



from the quadrangle

RGC musicians tour the Czech Republic



At the beginning of the summer holidays, the Music Department took eight members of staff and eighty-four children on a seven day, two centre trip to the Czech Republic.



The first three nights were spent in Prague, then three nights in a lovely spa resort called Karlovy Vary. The group comprised of an Orchestra, Chamber Choir, Concert Band and a Ceilidh Group. To warm up the audiences before performances there were some highland dancers accompanied by Fergus Mutch on pipes, which was quite spectacular! The itinerary included 5 concerts, two of which were in magnificent churches where the Chamber Choir and Orchestra were extremely professional in their performances. The Concert Band and the Ceilidh Group also pulled out the stops at

the open air venues, most memorable of which was undoubtedly the spa colonnade at Karlovy Vary. All the concerts were very well received with very large audiences. It would seem that all the hard work leading up to the trip was worth it!! Mr Cormack would like to thank all the tour staff and the pupils for helping to make and shape a fantastic trip with some wonderful memories.

Chemistry distinction



The Scottish Qualifications Authority have awarded Dharshika Srikantharajah (ex S6) the Advanced Higher Grade Chemistry Prize 2005, after she obtained the highest marks in their Advanced Higher Chemistry exam. The Royal Society of Chemistry will present Dharshika with a £100 cheque, a certificate and book at an event called 'Science and Parliament' in November at the Scottish Parliament.

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Congratulations to Darren Anderson who took part in the World Transplant Games in London, Ontario in July, and won four gold medals in Table Tennis, 100metres, Long Jump and Ball Throw, and one silver medal in Badminton. He was

Congratulations to Kelly Leslie (leaver from S6) whose Higher Psychology research investigation is to be included as a sample of best practice in a new school textbook by Gerry Keegan. Joanna Henderson (S1) has had another successful tennis season playing in a number of Local and National competitions. She reached the final of the 12 and Under British National Consolation Tournament and recently won the Scottish 12 and Under Grand Prix. She has also just returned from Germany where she was representing Scotland.

Well done to Caitlin Ward (S5), who was one of about thirty finalists in the Janet Cram Award, a dance competition to recognise outstanding potential. Caitlin travelled to London for the heats, and after a day of working with a choreographer taking part in class and group activities, had to present a solo performance to the adjudicators and an audience. Although she didn't win, she thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience.



Isla Trahan (S2) competed in the British Children's Alpine Championships in Meribel, France last term. She came 10th in the Super-G and came 6th in the Giant Slalom, ahead of two members of the British team. She is now being considered for a place in the Junior Team of Great Britain when she is older.



Cinnamon Trust

I am member of the Cinnamon Trust and would like to ask parents of the College, through this newsletter, to read the following article and to consider helping the Trust in some way. The more local volunteers who are available, the more likely will there be assistance for local people in need. The Cinnamon Trust is the only specialist national charity which helps to relieve the anxieties faced by elderly and terminally ill people and their pets. Through a national network of volunteers it provides short and Long term care for pets whose owners face a spell in hospital or who are housebound. (Indeed some old people refuse to go in to hospital because there is no-one to look after their pet.) Pets provide a vital part of recovery, reducing stress and ensuring emotional security, yet there may be areas of care of which the owners are unable to partake. Volunteer tasks could range from fostering pets, walking dogs, taking pets to vets, fundraising or even just spreading the word around. I have already contacted the Health Board and GP Practices in the area in the hope that patients will be offered this service. Please contact me if you wish more details or a volunteer form. The Trust may be contacted directly at 10 Market Square, Hayle, Cornwall TR27 4 HE Email: admin@cinnamon.org Web: www.cinnamon.org.uk Thank you. Mrs R McColgan, Music Department.



Development News

Sillerton House Reunion – 20th August 2005

The College ran a boarding house "Sillerton House" for pupils whose parents worked abroad. Sillerton House opened on 30th August 1937 with 13 boys. Its maximum capacity was 54. Girls were admitted in August 1989 – first intake 2. The boarding house closed on 30th June 1995. The 10th anniversary of the closure was marked by a reunion held on 20th August. 75 former boarders "Sillerton Loons" attended, including one girl. They joined the "bun queue", a tradition going back to their days at College, then had tours of the College, including a look at their records, though not everyone availed themselves of that opportunity! A group photograph on the steps of the MacRobert Hall was followed by a drinks reception, courtesy of the College new caterers, the Olive Garden. A splendid lunch followed when "Sillerton loons" met up with former house masters Howard Smith, John Dow and George Barton (aged 96).

from the quadrangle

Group: Kyle O' Neill, Max Schneider, Adrian O' Neill and Ewan Mackenzie. They won Gold in the Medley Relay while setting a new record in the heats and the final, and won Silver in the Freestyle Relay, setting a new record in the heats.

S3 /S4 Boys
Adrian O' Neill, Ewan Mackenzie, Daniel Trail and Ross McDonald won a Gold Medal in the Medley Relay and a Silver in the Freestyle Relay.

S2 Boys
Michael McGovern, Gareth Pritchard, Matthew Trail Conan Cooper and Marcus Ingram won Silver in the Freestyle Relay and Bronze in the Medley Relay.

S1 Boys
Calum Veitch, Richard Murdoch, Sam Fraser and Jack Fraser won a Bronze medal in the Freestyle Relay and came 4th in the final of the Medley Relay.

The Boys Team was awarded the Royal Bank of Scotland Cup for the best overall Boys performance of the Championships.

S1 Girls
Christina Johnston, Lyndsay Ackers, Julia Fleming and Isla Mackenzie came 4th in the finals of the Freestyle Medley and the Medley Relay.

S2 Girls
Amy Lyon, Christina Davies, Francesca Walker and Kerstin Hunter won Bronze medals in both the Freestyle Medley and the Medley Relay.

An excellent performance from all the swimmers - Well done!

School Captains, House Captains and Prefects 2005/2006

School Captains: Caroline Oswald (6S2) Max Schneider (6S2)

House Captains: Lucy Donaldson (6B1) Euan Mime (6B1)

Blackfriars Samantha Pearce (6C2) Chris Hales (6C2)

Collyhill Rebecca Grounds (6S2) Neil Miller (6S2)

Sillerton Sheonaid Crosby (6T1) Iain Munro (6T1)

Straloch Sheonaid Crosby (6T1) Iain Munro (6T1)

Prefects: Rachel Brodie (6T1), Iain MacLeod (6B1), Stephanie Buchan (6C1), David Macpherson (6S2), Andrew Charles (6S1), Fraser Maitland (6S1), Laura Chiverton (6C2), Connie Mithen (6S2), Emma Clark (6T2), Sarah-Emily Mutch (6S2), Mitchell Craig (6T2), Tom Edgley (6C2), Joanne Robertson (6C2), Darren Eggenschwiler (6S1), Patrick Skene (6S1), Alasdair Elder (6S1), Meredith Smart (6T2), Judy Fray (6S2), Andrew Swift (6T2), Robert Gallon (6S2), Jing Wang (6B1), Emil Hewage (6S1), Morgan Ward (6C1), Georgina Hunt (6C2), Rory Ward (6B1), Ruaridh Jackson (6B2), Angus Willis (6B1), Sarah Lumsden (6B2), Caroline Yap (6T1), Claire McDonald (6C2)

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pupil achievements....

Pupil Achievements

Analytical Proficiency Testing

Last term four teams from the College participated in the Analytical Chemistry Testing Scheme. Three of our teams have been awarded Certificates of Distinction, the highest award, whilst the fourth team's analysis went slightly awry and they only managed to obtain a Certificate of Participation. This is a fairly major competition with just under 100 schools and 1600 pupils from throughout the United Kingdom taking part. It is therefore very creditable that 10 of our pupils have done so well. The pupils were:

Team 1: Nina Hjelde (S6), Caroline Oswald (S5) and Andrew Charles (S5)

Team 2: Caroline Alexander (S6), Peter Frampton (S5) and Winston Ho (S5)

Team 3: Sarah-Emily Mutch (S5), Mehvish Mir (S5), Emil Hewage (S5) and Campbell Howitt (S6)

Team 4: Jing Wang (S5), Joy Wigg (S5) and Daniel Sprague (S5).

Teams 1-3 gained Certificates of Distinction whilst team 4 was awarded a Certificate of Participation.

Cricket

Many of the boys at RGC attend coaching sessions at Aberdeenshire Cricket Club at Mannofield on Monday and Wednesday evenings and some of them have gone on to play representative club cricket at both District and National level.

North District

The following pupils were selected and played for their District:

Under 16 and 18 teams

Ruraidh Jackson (S6), Graeme Johnstone (S6), Ali Malik (S3), Andrew Hutchison (S5)

Under 14 team

Callum Johnstone (S3), Ross Gamblen (S3), William Fairlie (S3)

Under 12 team

Matthew Cross (S2), Andrew Lewis (S2), Derek Hoogerbrugge (S2), David Gamblen (S1)

From July 4 - 8, the under 12 District squad travelled to Merchiston competing in the District Championships 2005 played between North, Central, South, West and East.

In recognition of his batting performances, Andrew Lewis was awarded the overall District Batting cup at the conclusion of the competition.

Scotland

Ruraidh Jackson represented Scotland under 17's at the ICC European Championships at a tournament in Denmark on 19-21 July, having previously played trial games for Scotland. He also was selected as 12th man for Scotland in the recent Scotland v Ireland 3 day match played at Mannofield.

Matthew Ross and Andrew Lewis were both selected to represent Scotland under 12's and played four preparation matches against Durham and Northumberland under 12's and West and South under 14' s prior to representing Scotland at the

London Schools Competition 2005 in Ampleforth on 31 July-4 August. Their group comprised Yorkshire County who went on to win the tournament, Durham County, Wales and London Schools. They opened the batting with Matthew keeping wicket. Their performances were excellent.

Debating

The Reid/Jessop Debating Competition winners this year are Erin Grieve and Michael Sim. The trophy was donated in 1995 by Allison Reid and Andrew Jessop who were the top debaters in sixth year that year.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

The following pupils gained awards in the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards Presentation in June:

Bronze: Stephanie Nagel, Mhairi Gilbert, James Merret, Lauren Pirie, Danielle Laidler, Fergus Mutch, Stuart Tuckwood, Mhari Fraser, James O'Kelly, Jamie Wilson, Calum Johnstone, Ewan Robertson.

Silver: Seonaid Crosby, Andrew Sirel, Matthew Laidler, Adam Ackers, Thomas Collins

Gold: Scott Shepherd, Ji Sun Lee, Kerr Neave, Duncan Grassie, Gareth Jones, Eileen Mutch, John Shepherd

Music

Trinity College Results:

Oluwatosin Ogidan (S1), Grade 1 Saxophone - Distinction; Christina E Johnston (S2), Grade 2 Saxophone - Distinction; Amy Lyon (S3), Grade 4 Saxophone - Distinction; Cameron Skerrow (S2), Grade 2 Saxophone - Merit; Rebecca Campbell (S1), Grade 1 Saxophone - Distinction; Sophie Butler (2005 S6 leaver), Grade 7 Flute - Distinction; Alastair Miller (2005 S6 leaver), Grade 7 Clarinet - Distinction; Keith Elliot (2005 S6 leaver), Grade 6 Cornet; J Calum Whyte (S3) Grade 6 Euphonium - Merit; Nina Scott (S3) Grade 6 Singing - Merit; Georgina Hunt (S6) Grade 7 Singing - Merit; Sarah Livingstone (S5), Grade 6 Singing - Merit; Scott Shepherd (2005 S6 leaver), Grade 8 Singing - Distinction.

Associated Board Exam Results:

James Burman (S2), Grade 3 Violin.

Piping

Three pipers from the band took part in the under 18 solo piping competition at Aberdeen Highland Games. Fraser Maitland (S5) took first place in the March, Strathspey & Reel and Jig. Fergus Mutch (S4) came 2nd in the Jig, 3rd in the Strathspey & Reel and 4th in the March, while Ian Christie (S4) took 3rd place in the March, 4th in the Strathspey & Reel and the Jig.

Speech & Drama

Trinity Guildhall Exam Results

Gordon Anderson, Sarah Beaton, Sarah Livingstone and Caitlin Ward (all S4), Grade 5 - Merit; Aaron Thom, Grade 8 - Merit; Jess Anderson, Alicia Burnett, Ruth Duncan and Emma Wood (all S1), Grade 2 - Merit.

Swimming

Swimmers from RGC once again excelled themselves at the 2005 Scottish Schools Swimming Relay Championships in June.

The following team competed in the **Open Boys**

Junior School News

Une Soirée Française!

At the end of last term our P7 pupils (and some from S1) put on a show entirely in French to an audience of over 300 people, and raised £500 for the Highland Cross Charities in the process. The show was organised by Madame Nicoll and the children sang French songs and acted short plays. Great fun was had by all and at the end, the entire MacRobert Hall - consisting of parents, teachers and pupils - were swaying to a rap version of "Tête, épaules, genoux, pieds"this included Mr Cumming!



The Big Spell

The following pupils from P7 represented RGC at the Big Spell in the Bon Accord Centre on Sunday 4th September:

Ollie Banks, Kirsty-Anne Cowie, Kirsty MacLeod, Jonathan May, Elliot Noble and Christy Welsh.

All of our children progressed into Round 2 having spelled three words correctly. In Round 2 the words were more difficult and the children were timed as they answered by reciting the words once again into a microphone in front of, by this time, a large audience. It was rather nerve-wracking! The children had to spell the words without the help of paper and pencil.

Despite spelling the words correctly, when timed only three of the children progressed into the next

round. Kirsty MacLeod, Elliot Noble and Jonathan May moved into Round 3. Kirsty, having spelled the words correctly, was beaten by the clock which left Elliot and Jonathan in a head to head spell-off.

Eight rounds later, and after some very difficult words, Jonathan spelled his correctly and Elliot made one slip. All the pupils were then presented with medals for having reached the final, Elliot was given an additional prize and Jonathan won a shield for the school. Well done to all of you and special congratulations to Jonathan, the winner of the Big Spell.

Thank you to Miss Rust and Mrs Horsfall for accompanying the group.

Champion Sailor

Congratulations to Calum Ashcroft (P7), who is now the Scottish Junior Mirror champion after winning the Under 19 Cup at Royal Findhorn Yacht Club in July.

William Wallace Concert

Ailsa Ferguson (P7) and Claire MacKenzie (P5) represented the school at the recent concert and celebration of the 700th anniversary of the death of William Wallace. After the concert, which was held in Union Terrace Gardens, the girls took part in a parade down Union Street, carrying the school flag.

The Lions v. the All Blacks

This summer I was lucky enough to go to New Zealand to watch the 1st test of the Lions v. the All Blacks in Christchurch.

The day before the big match we were in Central Square, dressed in red and soaking up the atmosphere. Mum suddenly received a text message from Chris Cusiter (Scotland's Scrum Half). He had heard that we were in New Zealand supporting the tour and invited us over to the players' hotel!

We dashed over and Chris was waiting for us in the lobby. I had a good chat with him mostly about rugby and Robert Gordon's and then he gave me his Lions kit from the previous game against Southland. We were both disappointed he had not been picked to play in the first test.

I was also lucky enough to see other players such as Will Greenwood and Jonny Wilkinson and get their autographs. It was such an exciting experience and probably the closest I'll ever get to playing on a Lions Tour!

Sandy Willis, S1

Summer Activities at Countesswells

In the first week of the summer holidays Countesswells again played host to our sports camp. 100 school pupils attended the camp from primary 3 to primary 7 offering a variety of sports such as basketball, pop lacrosse, hockey, rounders and many more. We included a football tournament and a fancy dress themed day with a treasure hunt to finish the week off. The camp went very smoothly with only one day of rain - we were very lucky! A big thank you must go to the staff members, 5th and 6th year helpers and of course the ever accommodating Countesswells ground staff who all made the week such a success.

In August we also offered a hockey camp run by a company called Hockey Performance Consultancy Scotland. Pauline Stott the company director has great playing and coaching experience captaining the Great Britain Hockey Squad at the Sydney Olympics. The two day course was a great success with 30 boys and girls attending the fast paced two day course at Countesswells. We have planned another course in the October holiday on the 13th and 14th of October; application forms can be collected from the PE department.

Record breaking piping

The Pipe Band, led by the new Pipe Major Fraser Maitland, took part in the "Pipefest" world record breaking event in Edinburgh during the holidays. Over 10,000 pipers & drummers from around the world gathered together for a mammoth parade and finale close to the new parliament buildings. The event was staged to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. The band also took part in the Mini Highland Games held at Crathes Castle on Sunday 4 September. The College CCF's new Honorary Colonel, Colonel Cram paid a special visit to the Castle to thank the band for a splendid performance.

Fraser Maitland, Ian Christie & Fergus Mutch continued to win solo piping prizes at Highland Games throughout the summer. Fraser was Champion Piper at Aberdeen and Montrose and all three gained prizes at Stonehaven, Lonach, Aboyne and Braemar. Fraser made it through to the final 6 of the MacGregor Memorial Piobaireach competition in Oban. 24 invited, international pipers under the age of 23 compete for a generous bursary provided by the Highland Society of London. Fraser has been in the top 6 for 3 consecutive years, an achievement believed to be unmatched since the competition was introduced.



News from the Art Department

The Department is in the process of designing a desktop calendar of pupils' work, which will be available for purchase after the October holidays, with all profits going to the Argentina Expedition. This year's school Christmas card is also off to press and depicts one of Max Schneider's award winning photographs, shown below.

Photography at RGC has started the year on a high. At the end of last term a group of pupils entered the Visions of Science Photographic Awards sponsored by the Daily Telegraph and Max Schneider (S6) won first prize and highly commended in the Young Photographer Awards seventeen-eighteen years' category, winning himself and the school a Kodak digital camera. His winning photograph, "Keeping an eye on the world" will be published in the Telegraph magazine.

A group of eighteen S3 pupils and nine S6 pupils have spent Thursday and Friday afternoons at the Maritime Museum and Whitespace Studios learning how to print black and white photographs and make cyanotypes, one of the earliest forms of photography.

The closing date for the school inter-house photography competition is Friday 29th September. All pupils are encouraged to enter and the school's entry to national competitions will be based on these submissions.

Finally, with the rise of digital photography many households now have old 35mm cameras languishing in a drawer. We are hoping to start a photography club for pupils and any parent who would like to donate equipment can be assured it will be put to good use. Please contact the Art Department.

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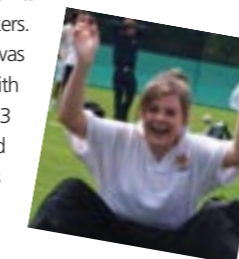


Charity Walk

This was the first ever charity walk the College had seen so it was a tough challenge for the Charity Committee to organise. The walk was 10 km long, starting at the Duthie Park we walked along the old Deeside Railway line and finished up at Countesswells. The day involved over 500 enthusiastic pupils

from S2, 3 and 4. We were very lucky with the weather! Thanks must go to the local police officers who helped with the crossing, staff on checkpoints and all the walkers. The whole day was a great success with us raising £6188.83 for Asthma UK and National Children's Homes.

E. Eddie



S1 Teambuilding

On Tuesday 30th August in bright warm weather, 185 first year pupils took part in teambuilding activities at Countesswells as part of S1 induction. Twenty teams of S1 pupils completed a range of practical problem solving tasks and challenges with other pupils from the same House. Each team was supported by a sixth year prefect from their own House throughout the event. The activities included 'Leaking Pipes', 'The Spider's Web', 'Sheepdog Trials' and 'Stepping Stones'.

The activities encouraged the pupils to communicate with their team and share ideas as they worked to solve the different challenges. The new pupils also got the opportunity to meet their Form Teachers, some House Staff and Guidance Teachers in a more relaxed atmosphere, as well as getting to know some of the senior pupils.

As the day progressed the team certainly learned to work well together and at the end of the afternoon both pupils and staff seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the day's activities.

K. Cowie, Principal Teacher of Guidance



S4 Personal Development Programme

Towards the end of the summer term, a Personal Development Programme was run over four days for S4 pupils. The tone was set by Learning Performance, an organisation specialising in the delivery of key skills for school pupils, who provided a range of interactive workshops and stimulating presentations. Study skills, memory techniques and principles for effective communication were among the topics covered.

The final two days of the programme featured an emphasis on enterprise and innovation. The sessions were run by Ideas in Partnership and built up to a climax on the final afternoon when the ten groups into which the year had been divided each delivered a first-rate presentation on a local charity for which they had undertaken to devise a marketing strategy.

College Governor, Mrs Linda Brown, acted as Chairperson of the Judging Panel and commended the groups on the imagination, organisation, resourcefulness and teamwork which had been required to produce such high quality outcomes. In addition to an overall team prize, an award was given by Fifth Ring for the best press release produced by the pupils who had been performing the role of "Publicity Officer" in each group.

Among those who responded very positively to the programme was Jonathan Curteis (now 5C2), who appreciated the insight that it gave him into the skills needed for working with others, and Logan Neave (also 5C2), who now feels more confident about speaking in public as a result of the role that he played in his group's presentation.

M. Elder



Staff News

Visit to China by Mr Mike Elder

Through the College's recently instituted sabbatical scheme, Mr Mike Elder (Deputy Head S3-S4) was able to visit Kunming in South West China during the first fortnight of June. The bulk of his time was spent taking part in the activities of a combined Bible and English Language school, which included visits to outlying villages populated by different ethnic groups. On one of these occasions, he found himself involved in a "cultural exchange" in which some Yi people performed local dances, to which he and his colleagues responded with a Gay Gordon's "master class" and a rousing rendition of "Old MacDonald had a Farm"!

During his stay in Kunming, he was able to visit the Number 8 Middle School with a view to establishing a formal partnership between that school and RGC. Following a very warm reception and constructive discussions, plans are now progressing to establish curricular links and exchanges between the two institutions. This development coincides with the introduction of Mandarin Chinese into our S6 curriculum this term.

Mr Elder felt that he benefited significantly from his visit to China and hopes that others from RGC will be able to enjoy similar experiences in the future.



Quelle Challenge – Long Distance Triathlon 2005

It was an early start on July 3rd – getting up at 3am, registering at 4.30am and then waiting for the race to start at 6.30am. After almost a decade of competing in triathlons, the big day had finally arrived, my first Ironman. What exactly made me want to swim 2.4 miles, cycle 112 miles and then run a full marathon? I still don't know but there I was, standing at the canal in Roth near Nuremberg, ready to start together with 3,700 other competitors.

With German punctuality we set off and despite wearing two swim caps and earplugs you could still hear the spectators shouting encouragement. I managed to finish the swim in little more than one hour, then got on the bike and knew that this was going to be the hardest part. However, you could not fault the spectators – almost 150,000 turned out on a warm and sunny day and the amount of support everyone received was amazing. After seven and a half hours I was looking forward to running the remaining 26.2 miles – I would have done almost anything to get off the bike! The first 20 miles seemed to go by very quickly and smoothly, the remaining six were simply hard work. However, after 14 and a half hours I crossed the finish line with a somewhat manic grin on my face. Surely I will not be the only one who said "I'll be back next year to do it again" that evening.

£150 was raised for Free Tibet, an organisation whose main concerns are human rights issues and environmental projects in Tibet.

Barbara Loester, German Assistant.

Congratulations to...

...Mrs Carmen Fyfe (part-time teacher of Psychology) who, having had a Doctorate conferred by Aberdeen University, is now Dr Fyfe!

...Mrs Shona Bruce who gained an 'A' in Higher Italian. She insists this is more due to Mr Cumming's teaching than her linguistic skills, but perhaps not - she's now learning Spanish!

...Janet Lyon who won four medals at the British Outdoor Athletics Championships in July - a gold medal in the Pole Vault and 100 metres, and a silver in 200 metres. This followed on from her success at the Scottish Masters Outdoor Athletics Championships in May where she won four gold medals. Congratulations once again!

S2 Explorers chose to be the first RGC group to do the John Muir Award. They had to discover, explore and conserve a wild place and then share what they found out about that place. They held an exhibition about Brimmond Hill in the Library showing all they had done and found out about it. Their exhibition included maps, models, rock samples, quizzes, photos of them cutting and burning gorse, games and information about Brimmond Hill. They have now achieved their John Muir Award at the Discovery level.

Drama News... A group of 50 drama pupils from S4-S6 enjoyed an interesting day at the Edinburgh Festival, seeing three different shows. The first was the Reduced Shakespeare Company's entertaining and funny "All The Great Movies", followed by a play about a young woman's obsession with Michael Jackson. This explored themes of escapism, fantasy and isolation to create a powerful and thought-provoking drama. Unfortunately, the final show from the long-established and usually reliable Trestle Theatre was a great disappointment, but nevertheless provoked useful discussion of what went wrong! In comparison, the next theatre trip, to see "Blood Brothers" will definitely be more popular.

More Drama... On September 7th, John Watson of "Creative Lighting Design" demonstrated technical and lighting effects to groups of drama pupils in S3 to S6, using his 8x10 foot model theatre, built for the morning in the McRobert Hall. The pupils were able to see the potential for creating their own lighting effects, and had some hands-on experience.

Mrs L Turbet

Fundraising for World Challenge trip to Argentina 2006

is well underway...between the Easter and summer holidays, challengers going to Argentina next year raised money by holding a "Guess the Serial Number of a £100 note" competition. For a pound you had to guess the serial number of a £100 note and the nearest entry won. Despite there being hundreds of entries, there was only one winner, Cynthia Fleming from Cupar in Fife. Her winning guess, of 449272, was the closest to the actual serial number of 449877. At an afternoon tea, held by Joanna Farmer, to raise funds, Cynthia was presented with her £100 note. Not surprisingly, she said she was very happy to have won!

