He placed it up on an elastic stocking so that it couldn't move.

After ten days the pigeon had healed and it was able to limp around the loft. Now it is fit and well to fly around again. He is thankful to the two pupils who found it.

report by Graham Waites

SPEECH COMPETITION

Last Tuesday the school was represented in the Irvine Speakers Club schools competition by Mairi Dalton VI. The trophy went to Irvine Royal but Mairi was awarded a consolation prize for a brave attempt.

STOP PRESS: Garage for mini-bus is to start this week.

Tail-Page

- * During Lent, class 202 provided sweets and things for children and nurses at Hazeldene, Kilwinning; they were delivered by Kevin Fyfe, Francis McDonald & Julie Busby.
- * Eddie Gilhooley and Chris Russell are in the final of the Scottish Regional Cup football team to play against the North of Scotland team at Perth at the end of this month.
- * Tuck Shop: Green moulded Easter eggs were not intentional! They have been returned to the suppliers. Money was refunded for those handed in; no prizes for those who thought the green was candy or who didn't notice . . .
- * SWAPSHOP: A reader has a tape of Abba, "Arrival" and wants to swap it for a record of "Aeròval". See Smart.
- * Rumour: that Mr Maxwell will be giving lessons on how to ride a scooter, at school next session. Are there any local budding Barry Sheenes?
- * Successes: Two senior Art pupils, Blane Savage and Claire Devine, have been accepted for Glasgow School of Art.
- * Rumour: that there will be school trips, all on the same day, but places, prices and date have not been fixed yet.

Diary

- May 18th start of first & third year exams
- June 3rd-5th third year classics fieldwork to York
- " 7th Sports Day
- " 9th 102 history field-work to Bannockburn and Stirling Castle
- " 13th first year netball tournament at Garnock
- " " third year history field-work to Burns Cottage and Culzean Castle
- " 15th second year classics field-work to Hadrian's Wall
- " 20th-22nd Summer Annual publication, but articles must come in as soon as possible
- " 29th last day of school
- July 1st -7th senior classics expedition round England

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Summer's coming:-

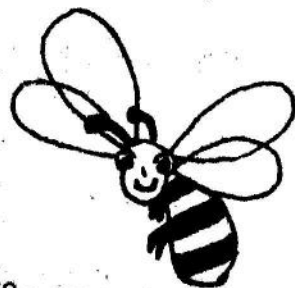
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two stories
etc.



And the Summer
Annual will have
news & reports
of anything not
in this issue.



SMART SUMMER ANNUAL



by
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The Smart Summer Annual will be published in the middle of June.

Sometime soon, pupils will come to your class to take orders, and will come back for payment.

If you pay by the end of May, the cost will be 20p and your copy will be booked.

If you are absent for any reason when it is published your copy will be kept for you.

If you do not book in advance, you will have to pay the June price of 25p.

This is because it will save SMART money to know how many copies to print.

If you have promised an article for the Annual, please write it as soon as possible. Smart has now begun to collect your contributions. Remember that you must give SMART time for typing, printing and stapling.

If you would like to do a drawing or article for the Summer Annual, tell Mr Dickson now so that he can keep space for your idea.

The bee is the Summer Annual symbol. Bee Smart, help to make the Summer Annual a thick magazine of fun and magic. The pages will be a larger size than usual.

The Summer Annual will include:

up-to-the-minute news for the end of term

real photographs

holiday feature with ideas for you, and stories from other pupils' holidays

cartoons (funnier than usual)

crossword (probably with prizes)

lucky number draw (prizes £2, £1, and 50p)

continued
inside →

103 VISIT SMITHSTONE

On Thursday the 27th April our class (103) went on a day visit to Smithstone House. Mrs Graham and Fr Walsh took us in the school mini-bus and the Smithstone mini-bus. We left the school at about 9.45 a.m. and arrived back at 3.30 p.m.. When we arrived we played games and even performed a short play. Then we had lunch which lasted from 11.45 till about 1.30. During the break the boys played pool and table-tennis while the girls went outside and played with Prince the dog. Fr Walsh said mass at the end, in which we all took part. As we were leaving he said we were the messiest class he had taken yet. All of us enjoyed our day out.

by Maureen McCafferty, Paula Giusti
and Elizabeth-Anne Allan

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS

The three winners picked from a small number of entries in the last issue's wordchase competition were:

1st Jim Monaghan 106 50p

2nd Robert Lennon 306 30p

3rd Thomas Running 102 20p

The puzzle was made up by Kevin Tomnay.

SMART SALES

The last issue of SMART sold another high total of copies: 368. SMART is as popular as ever!

STAFF CHANGES

Mr McLaughlin the janitor left a week ago to become janitor at St Mark's. Mr Gray has come back to be head janitor here. Mr Burnett also left a week ago to become Principal Teacher of Physics at Kilwinning Academy.

A large number of gym shoes were left in the old mini-bus. Owners can collect them from Mr Scullion.

BASHER BABS

This week we'd like to conclude our exciting tale which began last issue. If you remember, Basher Babs had just completed her punishment and repair stint and was quietly polishing her knuckle duster wondering what the day had in store. Well, as you've probably guessed, she didn't have long to wait. Suddenly shouts of panic came echoing around the only remaining Biol. hut and within seconds she was on her feet and running towards the anguished cries. As she rounded the hut, there before her was a sight to make any Cosmic Cween's heart pump with emotion. The lab's were on fire! Flames poured from every window bar one, where Gerry O'Hagan stood, tears streaming down his face, wailing "A wis only hivin' a fly smoke in the "Dangerous Chemicals" cupboard; ah'm sorry!"

Babs didn't waste a second. "Jump!" she shouted. "I used to play in goal for Southern Ireland's Ladies Loupers; my grip is great! Don't be afraid, little man, will soon bring the leer back to your face!"

Well, Gerald took a deep breath, closed his eyes and threw himself at the waiting Babs who of course caught him beautifully. Just as Gerald twisted in her arms to thank her, she bounced him twice and booted him up to the half-way line on the bottom football pitch - "Sorry!" shouted Babs, "Natural Reaction!"



FIND THE FRUITS

A	W	P	A	P	L	P	P	A	D	R	U	O	G	R	E	T	P
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Apple, Apricot, Aubergine, Avocado, Banana, Cherry, Currant, Damson, Date, Fig, Gooseberry, Gourd, Grapefruit, Greengage, Lemon, Lime, Mandarin, Mango, Melon, Olive, Orange, Papaw, Peach, Pear, Plum, Persimmon, Pineapple, Pomegranate, Prune, Pumpkin, Quince, Raspberry, Rhubarb, Sloe, Strawberry, Sultana, Tangerine, Tomato.

"Oliver" has been postponed till December 4th for reasons outwith the school's control. However, rehearsals are continuing now, and there will be a complete all-day week of rehearsals in the Hall between 12th and 16th June.

VSD 65

At last! It's arrived - the mini-bus, in the shape of a white Ford Transit Custom supplied by McConachie's of Ailmarnock.

Inside contains a few accessories. e.g. cigarette lighter, fire extinguisher (to put them out), and a first aid kit (in case you get cut by the sharp eyes of SMART reporters). The seating is comfortable; there are fifteen seats altogether.

The exterior colour is white (inside is brown upholstery). It is the latest front. The rear tyres are double and radial.

The engine contains an unusual bendable dipstick, dual circuit braking, 4 cylinders (2 litre) and a very spacey engine compartment.

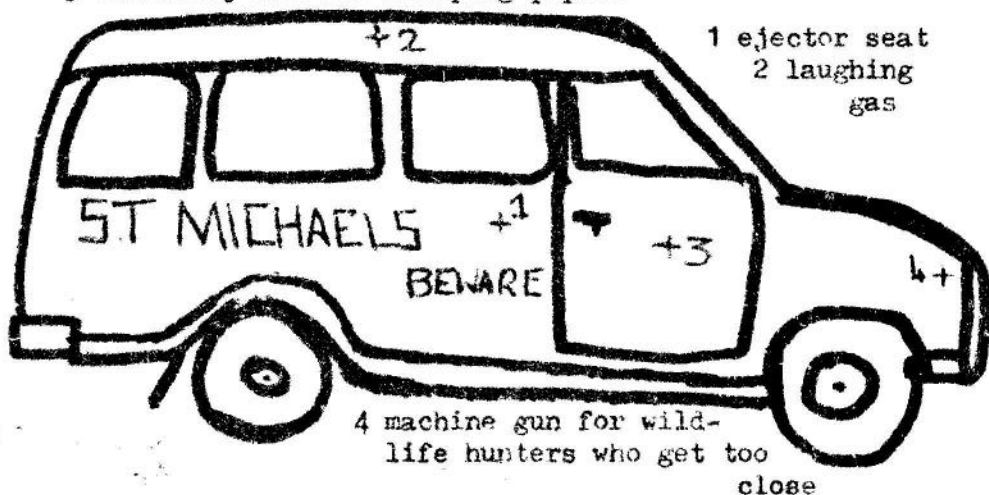
The driving handles very smoothly but sharp corners are to be taken carefully because of the weight at the back. The front seats are very high up and so gives clear viewing.

The sale of the old mini-bus brought in £400 towards the new one although some money is still to be paid over the next year.

All of 103 has had a run in it to Smithstone House. The SMART STV trip was actually the first to use it.

More news later. (by L Skywalker & Darth Vader)

3 butterfly net for escaping pupils



* At the beginning of June, third year Modern Studies will be doing field-work in Irvine New Town, on housing, shopping facilities and industry.

* The chess set was won by Andrew Keenan 103 who had bought 25p worth of draw tickets. "It was worth it," he said.

* A selection from the works of Shakespeare will be done at the "harbour Arts Centre on May 13th. Pupil price 35p, adult prices 70p or £1. Further details from Mr Dickson.

* The PTA AGM, open to members and non-members, will be held tonight after a Mass at 7.30 p.m..

Summer Annual contents (continued from page two):

sports round-up of all teams and of sports day
reports of trips to Germany and Kilwinning and most places in between

wordchase

stories and poems

end-of-year prize list

features on pupils and teachers

rumours

and many other surprises

WHAT THE PRIM. 7's SAID AFTER THURSDAY'S VISIT

"The woodwork is best because of the machines and things"
Mark Devlin

"We were in the science room and the teacher changed orange powder into green. We also got to taste rock buns."
Janice Brien

"The boys and girls were kind to us. Ann and Helen were kind to us also" Diane Stewart

"I did not like having to be led about. I also did not like the big crowds" Alan Maxwell

"Today was a very good day because we got all different teachers" Linda McIntyre

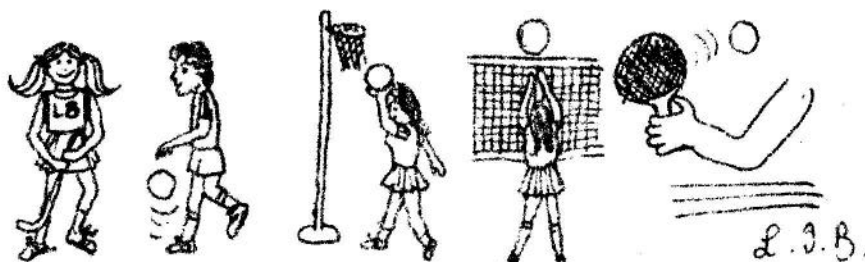
"I did not like when it was raining and you had to stay in" Charlotte King

"I think the school is too crowded" Brian Cooper

"Today was a very good day" Arlene

"The great thing was cookery when we got a rock bun"
Joan Chambers

Sports Report



- * Basketball: The U-13 team were unluckily beaten 26-15 by St Andrews in a friendly.
- * Netball: St Michael's netball teams made a successful tour of Queen Margaret's winning U-16, -15 and -14 games. The U-16 team remain unbeaten all season; they beat Q.M. 12-2 while the U-15 team gained their second win this year with an 11-1 scoreline. The U-14 team had a walkover; their "A" team winning 10-0, their "B" team 9-2. The U-13's lost 6-4 to Q.M. but made up for this defeat with a 7-6 win over Kilwinning two days later.
- * Football: The U-14 team, playing with only 9 men, lost 4-0 against Auchenhavrie.
- * Sports Day Preview: This year's event will follow the pattern of previous years. Mr Vernon believes that this method provides maximum participation on the part of the pupils and it's hoped to hold a special feeder-school relay. There will be four houses, probably Eglinton, Dalgarven, Ashgrove and defending champions Smithstone.
The junior and senior championships will be held in class time.
- * The staff team lost 4-2 to Auchenhavrie staff, Mr McIlroy missing a penalty, hitting the crossbar.

report from Paul McGeown, Sports Editor, Smart.

U-19 AYRSHIRE CUP FINAL

St Mike's Ayrshire Cup campaign which started on a cold wet November morning in Kilmarnock, ended in bitter disappointment at Ardeer Rec. against Ardrossan Academy last month. They narrowly defeated us in this final by 3 goals to 2.

St Mike's, the underdogs, dented the pride of the Scottish Cup finalists after 15 mins with a well executed goal from Bernie Quinn. Within a minute Ardrossan equalised with a hotly disputed goal.

In the second half, 10 mins of extreme pressure resulted in Ardrossan scoring two more goals. In the dying minutes of the game Eddie McCaffery scored to make the score more respectable.

Special thanks to Mr Vernon, Mr McIlroy who took the team, the now departed Mr Richardson who got the team off the ground, the faithful support of Mr McNulty and Mr Whiteside who have turned out in all weathers to support us, and to all the other supporters who turned out at the final to see their heroes who in no way disgraced themselves.

The team was: Carslaw
McCreadie, Russell, Traynor (capt), McMillan
McCaffery, McKenna, Gilhoolley
Quinn, Horn, Doyle

subs: Chambers, Foy.

(by the team)

A TALE: Irishman, Englishman, Scotsman.

Scotsman goes into a shop. "Tin a beans" he says "or else". "Or else what" says shopkeeper. "Or else I'll do you in" says Scotsman, so the shopkeeper gave a tin of beans. The same happens with the Englishman. Then the Irishman goes in & asks for a tin of beans "or else". "Or else what" says the shopkeeper. "Or else two wee tins" says the Irishman.

(by Jacqueline Clarke)

THE STATION BUFFET-BAR (by J.O'C.)

A cup clattered to the floor and immediately heads turned and necks craned to catch a glimpse of the culprit. The old woman, embarrassed, began to wipe up what she could of the spilt coffee with her torn handkerchief. People turned away. This person's predicament had nothing to do with them. Voices in the far corner began to murmur quietly and gradually the level of noise rose again, like a car starting up sluggishly on a cold morning. Presently, a kindly waitress

approached the old woman, handed her a cup of hot coffee and, after whispering a few words into the woman's ear, began to mop up the lukewarm liquid. This scene went almost unnoticed in the crowded buffet bar. The old woman, a nine second's wonder, was now forgotten.

Standing as I was in the self-service queue, I had witnessed the entire incident. I noticed now that the old woman was smiling and realised that a little bit of kindness can go a long way. Then I felt an elbow in my back and, momentarily disorientated, turned round.

"You're holding up the queue, love," said the man behind me.

I smiled what I hoped was a smile of apology and quickly made my way to the cash register. With freezing fingers I fumbled in my pocket for some change. At last my fingers touched upon a coin and gratefully I thrust the money into the assistant's hand.

My coffee paid, I carefully negotiated my way through the tables towards an empty booth beside the steamed-up windows. My feet slid through the sea of coffee spills and melted snow and occasionally crunched on isolated islands of sugar cubes. I tripped over a discarded umbrella and the burning liquid in my cup overflowed and made my fingers sting.

Eventually I reached the booth and sat down. My wet coat clung uncomfortably to my legs and I was sure that the circulation in my feet had stopped permanently. Soon these discomforts were forgotten as I sipped the sweet, scalding

liquid. As the warmth melted the cold of my body, I began to survey the scene around me.

People sat huddled in groups around the plastic tables, hands clasped around their warm cups. Their winter clothing looked strangely out of place in the bright, artificial lighting of the buffet-bar. Cigarette smoke mingled with steam and sweat and the odour of sausages sizzling in the kitchens. I wondered why people always seemed to travel by train on Sundays and studied my neighbours' faces to decide if they were travellers or relatives waiting for the arrival of loved ones.

Then a draught of cold air struck my ankles and I turned along with everyone else in the restaurant to discover who was allowing the promise of snow to invade the haven of warmth, our shelter against the elements. As the couple struggled through the door with their suitcases, I heard the rumble of a train entering the station and then the tinny voice of the loudspeaker beginning an announcement, "The 2.45 from Glasgow has just . . .", and as the door closed the

metallic message became muffled and indistinct.

People stirred in their seats and unwillingly began to move towards the door. The time had come to brave the elements and go out to meet the arrivals. The cold air entered the restaurant in a rush. I began to shiver, thinking the door would never shut. Then it thumped into place and peace was restored. Voices came and went again and I rubbed the steamy window to gain a peep-hole onto the outside world.

People seemed to be rushing in all directions, cases in hands and coats buttoned to the chin. There were no porters, although a few enterprising people had appropriated the distinctive yellow trolleys. I thought this very strange, until I caught a glimpse of the bill-board outside the shuttered newspaper kiosk proclaiming "B.R. porters work-to-rule". As more people came into view, I pretended to look for a familiar face. Making my way to the door, I pondered how many other lonely people spent their Sunday afternoons in station buffet-bars.

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