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Tail page.

- * In the last week or two visits have been organised for senior pupils to Strathclyde University, Glasgow Univ., and Glasgow College of Technology, as well as to meet representatives of Edinburgh Univ. at Ravenspark Acad..
- * HOLIDAYS: one week starting 4.00 p.m. on 13th October (Fri.) until 9.00 a.m. on Monday 23rd October.
One-day holiday on Monday 27th November.
- * SMART representatives note: The SMART team meets every Tuesday interval in room 26 at 10.55 a.m. for about ten minutes. Even if there's no reminder sent out, the meeting is still on. Don't forget to come.
- * More than 450 Homework diaries were sold for 12p each at the beginning of term. There are a few left - they can be bought from the main office.
- * Several pupils and teachers went to a poetry evening at the Harbour Arts Centre recently, when Edwin Morgan read and discussed some of his poems.
- * Stapling done this week by J McLaughlin, M Meechan, M Keen, S Campbell, A Tagg, G Scott, J McCourt, A Keenan & M O'Connell.
- * CARTOON story in centre pages is by Danny Anderson. News & feature headings written by Susan Donachie.
- * Next issue after the October holiday. Start writing news articles now. Hand in in plenty of time, please.

COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Hand this slip in to room 26 by Wednesday at 4.00p.m.
Names of winners will appear in next issue.

Your total of arrows:

Name Class

ST. MICHAELS ACADEMY RUMOURS & TALES

NO.

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STOP PRESS

On Friday the fund-raising committee announced a way of making money for school activities and giving great cash prizes in a weekly draw. It is called the "500 club", and is open to all parents, pupils and teachers. Members pay 10p per week, and prizes are:

£5 + £4 + £3 each Friday

£20 extra prize each month.

Ask your religious teacher for details

Inside this issue
Puzzle competition
prizes 50p, 30p & 20p

If your friends miss
their copy on Monday,
they can buy one from
Mr Dickson any other day

First Year Impressions.

"What I like about St Michael's is everything."
(William Dore)

PEOPLE:

"The teachers treat you like adults. They don't fuss around you. It's very different from the primary"
(Kathleen Richardson)

"The pupils are nicer, I think, and the seniors are willing to help out." (Kevin O'Neill)

LAYOUT & ORGANISATION:

"It is built in a square with bits sticking out here and there." (Catherine Jones)

"It will take me a while to get to know all the teachers and get round all the classes in the school, and I think I will like St Michael's." (Gavin Smith)

"You have to carry your bag about with you all the time."
(Stephanie McCann)

"You walk around more and you get tired." (Norah Allan)

"The thing I really didn't like was that you had to remember which stairs to go up and which stairs to go down. The other thing I didn't like was the long queue you had to wait in to get your dinner." (Anne Marie Moran)

"The playground is about 6 times the size of my last one. The dinners are good plus you get a choice. The P.E. Hall is full of different apparatus." (Michael McGowan)

"You walk about and get bored at playtime." (Arlene Nugent)

DINNERS:

"I don't see why there is everything else except a packed lunch room, because everybody who takes packed lunches eats them in the corridors." (Catherine Jones)

"The dinners in the school are not good; the dinner ladies don't give you enough chips and other kinds of foods."
(Charlene Smyth)

"When you finish eating your dinner and then you go onto your pudding it is cold and tastes horrible. I think that the dinner ladies should serve the pudding when people are finished eating their first course."
(Martin McNeill)

"What I found best of all is a choice in school dinners."
(Stephen Cassidy)

"My first day at St Michael's was great, but now the novelty has worn off. The school dinners are pathetic but then most school dinners are, they're even worse than my mum's." (Kathleen Richardson)

"At the Dinner Hall I don't think you get very much but that's understandable because it's only 25p."
(Andrew Maxwell)

"I think that at the first sitting the dinner ladies should keep some of the things for the people who have to wait for second sitting because there is usually nothing that they like left. Last week my friend got only a plate of chips, nothing else and no sweet".
(Leahley Fitzsimons)

"I like St Michael's because there is a good system going. Walking about the school changing from class to class all day." (Kevin O'Neill)

Greenock
Brass
Band

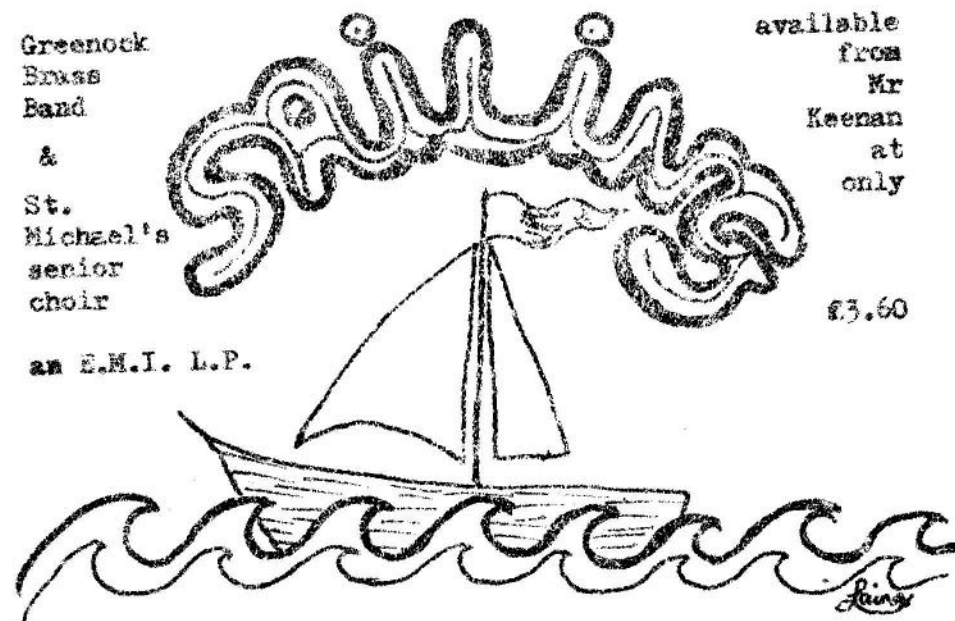
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Michael's
senior
choir

an E.M.I. L.P.

available
from
Mr
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only

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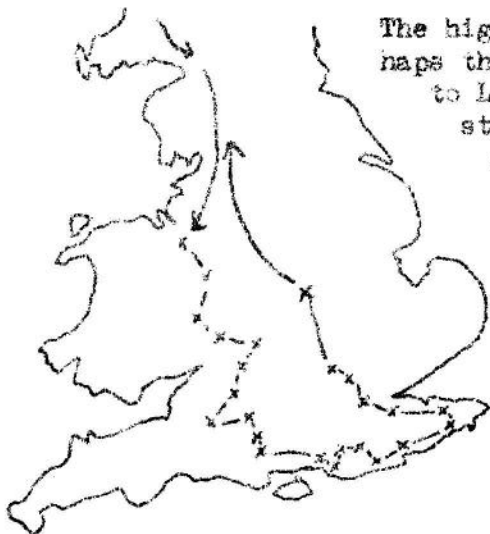
England by mini-bus.

By 8 o'clock on the first Saturday of the Summer Holidays the Roman England trip was under way. After several long hours travelling we arrived in Chester. There we saw the Rows (14th century shopping arcades) and walked, all the way, round the medieval walls.

The next day we were on the road again, this time to Wroxeter Roman city and from there on to Shrewsbury for lunch. After lunch and a visit to Stokesay Castle we carried on to the Malvern Hills where our leader Mr Dickson told us we were going for a short walk. This so called short walk turned out to be up a hill 1,000 feet high. Some of the group proved that they had mountain goat blood in them. The others were exhausted after only a few hundred feet. That night was spent in the Youth Hostel in Stow-on-the-Wold.

The visits to Bath and Avebury the following day proved to be some of the most interesting of the holiday. In fact after the prehistoric site of Avebury most of the group found Stonehenge a disappointment.

On day four we visited a Roman Palace at Fishbourne and the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum. That night we stayed in Brighton where most of the group spent a very enjoyable evening.



The highlight of day six and perhaps the whole trip was a visit to London. This night we stayed at Ivinghoe which was arguably the best Youth Hostel we stayed at.

After the long journey home on day seven we were all very tired but all agreed that the trip had been very enjoyable.

by Kathleen McAulay, one of the 10 pupils on the expedition.

Our Merry Marymass Maid.

by Catherine Craig

When I was chosen as a Mary in June, I was very proud and pleased. I could hardly wait for Marymass to begin; when it did it was better than I had hoped. The day before (16th) some men came from CDC to decorate my house. They didn't use very many flags so that night my dad and my neighbour set about decorating the house with flags and lights.

The opening ceremony was great. I met a lot of new people and some of the past Queens. One of them had been my teacher in primary 4 & 5. Amongst all the things I went to, I really enjoyed the Sid Lawrence Dance Band. At the interval we met Sid Lawrence and he introduced us on stage. I also enjoyed the football on the Friday (25th) - unfortunately we were not in time to kick off but were given a box of chocolates so it didn't matter. The score was Meadow - 2; Victoria - 2.

Finally the big day arrived. A car came for me at 8.20 and I and the other Maries were taken to the Town Hall. In the coach we went off on the Carters' morning procession to pick up the Queen in the coach and then down to Thornhouse Avenue where the parade was waiting. We then went for Captain Allan. The bands were playing and we were on our way to the four Ports. On the way round the town we stopped at the Porthead and the Turf and a few people gave drinks to the procession.

At last we arrived at the crowning ceremony. I felt really proud on that platform. I could hear all my cousins shouting. I had relatives here from London, Edinburgh, Airdrie, Motherwell and also locally! One of the Pages came and handed me a beautiful posy. Then it was back to the coach for the parade up to the moor. That was the best part. The streets were lined on both sides with people cheering. I was so happy I could've cried. At the moor I had lunch, then we went out for 4 hours of photographing.

At about 2 pm Jack Carson came and took us to the shows where Mr Codona (the owner) presented us all with a tranny and Dawn (the Queen) also received a big blue

teddy. It must've been a funny sight to see us all on the chairplanes with our dresses and headgear blowing everywhere.

Then at 5 pm back into the town. After stopping at Seagate Castle we returned to the Towns House where a taxi took us home. On the Sunday we went to the Old Parish Church - then the Caley Hall, where we were presented with lockets - then to St Mary's Church - then home, and Marymass was over for another year.

Footnote: The picture of smiling ex-St Michael's pupil Angela McDaid, Marymass Queen two years ago, recently travelled round Britain in the Irvine Exhibition Train.

Points of View.

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

We think the Dinner Hall should be extended. Because there is dinner all over the tables when second sitting go in.

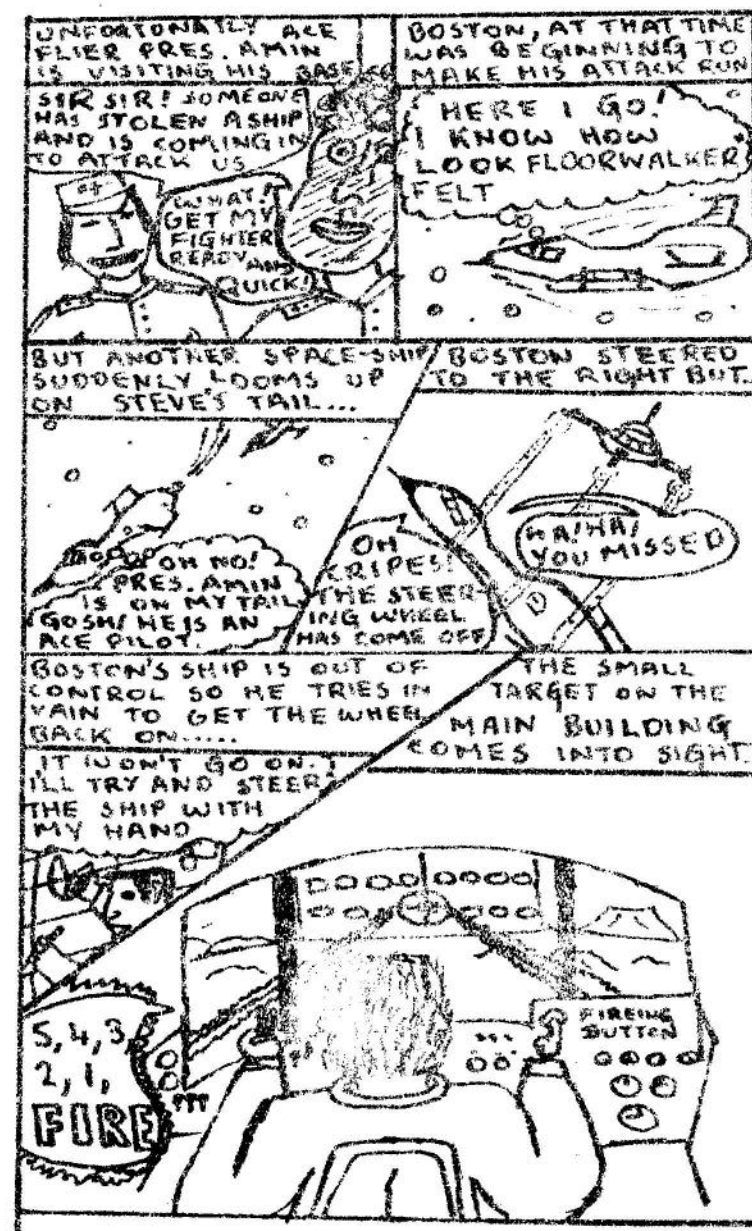
Jim Jardine & Riccardo Angelini

Dear Editor,

We are writing to protest against the way in which homework is given out in this school. Some pupils are complaining of the unlimited amount of homework they are receiving; this is keeping them in "toute la nuit". Why can't a system be introduced? Other schools have a system which rotates their homework. In our opinion it would take a lot of weight off pupils' backs.

Peter & Chris Fallon & Alan Whyte







Millionaires Beware!

Miss McLaughlin started her first teaching job at this school. She has enjoyed her first month here and says that the teachers were quick to accept her. She says that this school is much pleasanter than expected. She does not think the pupils are cheeky although if need be she will use the belt.

Miss McLaughlin has just added ten years to her life span by not taking school meals. The time of day she dreads most is the period before dinner because she is scared in case her stomach rumbles. She also dreads the . . (deleted). All pupils who get Miss McLaughlin will be glad to know that she does not agree with a lot of homework.

She is not married, reasons being that no millionaires live nearby and she is not interested at the moment.

Her hobbies are going to see the opera and theatre, listening to any music and disco dancing. Since coming to this school she has also taken up badminton. T.V. does not interest her much.

Greta Garbo and Humphrey Bogart are her best liked film stars and she admires Bob Dylan a lot. As of yet she has no ambitions.

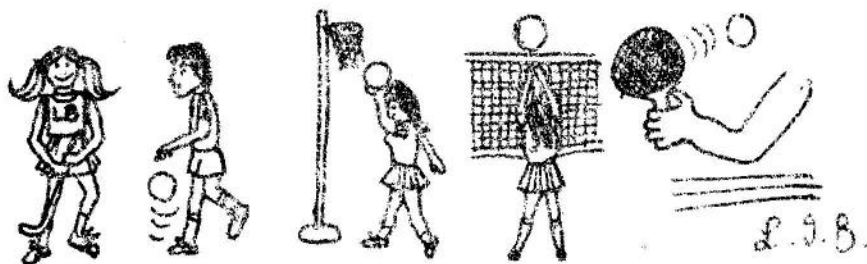
Compiled by John Paterson

The Tuck Shop.

The Tuck Shop has already made approximately £150 profit, which helps the school funds to meet the ongoing demands for transport costs, etc.. The thanks of the school goes to the girls who have given their services in this important job. "Jelly Wellies" will not be sold again and have been replaced with the more hygienic and better selling "Wrigglers". Due to popular demand, Kit-Kats will make their return in the near future. All pupils keep buying and we'll keep selling.

(from Mr Vernon)

Sports Report



3rd 'A' HOCKEY:

A good start to the Hockey season came from the 3rd yr 'A' team, who beat their opponents Auchenhavrie 2-1 in a good game. The score at half time was still 'nil all'. In the second half a well deserved goal finally came. Carol Russell scored. Auchenhavrie scored next. Another good goal came from Auchenhavrie, which, fortunately for us, was disallowed. Kay Robinson set up a great chance which, with Elaine Judge's help, put us back in the lead.

VOLLEYBALL:

"There will definitely be an U-19 Volleyball Team", coached by Mrs Brown. "There might be an U-15 team."

3rd 'A' HOCKEY:

14th Sept.: A tough game ending in victory against Irvine Royal Ac.. The score was 1-0. Unfortunately the seniors lost 8-0.

16th Sept: Victory again over Kilmarnock Ac.. With conditions just right, the team played a great game with excellent passing. Unfortunately all they could score was one goal, but enough to win.

20th Sept: A first half played on a blaise pitch ended score-less, with good tries from Greenwood. The second half, played on a grass pitch, kept Greenwood from scoring with good tackling in midfield. In all a good score against a 4th yr team. Good play from Kay Robinson.

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(Sports continued)

COMING HOCKEY FIXTURES:

Tues. 10th Oct.	Greenwood	Home
Wed. 11th "	Ravenpark	Away
Wed. 25th "	Auchenhavrie	Home
Sat. 28th "	St Joseph's	Home

More to follow

DANCE CLUB:

The Dance Club will probably start before Christmas.

U-13 FOOTBALL:

St Michael's 6 Ravenspark 2

St Michael's were playing superb football in the opening minutes but did not score. A cross from Elliot left Doyle to header a magnificent goal to open St. Mike's account. The next goal followed shortly with a volley from Andy Keenan. St Mike's later added a fantastic goal by McDonald. Nearing the end of the first half, Ravenspark sneaked the ball through to make it 3-1. In the second half St Mike's dominated the attack and scored another through Reid. St Mike's slackened off and let Ravenspark through to score. We didn't ease up again and put another two in the back of the net to settle the result beyond doubt. The full backs played with confidence as did the wingers. This game made up for earlier defeats.

('Offside' (C.B.M.))

Large O St Michael's 10

St Mike's were on top of Large from the start. Our first goal was scored by Doyle but it was some time before we added to this. We put another four in before half-time. In the second half we scored five but would have scored more if it hadn't been for excellent goal-keeping.

('Offside' (C.B.M.))

FOOTBALL against Larbert (near Falkirk), last year's Scottish Cup champions: U-15: great performance held Scots champs to 0-0 at half time; one of their goals was an unfortunate own goal. Score St M. 0 Lar. 3. Also against Larbert, U-14 lost 3-2, U-13 lost 3-0, and seniors lost 8-1.

SMART SUMMER ANNUAL

The Annual sold at the end of last term sold a huge total of 368 copies in three days. All that are left are a few half price copies - half price because four of the thirty sheets of paper are not included. If anyone wishes one, they can be obtained from Mr Dickson at 10p each.

Although the lucky numbers were put on the notice board before the end of term, only two were claimed, so J Rooney and T Heron split the prize money, winning £1.50 each.

From the 63 crossword entries, the following three were the first drawn from the pile:

Fiona Lennon £1.50

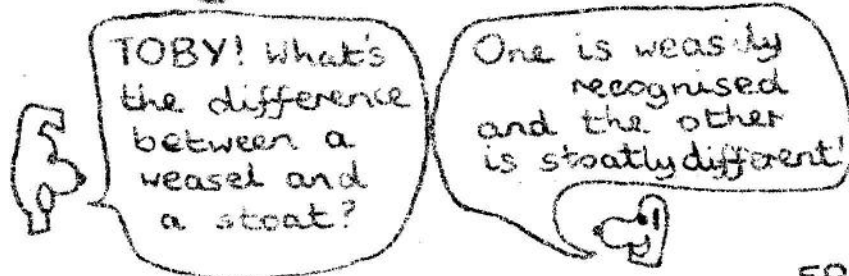
Carol McKinnon £1

Catherine Donohoe 50p

Once again, many thanks from SMART to all who helped to make the Summer Annual such a success.

- * The librarian's Swap Shop has now been running for two weeks. You can bring in papertacks and swap them from the collection in the library on your library day. BRING A BOOK THIS WEEK.
- * POINTS OF VIEW. Send your letters to SMART. In future issues we shall get SMART reporters and teachers to answer your points.

Toby's Corner.



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COMPETITION



USE ENTRY FORM ON BACK PAGE

(Senior Football continued)

Scottish Shield: Seniors 6 St Columba's of Iona 3

Unfortunately at the start of the game two of our seniors, Mark Devine and Robert Gibson, collided very badly and were immediately rushed to the Western Infirmary, where Robert was detained overnight. In the game they played with ten men for most of the game but still won. Top scorer was Paul Barlow.

Next senior fixtures:

Sat. 28th against Ardrossan in the Ayrshire Cup

Sat. 4th Nov in the second round of the Scottish Cup against St Andrew's Academy.

CHESS

The school team's first game of the season was against Kilmarnock Academy away from home. This game was in the first round of the Fourboard Allegro and St Mike's came away easy winners with a 4-0 win. The team was R Smith, T Barrett, R Cochrane and B Teas.

In St Michael's first league of the season we were at home to Marr College. The senior team did well to win 5-1. The winners were R Smith, T Barrett, R Cochrane, B Teas and surprisingly S O'Connell won despite himself. Whilst the seniors were doing so well the juniors stuck to their usual form and lost 6-0.

(by Thomas Barrett 507)

SMART Sports Editors: John Hutchison, Anna McMillan and Anne-Marie Kelly.

Duplicating assistance from Mrs McIntyre and Mrs Quinn.

Titles written by Susan.

SWAPSHOP item lost (swapper please write in again)

Next Issue: Perhaps Nov. 15th or 20th. If YOU have ideas for articles, see Mr Dickson or Mr Luchford NOW.

SMART REPRESENTATIVES: remember Tuesday team meeting matters. Interval Tuesdays in room 26.

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Homework 1.

Points of View:

In reply to a "Point of View" made in the last issue, SMART will investigate in the next few weeks the idea of a homework system.

but do you know what a homework system is?

It would mean that each night every pupil would get homework from, say, two subjects, e.g. Monday, French & Chemistry; Tuesday, Maths & English, and so on.

It does have its ad- and disadvantages. Just think you could set aside a time for doing your homework but as there are so many holidays on Mondays the system would possibly collapse when on Tuesdays everyone would have four homeworks.

From the foreign students I have learnt that in France you would receive homework every night from every subject studied that day, whilst in Spain until the age of 14 there is no homework, but after that age most things have to be memorised.

Would you like St Mike's to have a system like this? Say why and tell us whom it should cover; in a Glasgow school where there is this system it only applies to 1st years upwards because most 1st and 2nd year work is revision.

Write to SMART about homework!

(by Stewart)

SMART apologises to those whose articles have been left out at the last minute due to lack of space. They will be printed next time.

STOP PRESS: A parents' evening for the Holland trip will be held in the school on Tuesday 7th November.

INSIDE: YOUR LUCKY NUMBER . Each copy has a chance.

1900 Club's forms still available from R.E. teachers.

Holland Trip.

As a result of the overwhelming response to the Easter trip to Berlin (see later page), Miss Martin and Mr Cassidy have organised another trip - to Holland at Easter. This will cost about £100. There will be 35 pupils and five adults - Miss Martin, Mr Cassidy, Mrs Fitzpatrick, Mr Dickson and Mrs Dickson.

The party will leave the school on Sunday 8th April and travel to Hull by coach. There everyone will take the overnight ferry to Zeebrugge in Belgium and then on to Holland by coach.

People on the trip will then stay at the Schulp Hotel which is situated in Noordwijk, a lovely holiday resort on the Dutch coast. Some of the sights Miss Martin hopes we shall see include a clog factory, a cheese factory, a diamond cutters and of course the beautiful bulb fields for which Holland is famous. We shall also visit Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague and Utrecht. The party will leave Holland on the 15th April, a week after the date of departure.

There are a few vacant places left. If you want to go to Holland, see Miss Martin, room 11.

(report from Susan Donachie)

Science Club.

The first meeting of the Science Club will be held on THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER at 4.00 p.m. Mr Spaine will give a talk on fisheries in Mr McClure's room. Entrance will be free to members and 5p to non-members. Memberships are available from Mr McClure on Monday (TODAY) and Friday at 1.15 p.m. for 20p. Last year's membership cards are no longer valid. Anyone wishing to become a member must buy a card.

Our New Librarian.

A couple of weeks ago I interviewed Mr Cooke, our new librarian. Bryan Andrew Cooke was born in Nigeria but he moved to Britain when he was three. He is married and now lives in Hountreehill.

His first job was in a public library in darkest Coventry, then he moved back to Durham and became a labourer. Then he went to college in Newcastle and got a degree in librarianship, then he worked again as a librarian in South Shields. After that he came to St Michael's. If he wasn't a librarian he would have been a social worker.

My first question was "What do you think of St Michael's?" he answered "It is a friendly school, the teachers made me feel welcome and the pupils didn't frighten me away."

The person he would most like to meet is Ian Anderson who plays the flute.

He would like to see pupils making more use of the library and he wants them to look after it.

Mr Cooke has a cat called Sybil. He enjoys swimming and table-tennis. Although his name appears on the school football team list, it is questionable whether he can play or not. He likes reading, listening to pop or classical music and he also enjoys woodwork.

Believe it or not, his favourite food is fish and chips. Favourite football team, TV show, pop star, pop group, and actors are: Newcastle United, All Creatures Great and Small, Multi-Coloured Swap Shop, Bryan Ferry, Pink Floyd and Donald Sinden. Favourite country is France. His ambition is to work abroad.

One of the highlights of his life was competing in the National Schoolboy Gymnastics Championships. He has a Mini, but if he had more money, he would have liked to own a Dino Ferrari. He recommends you to read "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest", a book by Ken Kesey.

(Interview by Mark Collins 308)

In the last issue we printed some first year impressions of the school. The SMART team thought that we ought to get some impressions of first year. So here we present

3rd. year / impressions of 1st. year.

Ahggg! I don't like to think about first years.
(J Gillies)

The first years may like the school, but I don't think the school likes first years. (S Burnside)

The first day after we came back to school all you could see was a lot of very small and nervous strangers all standing together. . . . they seem to have a lot of complaints about things.
(S Sweeney)

It's difficult to think that we were once these scrounging little pipsqueaks, running and screaming around the playground and corridors (although some of us still are). It's terrible having to put up with something as bad as last year's sixth year.
(R Foy)

My little sister is a first year and she is a moron. Maybe they are all like her, maybe not. When I was in first year I was utterly cool; they are distinctly not. They are smaller than they used to be; this is a result of their small stature. They do not respect my authority because they all have big brothers who are eight feet tall and built like the "Hulk". Many of the first year may be green but I have not seen one yet. They tend to trip you up by standing in your way below your eye-line. When you trip and chastise them for tripping you, they give you cheek and nip down a convenient mousehole.
(T McNeill)

Most of them are small and nice, especially the girls.
(T McLaughlin)

Some of them are brainier than some 2nd years.
(E Orr)

I've noticed that this year's first year pupils are smaller than the usual bunch except for a few who are bigger than the average giant, e.g. the big guy with the feet. Also in the dinner queue they swarm around you like flies and when it's interval and you're trying to get out it's like wading through a crowd of wee gammas.

(Paul Downie)

I hope they will be put in one big cage in the near future so no-one will be disturbed by these noisy little creatures. We could feed them on dinner scraps and let them out after 4 o'clock to patrol the school grounds and keep burglars away - no-one would want to cross the path of a first year guard dog?
(P Morgan)

When we were first years we were quiet and disciplined.
(J Gillies)

The dinner queue seems to be getting longer every day (Are they reproducing?) (A Foy)

Competition Results.

The correct total of arrows in the last competition was 140. There were about 100 entries, but quite a few were wrong. The first three correct answers drawn by the SMART team were:

Tommy Trodier 101 50p

Russell Waldron 303 30p

Dorothy Walker 405 20p

Prize-money

can be claimed

from room 2c.

This Week's Competition.

This week we have a lucky number competition.

The lucky numbers will be put up on the circular notice-board on Tuesday at 2.30 p.m.. All copies sold before then will be included in the draw.

Prizes: 3 at 35p each.

YOUR NUMBER :-

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Survival.

A thrush flies by watching for peril,
his eyes visioned on everything moving,
gliding so slowly to watch -
for fear of death.

The rabbit is nervous
watching for uncommon things.
One wrong move, a branch creaking,
the rabbit's away as quick as a shot.

A squirrel is confident of living.
An owl's the same.
They search with their eyes
for things unseen.

by James Whiteman 105

Our Assistant Janitor

During an interview with Mr Scott of Kilwinning - he is working here as assistant janitor, he is only temporary - he stated that most of the pupils are nice apart from some who misbehave. He was transferred from Pennyburn Primary. He likes St Michael's because it has a happy atmosphere and although he likes all the teachers his favourites are Mr Mollroy and Sister Bernadette.

Mr Scott likes school meals, but his favourite is steak pie. When asked if he was married he replied, "Yes; I have a boy and girl." He likes football, bowling and athletics, and when asked about the people in the world he did not like he said, "I don't like the people who act as if they're better than others when they're not. I asked him what he thought of Scottish football and he said "It's fair, but the teams I think are best are St Mirren in Scotland and Man Utd in England. The last question was, does he drive; he said "Yes" but he does not have a car; we asked him what car he would like and he said "A Volvo".

(interview by G.R. and A.P. from 307)

Visit to Greenock.

On the 11th of November a group of pupils will leave in the mini-bus for Greenock to see a concert given by the world famous Black Dyke Mills Band from Yorkshire. This band have won many awards including the SBC band of the year competition 1975-76 and they were the British Open Champions in 1972-3-4-6 and -7.

(by Stephen Bradley 202)

Berlin Trip.

Travel will be by coach (for the 1st, 2nd & 3rd year pupils going to Berlin on 7th April, 1979) from the school to Warwick for the overnight ferry to Bremerhaven (sleeping cabins provided) and then continue on to Berlin. Coach travel offers many advantages, as the trip last year demonstrated. Supervision of the pupils on the journey is made easier and the coach is ours for any excursions, with no mileage charge extra.

There are fifty pupils going with 7 members of staff. These are: Miss Murray, Mr Kellany, Mr Fitzpatrick, Mrs Anderson, Mr Whiteman, Mrs Brown and Mrs Paul, to keep an eye on the pupils. After playing for a week, we return home on 15th April '79.

Due to a cancellation, there is still ONE VACANCY LEFT FOR THE TRIP TO BERLIN - ANYONE INTERESTED CONTACT MISS MURPHY R. 27.

There will be a meeting on TUESDAY 31st Oct. at 11.00 a.m. for all pupils going to Berlin.

(report by George Kelly & Paul Evans 102)

* Murder * Madness * Horror.

Why were three weird sisters chanting spells in the middle of a desolate moor?
 Why were the daggers of the king's guards smeared with blood?
 What did Macbeth see at his dinner table that was invisible to everyone else?
 Why did the queen go mad?
 What caused a forest to walk?

The answers to these and many more exciting and mysterious questions will be revealed only to those daring enough to undertake a journey into the unknown soon to be organised by the English Department.

Your English teacher will soon be able to supply further details.
 Please note - due to the terrifying and horrific nature of the events depicted, first and second year pupils will not be allowed to join the school party.

Tuck Shop: Fizzle sticks have fizzled away due to fall-out between wholesaler and Spare Dust supplier.
 New lines coming in soon.

BOOK SHOP starting
 in St Michael's.
 See next issue for
 further details.

Halloween Disco
 Tuesday 31st October
 50p
 for 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th years
 details from Mrs Brown

Christmas collection for the
 sick, the needy and the
 elderly.

Bring groceries, sweets,
 good toys, good clothing,
 money to Sister
 Dominic Savio's room
 at registration times.

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(report by Lainey Barrett)

On Wednesday 14th October,
 two girls and myself went
 with Mrs Tannahill to Ayr.

Loch Doon.

We were going to listen to a debate at Kyle and Carrick District Council. They were, that morning, to decide whether or not scientists would be allowed to do tests for dumping nuclear waste by drilling boreholes and disposing of the waste in these holes.

All the Councillors had a chance to put forward their views on this; some said it was a good idea because it was harmless but others made everyone aware of the real dangers in this waste. We also heard how it would not only be Britain's waste but from all over the world! And, as some will know, they hope to do the tests at Loch Doon in Ayrshire. It was dramatised in school in a play called "Loch Doon" by Borderline.

The final outcome was that the drilling was not allowed to go ahead, which pleased nearly everyone. On the way home Mrs Tannahill treated us to coffee and scones, which was a very nice way to end the outing.

Loonies Expedition.

On the 7th October a bunch of loonies from the third year latin class were picked up from Irvine and Kilwinning and dragged off to the grassy humps and bogs of Antonine's Wall.

First stop was the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow, which had some very interesting(?) and thrilling old stones.

Next Castlecary, where some cows took a great interest in Mr Dickson's lecture about the remains of an old fort near by. Then on to Antonine's Wall where we trudged along a mile long ditch; we also visited Raugh Castle which was an old Roman Fort. Lunch was eaten on a grassy hump - we were all amazed to see a "scurry" in its natural habitat (P.B.) eating leftovers from everyone's lunch after eating its own. We then played a game of football which of course the girls won!

"Later we went to another ditch" in Falkirk where the boys animal instincts overpowered them as they ran up and down the ditch causing A.H.M. to lose the heel off her boot.

The only gentleman there was J.B. who provided a lady in distress with size 6 sandals for her size 5 feet. We also made a walk (or crawl for some - S.R. & P.M.G., who lagged far behind) through a muddy forest, over a 5 ft fence and through a 'bull park' where no St Michael's pupil has ever gone before.

Near the end of our journey we stopped at a cemetery which, believe it or not, had another Roman relic!

Going home, we stopped at a chippy which we raided of haggi, pizza, sausage and fish (for the unimaginative!). We arrived home around 6 o'clock footsore but well educated in some of the Roman Remains in Scotland. We would like to thank Miss Conway and Mr Dickson who accompanied us on our trip.

(by A MCM & A-M K)

A travel article . . the Editor managed to persuade one of our seniors to write an article about her visit to Istanbul this summer.

Lost in Turkey?

After planning and dreaming about my holiday for so long I found it hard to believe I had finally arrived in Istanbul. I was staying there with a friend whom I have known for two years and who lives in the Asian part of Istanbul.

I soon settled into the easy-going family atmosphere of a Turkish family. The language proved to be a barrier for the first couple of weeks but after that I found it quite easy to pick up.

During my three months holiday I think I managed to do everything that you could possibly do in that time. From taking part in religious ceremonies to playing practical jokes on English teachers and selling fruit and veg. with some villagers.

Istanbul is like a gateway between the East and West. Europe and Asia are linked by an enormous bridge called the Bosphorus. The city is very big and colourful, full of markets and street vendors selling everything. Most of the people appeared to be poor but always seemed happy.

One of the biggest differences between Turkey and our country is the position women hold in society - non-existent! Most of the women still cover their faces in the company of men. Of course this is part of their religion.

Religion rules the Moslems' way of life completely. Special food has to be eaten at certain times of the year. Ramadan is a month of fasting between sunrise and sunset. To eat you have to get up at 2.00 a.m. to have your meal. Food isn't very appetising at that time in the morning! Especially

being faced with things like dolma (a type of stuffed pepper) and the heavy Turkish foods.

I had a wonderful holiday even more so because I saw the inside of the life-style of the Turks and took part in it. I would advise anyone who wants a 'different' holiday to go there and have a sample of some "Turkish Delights".

(by Phyllis Harvey)

Sports Report.

HOCKEY 29th Sept.

It was a brilliant game of hockey - St Michael's v Ardrossan Academy. It was a very good game. We could have won 6-0 but four of our goals were disqualified. Ardrossan players never got near the goals; St Michael's kept them back. Carol Ann our goalkeeper was tired of standing waiting for the ball to come her way but it never. The first year won 4-0. This was our first real game against another school. We hope the future will be as good as this.

(by Miriam Weidager)

3rd YR 'A' Hockey reports:

11th Oct.: A 3-0 victory against Ravenspark at home. An excellent game of hockey with a goal in the first three minutes, then two more in the second half. Unfortunately, we scored another two goals which were disallowed. Ravenspark were hardly in the game with St Michael's playing really well.

3rd Oct.: An away game with a return victory for Auchenhervie. The score was 2-0. Unfortunately we couldn't manage any goals but good tries came from the forwards Donna Tipping, Paddy Farrell and Kay Robinson. Excellent goal-keeping all season from Tessa Quirk.

1st YR HOCKEY St Michael's v Auchenhervie.

The first game the 'A' team played well. The score was 2-2. They all came in very happy with rosy cheeks looking satisfied and so they should.

Next was the 'B' team and they also did very well and won 2-1.

Auchenhervie were very sporting and at the end of the game they gave everyone drinks before going home.

Well done, girls! (by Miriam Weidager)

U-13 Football. St Michael's v Ardrossan Academy 2

There was no scoring until half way into the first half when the ball appeared from a goal mouth scramble at the feet of Sean Reid who calmly put it past their keeper. It took only a few minutes for Ardrossan to equalise with a header. In the second half both teams were creating chances but not scoring from them. Then with fifteen minutes to go a cross came in from the left for an unmarked Ardrossan player who knocked it past Tommy Trodden, who in fact had an exceptional game. (from "Offside")

St Michael's v Greenwood Academy 2

In the opening minutes Greenwood applied pressure but St Mike's picked themselves up to make a break up the right. A shot from Francis McFarland was deflected to Sean Reid who easily knocked it past their keeper. McFarland scored our second with a well struck shot. Our third, by Jim Jardine, was just outside the reach of Greenwood's keeper. In the second half St Mike's didn't get off to a good start as was shown when Greenwood scored their first. Greenwood gained confidence and scored another but St Mike's fought back and Reid put his second and our fourth in to the back of the net.

(from "Offside")

U-15 FOOTBALL St Michael's 3 Auchenhavrie 3

This game got off to a good start for St Mike's as they scored early on with a great goal from Gilhoolley. Then a few minutes later Auchenhavrie were level. Although once again we took the lead through Judge, Auchenhavrie also scored just before half time and again it was level. Then just after half time the visitors took the lead and held on until 10 minutes from time. As Judge raced through to a great through ball he was brought down inside the box. His strong appeals for a penalty were justified and up came captain Gilhoolley who coolly put the penalty into the corner of the net to score his second and our third. Although after great pressure from St Mike's in the closing minutes the game ended in a draw.

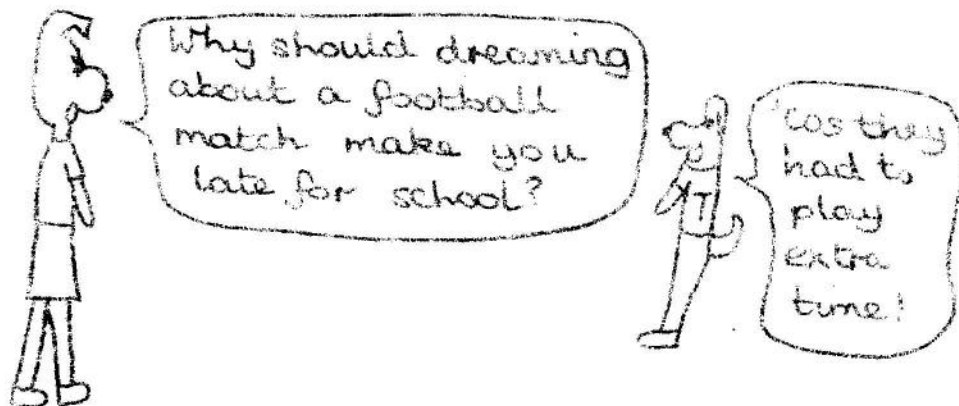
(from "Onside")

U-14 FOOTBALL St Michael's 5 Irvine Royal 1

A good game with a goal coming from McGonagle on the volley in the first ten minutes. 10 minutes later I.R.R. equalised with a good goal, a shot from outside the area leaving Kelly no chance.

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Toby's Corner.



It was 1-1 for the whole of the first half and 5 minutes from the end. Then, St Michael's were awarded a penalty and Hughes put it past the keeper. A minute later McMillan scored, then another by Steele and finally a goal by Evans to make it 5-1.

St Michael's 3 Hamilton Grammar 4

A great and very exciting game with St Michael's starting off well with a goal by Hughes in the first 5 minutes, then 5 minutes later Hamilton equalised. Straight after the ball was centered, McCough scores a magnificent goal outside the area. Just before half time Hamilton equalised again. The second half was more exciting with no scoring for 15 minutes then Brennan made it 3-2 for St Michael's. Hamilton did well to fight back and get two goals, to win the game. Both teams played very well.

(both reports by Michael McGonagle)

U-13 FOOTBALL St Michael's 1 St Andrews 3

The weather played an important part in this game. Even with the wind at their backs in the first half St Michael's, wearing their new strips, could not penetrate the St Andrews defence until a well-struck Stephen Hyland shot crossed the line. 1-0. Michael Horn later hit the post but St Mike's had only one goal to show for their efforts at the break. When the sides changed ends St Andrews now had the aid of the wind. Unfortunately by full-time they had put three past us. A disappointing defeat for St Mike's.

(by "Offside")

SENIOR FOOTBALL The league started fairly well for the seniors although they were beaten 1-0 by Ardrossan, last year's Scottish champions. This was a game where the seniors should have won about 5-1 but they just could not take their chances.

Their next game was at home to Auchenhavrie when they were lucky to come out with a 3-3 draw. Against Ravenspark they were beaten 5-4.

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SPORTS (continued)

"BERNADETTE FOR SCOTLAND"

was the recent heading of the Ardrossan & Saltcoats Herald report on Bernadette Morgan, a fifth year pupil.

Chosen at the recent trials in Glenrothes, Bernadette will play for the "Scottish Schools" international netball squad. Congratulations, Bernadette.

There is a netball club every Tuesday night from 7 to 9 o'clock. Jo Finn is coaching.

U-15 FOOTBALL Scottish Cup 1st Round

Shawlands 4 St Michael's 3

St Mike's had themselves to blame for the loss of this Scottish Cup tie. 5-1 up at half-time, the second half was a disaster. Their fine first half performance never existed in the second half and Shawlands took advantage and scored three goals before the end. St Michael's scorers were Gilhooley, Judge and Connor.

Ayrshire Cup 1st Round

St Joseph's 1 St Michael's 4

The disappointing result in the Scottish Cup was made up for, in this fine performance. This game was played on a water-logged pitch and a few of the attacks were broken down as a result of the ball sticking in the water. A goal came midway through the first half from a Gilhooley shot inside the opponents' penalty area. The second half brought 3 more goals for St Mike's, from McDonald (2) and Gilhooley again, from the penalty spot. The home team pulled one back near the end, so St Mike's go through to the 2nd round to play Grange who had a bye.

reports from J.H.

ST. MICHAELS ACADEMY RUMOURS & TALES

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We regret that due to circumstances outwith our control SMART is a week later than intended. There were problems with the machines at the last minute a week ago, and SMART just had to be postponed.

INSIDE THIS ISSUE you will find all the usual features, with reports, news, cartoons and a PRIZE PUZZLE.

THE NEXT ISSUE will be a special Christmas issue, to be published on Monday 18th December.

SMART IS SUCCESSFUL

SMART is more popular than ever before. It began as a one-sheet paper in November 1973. During the 5 years since then it has grown in size and popularity.

When it began it sold about 200 copies each time. Now sales are about 400 copies. Keep up the good work, writers, artists, helpers and sellers: each issue is keenly awaited by SMART readers.

On Your Moped!

At the moment certain members of 5th and 6th year, including Evil Knievel, Barry Sheene, Splash-it-all-over Kate and others are taking part in S.T.E.P. (Schools Traffic Education Programme), which is organised to train school pupils to ride a two-wheeled powered vehicle (Honda Express) to try to make them more aware of the hazards on today's roads.

Miss Boyle (Speedy Gonzales) has already instructed the speedkings in right hand turns to be followed in the near future by leaping buses (Dinky Toys).

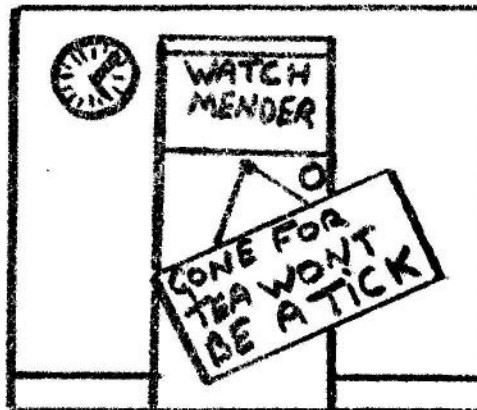
Miss Boyle herself owns a Honda 125 but she keeps it for good weather. We hope to be meeting Twiggy in the near future.

(by the devil's hole gang, and Ian Felth)

Editor's note: The bike was very kindly provided by HARRY FAIRHAIRN of Irvine and a picture of the bike, the Rector, Miss Boyle and the pupils appeared in the "Irvine Times" recently.

CARTOONS

by Ronald Teele



Black Dyke MMB Band

On Saturday 11th November, Mr Keenan took nine pupils of his brass band to Greenock. On the way, we stopped at an ice cream shop, everybody went out to get ice cream and Mr Keenan paid. In Largs we saw part of a Viking ship on the cinema.

We went up this high hill and got a very high view over Gourock and Greenock. As we went down the hill we saw three big tankers and a fourth which was sunk.

We arrived in Greenock where Mr Keenan gave us a tour of Greenock in the time that was left.

At 7.30 the concert started and Mrs McDonald and her husband sat beside us. First thing was the march Queensbury, . . . then Overture, Land of Mountain and the Flood . . . Tuba Solo . . . Suite . . . Traditional Hornpipe . . . Cornet Solo . . . Essay for Brass . . . interval time . . . Marche Joyeuse . . . Clair de Lune . . . Berne Patrol; (everybody thought that this was the best one) the Peanut Vendor . . . Euphonium Solo . . . Prelude and Fugue . . . Forgotten Dreams . . . Overture, Le Corsair.

At the end there was a surprise which wasn't on the programme ?- Star Wars.

They were a great band.

As we were going home we bought chips. Mr Keenan dropped everybody at their own house.

It was the best trip I'd ever been on.

(compiled from reports by Carol Delany, Anne Marie Hart and Stephen Bradley)

SWAP If anyone has any key rings, I will be happy to swap them.
Stephen Burke, 1st year

SMART REPRESENTATIVES: remember to come to the Tuesday team meeting at interval in room 26.

Smart Gossip Column.

by Mally

(Items for the Gossip
Column are sent to
Mr Dickins or Mr. Leishman.)

Note: Malicious gossip will
not be used. All items
must have your name on them,
though it will not be printed

- * What's this we hear about Mr Scott (the new janny) entering for Mr Universe? (We think he'd win any day.)
- * Anne McMillan is still not going with James Nelson.
- * Stephen Hyland (204) is said to have had his trousers ripped off on 26th Oct at the local Bourtreeshill youth club. (Makes you wonder what they get up to there.)
- * Mr Leishman has become a grandfather again.
- * By the way, Mally, have you seen GREASE yet? (Tell me more . . .)
- * What's this we hear about Mr Cairney almost being arrested for speeding?

Mr Cairney's Brush With The Law

While commencing sound wave experiments with a 3rd yr physics class, Mr Cairney escorted them outside into the car park. He then proceeded to drive his car in and out of the car park blowing his horn full blast. As he turned to go out of the car park a second time, he clocked up about 40 mph., while beeping his horn at the same time. Just then a police car turned in at the front of the school. Mr Cairney swerved by two astonished looking policemen who seemed to be having thoughts about arresting him. Boy, did Mr Cairney have a red face!

- * Rumour has it that Karen Freer carries a photo of William Cullinane.
- * Who's the tall, dark, handsome fellow Michelle talks to every dinner time up at the music dept.?

Mr. Westcott

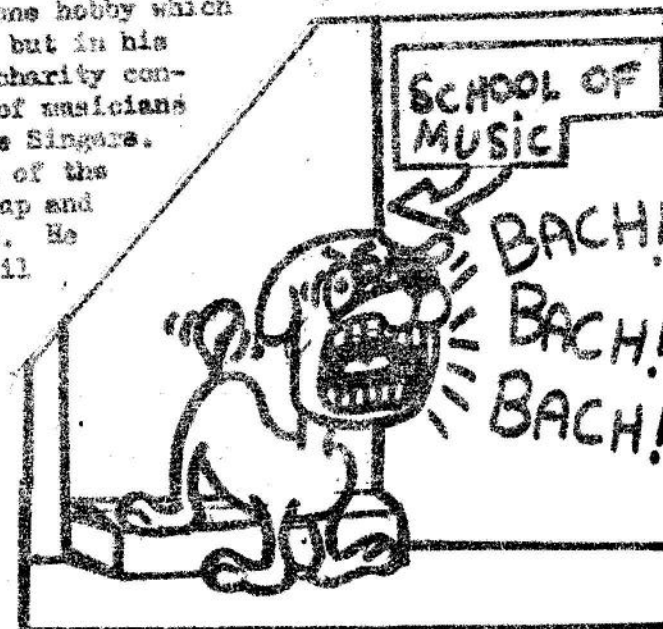
Born in Plymouth, Devon, our music teacher Mr Westcott attended Plymouth Academy. The only job he has ever had has been teaching music but he has plenty of certificates to show how good he is at it. Some of these are: the Licentiate of the Royal Academy of Music, the Licentiate of the Trinity College of Music, London University and the Associateship of the Royal College of Music. Beat that!

When asked what he thought about St Michael's he said, "I think it is a very good school, but it is the pupils who must make it a good school. The class behaviour is mainly very good but sometimes could be better." His favourite musicians are Beethoven and Glenn Miller. Not bad! His favourite actress is Matt Davis who is still acting and is over eighty. His favourite kind of book is a good mystery thriller. He does not really have a favourite kind of food but he does like wholesome cooking. He likes (believe it or not) historical and western films and has no favourite TV show and no pets.

Now to get to the hobbies and spare time. He has only one hobby which is home decorating, but in his spare time he does charity concerts with a group of musicians called the Allanvale Singers. He is also chairman of the Prestwick Oxfam Group and drives a Rover 2000. He does District Council work and, easy to believe, is a Justice of the Peace.

(interviewed by
Paul McMahon 108)

cartoon by
Ronald Teele



SMART interview with MRS DORRIAN

by Elaine Forsyth & Susan McAllister

Mrs Dorrian is a former pupil of St Michael's. She taught in St Andrew's for 2 years before she came here. She likes St Michael's because it has a friendlier atmosphere and is a smaller school. She enjoys her work.

Her hobbies are hockey, volleyball and playing badminton. She plays hockey for Ardeer Ladies Hockey Club - she is captain. She also likes reading, Art, and listening to music - all music. We asked her what her favourite animal was; she replied "St Michael's pupils. But really it's dogs." We asked her whether she would rather go out or stay in nice and cosy; she said "it depends whom I was in the house with." She would rather have a good night out. We asked her if she liked school dinners; she replied "You like school dinners if you are really desperate." She uses the belt only when necessary and said that St Michael's pupils are just as good as St Andrew's'. She likes reading - Arthur Haley especially.

For the October week she went to Spain (some people have all the luck). She would love to go to America. Mrs Dorrian was born in Ardrossan and has lived there all her life. She has three brothers - one is her twin. She has no children. We asked her why she chose to teach P.E.; she replied, "I enjoyed P.E. at school and wanted to make a career out of it."

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LUCKY NUMBERS WINNERS

Because the circular notice board was removed the numbers went up on the new one in the link corridor. Only 3 people reported for prizes; they received 35p each. The lucky three were:

Peter Latham 302

Graham Waites 303

Mary Brownlow 408

COODHAM

A party of 40 seniors went to Coodham on retreat from the 6th to the 8th of November. When we arrived we were given our rooms and then had an introductory session. We met Fathers Pat, Terry, Michael and Fearghil.

During the retreat we had 3 masses and various talks and discussions. However, it was not all prayers and discussions. We all enjoyed our free time with disco's to keep us occupied.

On the whole everyone enjoyed the retreat but the meals were not as good as we hoped. Even so the meals were not as bad as all that because we would gladly have stayed.

There were a few scares in the girls' dorm. One of the rooms was haunted and as the rooms were close to each other all the girls piled into the one room for a while. Miss Martin and Father Flynn went with us and Sr Bernadette paid us a visit. So we still had reminders of school (aw!).

We would like to thank all concerned for a most enjoyable retreat.

(report from Kenny McMillan, Michael McLaren and Clare Robertson 502)

HOLLAND

A grant has been made towards the trip by the Ayrshire Educational Trust. This will help to pay for extra visits while on the holiday.

Parents had a meeting about 2 weeks ago, when they saw a film on Holland and had a chance to discuss matters with the staff in charge.

Mr Cassidy has arranged a series of talks for those going. In February/March Mr Neelany will tell the group about Dutch Art, Mrs Lamb will talk about the geography of Holland, Mrs Lunardi about the history of Holland, and Mr Cassidy about Dutch money and customs.

(report by "Minoas")

CINE

Kilwinning Round Table will soon be presenting a cine camera to the school. It may be used by the Animation Club, by the Art department, for drama work and on outdoor visits.

TEACHER LEAVING

Mr Kavanagh, a Principal Teacher of Guidance (also known as Housemaster), will be leaving St Michael's at about the middle of December. He has been at St Michael's for seven years. He is leaving so that he can spend more time on his outside interests.

His message to pupils is "continue to work". Commenting on the staff, Mr Kavanagh says that a full day teaching can be one of the hardest jobs around and one of the least rewarded financially.

Mr Kavanagh will miss teaching. He thinks that there is a good spirit among the staff of St Michael's and he will miss their conversation. He will also miss the pupils - he says that he has enjoyed working with most of them and for them.

(report by Editor)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

After the comic strip of the "Six Billion Halfpence Man" we had complaints from the senior Literature Committee:

"To think that this is supposed to be a secondary school news journal, not a immature incomprehensible child's comic. If we wish to read this we would buy the 'Beano' or 'Dandy'."

Another wrote: "We want a bit off ~~CULTURE~~ CULTURE (Big words) (A! I have it) Culture in your publication."

Ignoring the unintentional spelling mistakes, SMART asked them to provide some high quality articles. SMART is still waiting. Are the seniors too busy reading Enid Blyton?

U-13 FOOTBALL Greenwood 2 St Michael's 2

In long grass St Mike's found it difficult to adapt and gave away a few chances in the opening minutes. Greenwood opened their account quite early in the game from a well struck shot coming from the right. St Mike's fought back and ten minutes later a break up the middle left an unmarked Jim Jardine to make it one each. A few minutes before half-time Greenwood broke on the right scoring from a high shot. After the break St Mike's were most of the time under pressure then nearing full-time John McDonald sprinted up the left shot at goal and left their 'keeper stranded. This game was a very good draw for St Mike's against a very good Greenwood team.

(by 'Offside')

EXHIBITION

A small art exhibition has been arranged in the library, showing examples of screen printing by Bill Wright. The prints use different colours and textures as well as showing different techniques such as overprinting and the offsetting of colours. Beside the prints is a notice to explain what is interesting about each one. The exhibition has been arranged by Mr Smith, who arranges art exhibitions for the Harbour Gallery. It is well worth a look next time you are in the library.

* The 1st year Xmas party will, according to Mr McNulty, almost certainly be on Wed., 20th June. SMART thinks he meant December. He was also very pleased to announce that Marie Orr would be at the party. He also said: "Now that I and Mr Gill know the pupils, we will be arranging competitions and games for them after the New Year, such as five-a-sides."

- * The 2nd year Xmas party will be on Tuesday, 19th December.
- * There will be a 2nd year disco on Thursday 30th Nov., price 10p, when music will be by "McIlroy's Mighty Music", from 7.00 to 9.30 p.m.
- * Stapling of this issue done by John McLaughlin, Billy McLaughlin, Michael Meechan, Andrew Twigg, Gordon Scott, Andrew Keenan, John McCourt, Martin O'Connell, Colm McHugh, Sharon McLaughlin, Jane Wilson.

A PERSONAL VIEW OF

MACBETH

When SMART advertised places for a trip to 'Macbeth' I for one wasn't sure what to expect. On our arrival at Craigie in Ayr we were led in to the theatre. The stage was a wonderful piece of craftsmanship comprising an undulating floor with absolutely no scenery.

The performance by the Compass group was late in starting and at the beginning the characters were just a mass of faces. Slowly, however, the plot unfolded and before we knew it there were dead bodies all over the stage. One murder led to another and very shortly Macbeth was killing friends to retain power. How Shakespeare extended that into a two hour play I'll never know!

During the interval everybody had time for a wander round the building and a cup of coffee. For those who didn't quite catch the story there was always Pepsi can deringing.

"Hark! What eerie noise is that?"

Psssssstt!

(by P. McG.)

SCIENCE CLUB

On Thursday 2nd November Mr Thaine from the White Fish Authority at Hunterston gave a very interesting talk to the Science Club. When the eggs are hatched the fish live inside until they are a certain size, then they are transferred outside where they live in tanks filled with clean water from Hunterston. One of the things they discovered is that the fish would not feed if there was a strip light above them. After the slides and talk some people asked questions. The best question was probably the one put by S. McK.: "Do the fish have their own personalities?" to which the surprising answer was "Yes". C. McK. gave the vote of thanks. The talk was enjoyed by all who attended.

BOOK REVIEWS

I would recommend the book "Further Adventures of the Family from One End Street" to people who like a sort of funny and serious book combined. The book is about a family with seven children and the difficulties of life. The book is written by Eve Garnett.

(review by Anon.)

I took a book out of the school library called "The How and Why of Dogs". I think this book is for all the school. It is very good and interesting. It tells you how to train a bad puppy and how to train a dog. It shows you all the different breed of dogs. Also it tells you what sort of things to look for if you are buying a good dog.

(review by Anon.)

"The Otterbury Incident" is a great book. It is about two groups of boys fighting one another. It doesn't sound very nice but it is very exciting. I would recommend it for any pupil. Its author is C Day Lewis.

(review by Kathleen Richardson)

* Don't expect SMART to be this size again - this has cost more than 3p to produce!

* Chess result (Thursday 23rd): Juniors won 5 games to make a 3-3 draw with Stewarton. Seniors won 5-1. Winners were: Frank Carson, Jim Loughran, Ian Valentine, Robert Cochrane, Robert Smith, Kenneth Cochrane, Brian Teaz and Thomas Barrett.

YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL (by D. M.)

Every single place you go,
He is there you always know,

Because there is happiness in you,
And in every single thing you do.

He helps you stop being mean and bad.
He tries to make you happy not sad.

So never try to be mean or bad,
And you'll be happy and never sad.

EXAMS

I interviewed some pupils asking
what they thought about exams.
Here are the results:

"They're too hard, too many of them and you shouldn't get them twice a year." (Pauline Robinson)

"They're okay, a bit boring; should get them in classes rather than in the hall." (Barbara Robertson)

"You get a good laugh in the hall." (Carol-Anne Pillans)

"English is easy." (William McAulay)

"English is quite hard." (Anthony McDonald & Paul Diamond)

"Rubbish, boring, hard, and don't like it when being supervised by Miss Whiston." (C.S.)

The majority of the first years thought the exams were hard.

Report by Catrina Running

MORE BOOK REVIEWS

"Very Funny, Charlie Brown" by C Schultz. I think this is a very good book; you can read it in one night and that's what I like about it."

(review by Lesley Fitzsimons)

"Good Luck, Arizona Man" by Rex Benedict.

The tale of an Indian who wants to find his origins as well as the gold of the Guadalupe is funny, exciting and includes ghosts, crazy men and other strange things. Very enjoyable. Makes good reading.

(review by Mark Devlin)

"Doctor Who and the Horror of Fang Rock" by Terence Dicks.

This is a new book from the Doctor Who series. It is an excellent book which concerns a group of characters stranded on a lighthouse in the Channel Isles along with the Doctor and his assistant Leela. They are stalked by a beast from the planet Rata 3.

(review by Edward Graham)

DINNERS

Pupils are complaining about the number of seats in the dinner hall - there are only 170 and there are 570 pupils who take school dinners. Pupils are not lining up properly and some are skipping the queue. There will be a new dinner hall by 1980 so that people can get in for their dinner faster.

(report from Denis Kirkwood)

HOMEWORK

Wanted - opinions from 3rd, 4th and 5th year about how much homework you think is fair, whether you would like to do certain homework on certain nights, whether it helps you to be given homework a week in advance, etc. Hand opinions in to room 26.

Other Sports results:

U-14 FOOTBALL Kilwinning Acad. 7 St Mike's 0

SENIORS: St Andrews 5 St Mike's 2

COOKE'S BOOKES

Start saving pennies now - both pupils and staff - for a large selection of books, mainly paperbacks, will arrive in the school in the middle of December and will be on sale from Mr Cooke, the librarian.

Buy yourself, or your parents or friends, a book for Christmas. More details soon about Cooke's books's.

"500" CLUB

The '500' Club is going very well, paying out prizes and making money for the school funds.

Prizewinners so far have been:

Date	£5	£4	£3
Oct. 27th	J McDonald 106	A Grant 404	E Graham 102
Nov. 3rd	S Love 407	Mrs Reilly 404	J McGowan 104
" 10th	Mr Gray Jan.	D Mullen 206	G Smith 105
" 17th	C Bradley 5th	C A Beattie 408	M McKenna 105

"SAILING"

The record which St Michael's choir helped to produce has now, in less than 2 months, sold 1000 L.P.'s and 250 cassettes.

3rd year trip to ARRAN

We all arrived at the school in time to be driven to Ardrossan Harbour in the school mini-bus for the 9.45 ferry to Arran. On the other side we met Anne, Nigel and Mr Pratt who were going to drive us to the Croft. The boys and 3 girls and Mr Vernon and Mrs Brown went in the bus with Nigel and the rest of the girls in the Land Rover with Anne.

When we eventually arrived at Corrie we got out and walked up the hill to the croft, and went to our dorms. Then we went to the common room where Nigel talked to us about what we were going to do that week and who was in each duty-group. After unpacking and having something to eat we were issued with our kit and boots and were told to get ready as we were going for our first walk. We set off along the field and up the hill to the Devil's Punch Bowl and after a ten minute break started off back again - it was a much easier way back down. When we had recovered and changed we went in for our dinner and to our dorms for a short time, then back to the common room for a lecture from Nigel about safety on the hills and what gear to take. Then had the rest of the night to ourselves. Then went to bed.

On Tuesday morning after breakfast we were told what duty to do. Then in the common room we were told that we were in different groups now (boys with Nigel; girls with Anne). We were all going to the same place but taking different routes. The girls were to go up the tourists path to Goat Fell. We were shown how to work a compass and set off walking with a few stops. When we were up as high as we were going we were walking in the clouds and then down along the rocks. About half way down we saw a mouse and that was about all we saw. We arrived back at about 5 o'clock in time for dinner which had been prepared by the duty group who had stayed behind. Afterwards we had to write a log about what we had done. Then we were taken out on an Orienteering course which we did not do very well; that took up to 10 o'clock, when we were told to go to bed.

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CONTESTATION on next page. Cash prizes.

Two 50p prizes.

Count up the eyes, noses, ears and mouths.

If each face has 1 nose, 2 ears, 2 eyes and 1 mouth, how many complete faces would you be able to make?

Entry form on back of puzzle.

ARRAN (continued from previous page)

When we got up on Wednesday morning, we had breakfast and did our duties. We set off by Landrover, then walked up a hill and down again to Laggan. After lunch there we walked along the beach to a place called where we got a run home to the Croft.

After dinner we had to write our log again. Then Anne prepared a games night at which we had table tennis, draughts and the tin game; the table tennis was won by Francis McDonald, draughts by Kenneth Cechrane and tin game by Brian Carroll.

On Thursday I was on duty so I didn't go out walking so there is nothing to say about this day. But on Thursday night we went to the swimming pool.

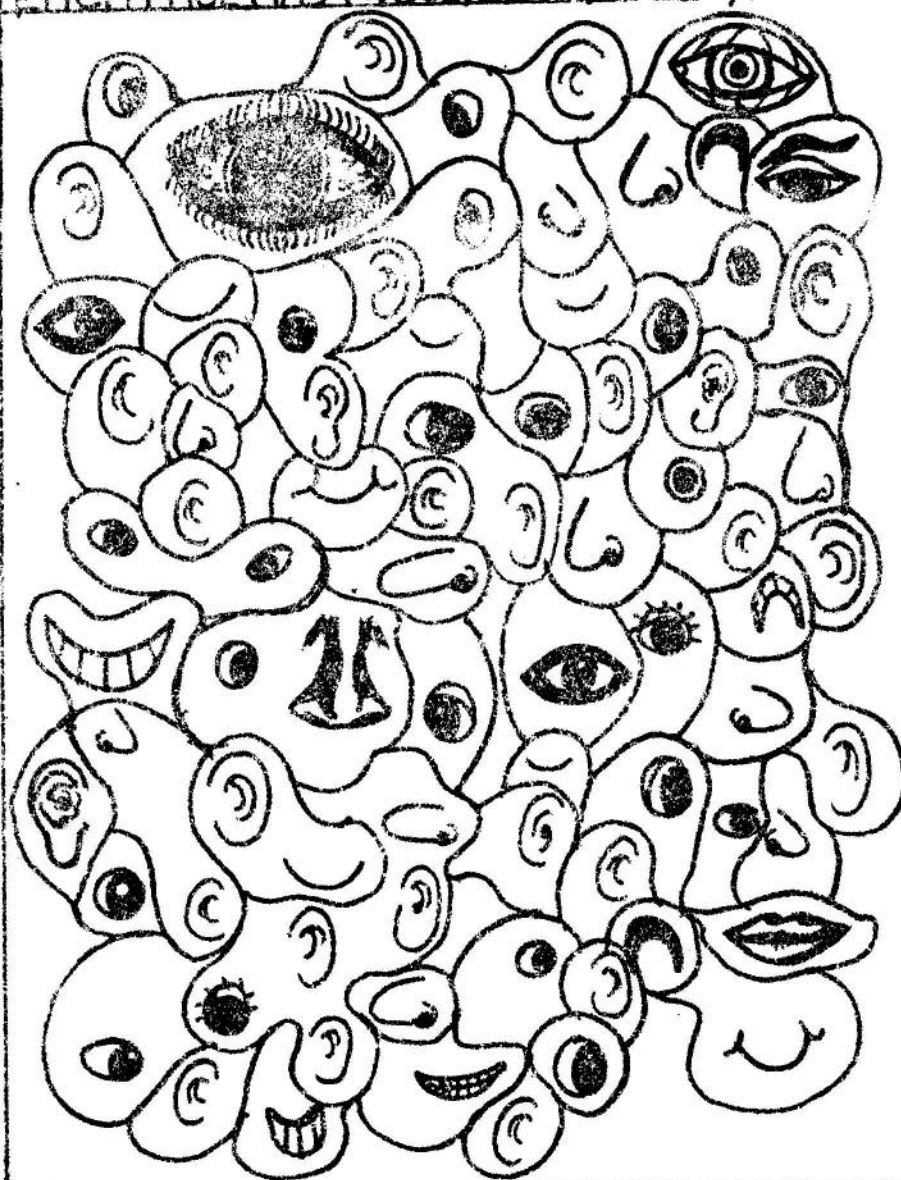
On Friday morning we were told that we were to clean the whole croft as this was the day we were leaving. After lunch we went on our road to the ferry. Nigel came on the ferry with us and when we arrived back at Ardrossan we were met by Mr McIlkay and Mr Scullion. We arrived back at about 3.45 p.m..

(by "S.M.")

PUPILS HAVE THEIR PICTURE IN THE PAPER

St Mike's pupils had their names, and pictures, in the "Irvine Times" again recently. John Judge (403), Jim Cullinane and Billy Cullinane were pictured holding their trophies at the annual prize-giving of Irvine Ravenspark Golf Club Junior Section. So did Mark Duffy (also 403).

FIND THE FACES FOR FIFTY PENCE 50p
COUNT UP THE EYES, NOSES, EARS AND
MOUTHS TO FIND AS MANY FACES AS YOU CAN
EACH FACE HAS 1 NOSE, 2 EARS, 2 EYES, 1 MOUTH



1st yr impressions of 3rd yr.

"...disgusting, ill-mannered, daft and very, very untidy." (M Rooney)

"All the third years are inhuman. They don't show an example to us first years but, to be truthful, we don't need assistance in behaviour. We behave perfectly normally" (James Whiteman)

"The third year boys think they are great. In the dinner queue they always push in. In the dinner hall they always skip down near to the beginning of the line. But it's not that when a teacher sees them. Then they get sent back. I think that's the bit the first year like to see." (Arlene Nugent)

"I think third year are quite nice, but some of them bully and make snappy comments". (Lesley Fitzsimmons)

"One of the third years I don't even know came up to me and said, 'Give me a sweet, pal.' So I don't like third years. (Michael McGowan)

"I think some have more brains than fourth year." (Kevin O'Neill)

"Idiots!" (Thomas Watters)

"Most never wear their uniform and all the 1st years have to - I don't think it's very fair." (Andrea Muir)

"Some of them are a good laugh." (Michael Walsh)

"They make me puke." (Francis McGinty)

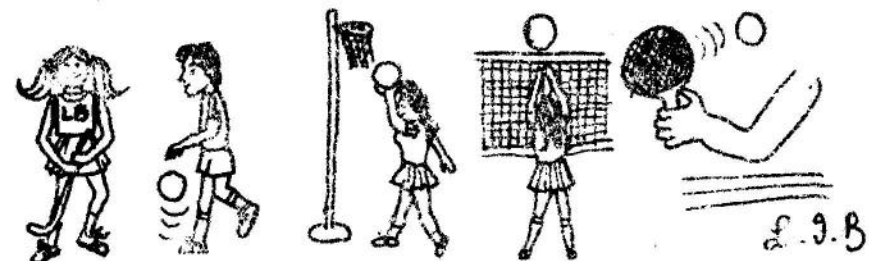
YOUR COMPETITION ENTRY FORM.

How many complete faces can you make up?

Your name Class

Hand this in by 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday to room 26.

Sports Report



U-13 Football St Joseph's 2 St Michael's 3

In very heavy conditions St Mike's started poorly giving St Joseph's a one goal lead after a breakthrough on the right. It took us a while to equalise but when we did, Stephen Ainsworth put it away professionally. After the break St Mike's slackened off and suffered for it when St Joseph's went back into the lead. St Mike's fought back and were rewarded when Henderson ran through, beat a defender and knocked it past their 'keeper. St Mike's gained confidence and attacked more often. Ten minutes from time St Mike's were awarded a free kick twenty yards from goal. Colin McGeown scored direct to make the final score 3-2- in St Mike's favour.

St Michael's 4 Garnock Academy 1

St Mike's pressurised Garnock right from the start, taking the lead in the opening minutes; the scorer was Jardine. His free shot at goal left the Valley 'keeper stranded. Garnock pulled up their socks and were awarded a penalty when two St Mike's players sandwiched a Garnock forward. One-one. St Mike's constant bombardment of the Garnock goal was rewarded with a corner. John McDonald's cross was met by Tom Gallacher who knocked it in to put St Mike's up 2-1 at half-time. St Mike's went on to dominate the second half with goals from Michael Horn and Francis McFarlane. This was the best performance yet by St Mike's U-13 and a well deserved win.

both reports by "Offside"