



Glee At Christmas Charity Fair



(Above) Bilal Hussain posting his letter to Santa with the help of some F6 elves.

Kiera Ingram F6

The School's annual Charities Christmas Fair took place on Saturday 13th November in Trinity and Baxter halls.

With a wide variety of charities in attendance, the fair proved to be bigger and better than ever before.

Stalls at the fair offered crafts, Christmas cards, decorations and refreshments for the adults courtesy of Mr and Mrs Brodie, whilst the kids had their fun too.

For the first time, in addition to the face painting offered in previous years, there was an elves grotto manned by four elves from Form 6.

At the grotto children could make Christmas cards for their parents and post their letters to Santa, which would be personally delivered by the elves.

Carooni And His Gang Of Thieves

Kiera Ingram F6

After over a year of preparation the cast of Tin Pan Ali finally took to the stage last week.

For those of you who didn't see it, the musical was a mixture of 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' and 'Bugsy Malone'.

This sell out performance showcased the talents of forty members of Forms 2 and 3 along with Madi Adamson, David Johnston and Matthew Wood of F6 who acted as the narrators for the show.

The evident on-stage chemistry between Euan Strachan F2 and Alison Ross F3 who played the lead roles



(Above) The gangsters from the Tin Pan Ali cast.

of Ali and Morgiana, along with a hilarious performance from Daniel Baker F2 as gangster Carooni, made the show a roaring success.

The show could not have been staged without the enormous contribution of Form 6 who took on the tasks of stage management, stage

crew, hair, make-up and choreography.

Though the most important contribution came from Mr Cowieson and Mrs Scott- Brown who took on the roles of Director and Musical Director. Well done to all involved, it was an astounding performance.

Armistice Parade 2010

Bilal Hussain F6

On Friday 12th November Armistice was remembered with a parade, followed by hot chocolate and donuts.

Once Colour Sergeant David Johnston had formed up the cadet contingent, Lieutenant Colonel McAdam called the

parade to attention.

Drum Major Hannah Henderson proudly marched in with the band and was followed by the Banner Party. After the padre's speech and the two minute silence, the Guard Commander Lynsey Brown

marched off the Guards, the Banner Party and the band.

After just fifteen minutes the hot chocolate and donut tables were sold out and had made a whopping profit of £337.49. All proceeds from the event went to the Help for Heroes charity.

Thanks go to Mrs Madden and the High Helpers who bagged the hot chocolate and milk powder for the sale.

The Head Janitor Mr Gilmore and his team who collected the doughnuts and organised the rooms involved.

The Senior pupils who helped to serve, supervise, and to sell poppies in registration.

A final thank you goes to Mrs Marshall and Mrs Morrison who looked after the financial side of the event.



Martel's Magnetism

Jill Stevens (Editor) F6

On 26th November 2010, former pupil and published author and journalist, Martel Maxwell, returned to the school to inspire the fifth year pupils.

Cheered on by her sister, fifth year pupil Holly Maxwell-Stevenson, Martel regarded the audience with a charming grin and various spontaneous 'hello's to Holly's friends.

Martel's passionate love for writing was visible as she encouraged aspiring writers and journalists to follow their dreams, as she quipped "it's not that hard, you've just got to try".

With tangible excitement and enthusiasm Martel recited highly entertaining snap-shots from her newly published book 'Scandalous'.

The main character "Max" is based on Martel herself; a journalist from Dundee who ventures down to London to get the big celebrity stories.

Her visit to the school has struck a chord with the pupils and it seems that now they are even more motivated for their upcoming prelims; anything to get that one step closer to their dreams.

Here's the Lowdown...

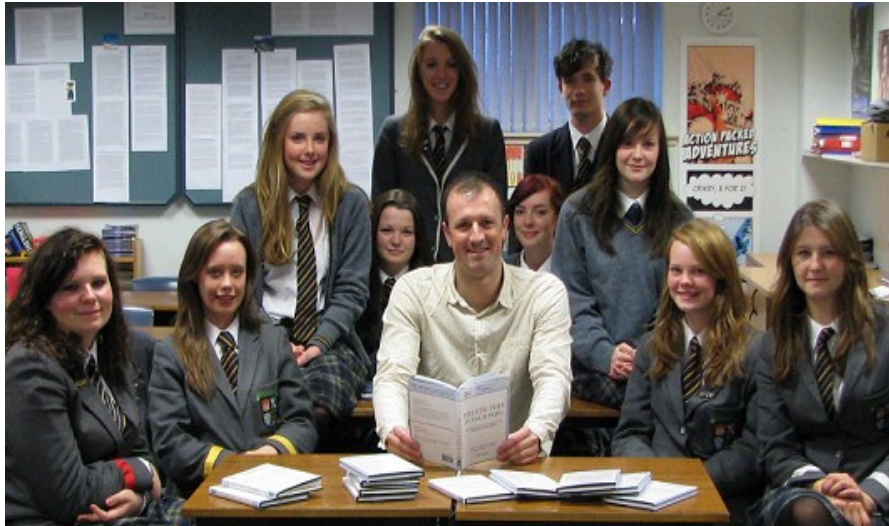
Eilidh Campbell F6

- 'The High School never closes!' Snow work on the highway keeps pupils busy during snow days.



- School Reviews 2009/10 are now available.
- The Christmas Concert was an enjoyable festive evening!
- Swimming Gala Heats are about to take place, I hope you are swimming for your House in the Gala!
- Candy Canes have been available to buy or send to loved ones! Santa's elves have been busy delivering. ("Four for you Glen Coco...you go Glen Coco!").
- Christmas Ceilidhs have kept spirits high.
- The L1-3s Nativity Play was a delightful success for all involved.
- Form 1 visit Glasgow on Friday 17th to see the pantomime 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'

Forsyth's Foresight



(Above) Neil Forsyth and the Advanced Higher English pupils.

Jill Stevens (Editor) F6

The Advanced Higher English class welcomed former pupil Neil Forsyth back to the school on 22nd November 2010.

Dundonian Forsyth is best known for writing 'Let Them Come In' and the 'Bob Servant' books.

He came to the school to discuss creative writing with the Form 6 pupils and to give them tips for improvement.

With pleasant curiosity and a real knowledge for his subject; Forsyth questioned the pupils on their own pieces of writing, each reading aloud their work from this past year.

Forsyth's infectious humour and positive feedback made his visit entertaining and greatly worthwhile for all the pupils and teachers involved.

A big thank you goes out to Mrs Phillips who organised the visit and to Neil Forsyth who managed to give the pupils a fresh outlook on creative writing.

Our Country's Good

Sophie Taylor F6

That time of year has arrived again; the time where nerves are frayed and dreams are made.

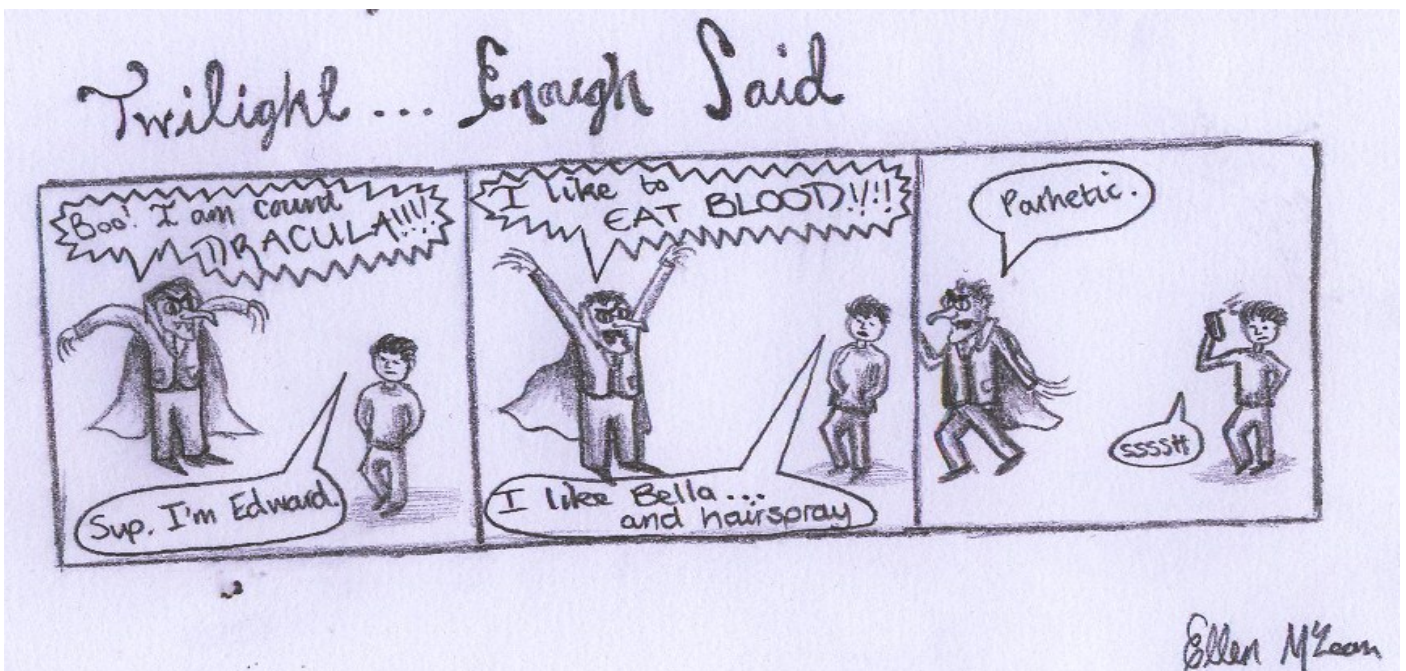
That's right, it's time for the unveiling of the Form 5 and 6 play. The title chosen is 'Our Country's Good' by Timberlake Wertenbaker.

The play is set on a convict ship on its merry way to Australia. The officers are forced to perform the play 'The Recruiting Officer' to occupy the convicts on the ship. Hilarity ensues as the lowly convicts attempt to characterise the high class characters in the play.

Aside from this there are romances aplenty; most notably between the characters Duckling and Harry. Tragedy also presents itself as convicts are routinely hung for minor offences.

'Our Country's Good' will be running from 22-24th June 2011 upon the Frigate Unicorn and promises to be a fantastic performance with never a dull moment! Tickets will be on sale closer to the time.

Cartoon Club Features Ellen Mclean's 'Twilight'



House Hockey

Kiera Ingram F6

This year's Junior Girls' House Hockey matches took place on Saturday October 29th. Due to F1 being smaller this year, the decision was made to allow L7's to play as well.

Girls in L7 through to F3 and various F6 prefects arrived at Dalnacraig early in the morning to apply their war paint before the matches began.

Each house played two teams: an L7 and F1 team and a F2-3 team all of which played outstandingly despite the appalling pitch conditions.

Once all the matches had been played and the points had been added up, Airlie emerged victorious in both



(Above) Junior school pupils in house hockey matches.

competitions and won this year's Junior House Hockey.

On behalf of all the House prefects we want to say a big well done to everyone who took part and we hope to see you at future House events! The final standings were as follows: Airlie 1st, Lindores 2nd, Aystree 3rd and Wallace 4th.

The Junior School

Maths Club

Hannah George L7

Maths club is a co-curricular activity that takes place every Tuesday from four o' clock until five o' clock. Maths club is open to all L6 and L7 pupils and is run by Mrs Goddard, an L6 teacher, in her classroom.

Mrs Goddard said "I have been running maths club for about seven years now and I have come to believe that there is a whole world of fun and amazing interest behind maths that isn't just ticks and crosses. There is also a huge amount of maths in nature like stars in the sky and grains of sand on the beach. I run maths club because it is important to teach children that maths is fun."

In maths club, the pupils make things like the dodecahedron which is a ten pointed 3D shape, and the star clock. At the moment, the pupils at maths club are making number jigsaws to put up around the school for pupils to try out.

Choir Hailed "Fun And Relaxing"

Katie McLennan L7

Junior choir is a club where children go to sing songs which they later perform at concerts such as the Christmas or the Spring concert.

There are two age groups for choir; the L4/5 Choir which is on Monday lunch times and the L6/7 Choir which is on Tuesday lunch times in the Margaret Harris Hall.

Mrs Scott-Brown is currently teaching the L4/5 Choir songs from the "Jungle Book". Whilst Miss Morgan is teaching the L6/7 Choir "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious", "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "A Special Night".

Many people enjoy going to choir: they say that it has "a great choice of songs!" and "it's fun and relaxing".

Chess Club Championship

Rory Johnston L7

Chess club started on the 22nd of September for beginners in L4 that wanted to take part. For the first couple of weeks they learned how to set up the board and how each piece moves. They then looked at tactics and how to outwit their opponent.

On the 20th of October intermediate and experienced players met in Miss Anderson's room (MH27) and will continue to meet on Wednesday lunch times after pupils have come down from the lunch hall.

The annual tournament will get underway the week after the Easter break in April.

Miss Anderson has asked that anyone who wishes to come along may try the club and if possible bring a friend to play against.