

As the summer term draws to its close in anything but seasonal weather, it is time to report on the term's activities.

The annual diet of S.C.E. examinations for senior pupils at the start of the term went smoothly, though the immediate concern of the candidates with the task in hand was this year overshadowed by the dramatic events in the Falkland Islands.

After the usual farewells at the end of May to many 4th and 5th Years and all of 6th Year, and the change-over to new timetables for the seniors who are staying on, the school launched itself into a major fund-raising effort in the form of a fete on Saturday, 12th June. Thanks to the careful planning of Mr Broom and his committee of staff and members of the P.T.A., the event was an enormous success. Staff, pupils, parents and friends worked from 8.30 a.m. to well after 4 p.m. with great zest and cooperation to produce a wealth of attractions - stalls laden with articles for sale, sideshows to challenge all sorts of skills including inspired guessing, and superb catering by the ladies of the P.T.A. That the final sum raised just passed the £5,000 mark is a tribute to the efforts of all concerned and to the splendid support from parents, townspeople and visitors. For this support, all of us in school are most grateful.

As explained in the special letter to parents recently, the plans for celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the school in October 1983 include the publication of a history of the school and of a special magazine, and the commissioning of commemorative items. Thanks to the fund-raising effort, it will now be possible to finance these productions and still keep a healthy balance to meet general needs over the next four or five years. Parents will be kept informed about the 150th Anniversary celebrations planned for the second week in October, 1983.

The second-last week of term saw the very successful staging of a musical version of 'Tom Sawyer' in the hall of the Kilrymont Road Building, produced by Mr Roche, with musical direction by Miss Kinnear and orchestration by Mr Hamilton. The fact that a cast consisting mainly of 1st and 2nd Year pupils could give such a fine performance augurs well for future productions.

On the curricular side, considerable progress has been made with the development of the Foundation Course in English in S3. Next session this will be continued into S4, and similar courses will be started in Mathematics and Science for S3. Considerable interest is being generated at all levels in the use of micro-computers. Apart from the course in computing available to SYS Mathematics pupils, this interest is catered for through the lunch-time computer clubs in each building, but I hope to see some computer work being threaded into the curriculum. In the Latin-Speaking Competition held in St Andrews University in June, Andrew Allison came 2nd in the Senior Section, while 1st, 2nd & 3rd places went to Soraya Mohammed, Gavin Marshall and Fiona Simpson respectively. The Senior Project Shield was shared between Andrew Allison's team and the girls of the S4 Latin class.

As usual, the summer term has been the time for trips and expeditions. A group of girls from S 3 and 54 took part in an adventure training course at Cultybraggan, while parties of staff and pupils have spent weekends at the school cottage at Glen Tilt. The classicists visited Antonine's Wall, and pupils studying rural science attended the Fife Show and the Royal Highland Show. This year it was the turn of our pupils to visit Germany under the long-established Kiel exchange, while it was the turn of Madras College to act as hosts to pupils from the Lycee "Jean Mermoz" at Lagny, near Paris. In July a party goes off to explore the South of France from a base in Aix-en-Provence. Unfortunately, because of the Falklands crisis, the school cruise in 55 "Uganda" has been cancelled. From 2nd to 9th September, 1982 we shall act as hosts to the Kieler Gelehrtschule Orchestra on their concert tour. This is in addition to the usual exchange with Kiel, and we are most grateful to those who have offered to act as host families for players during that period. During the summer holidays, Audrey Jack and Michael Robson will represent the school at the International Youth Camp at Gorebridge, Midlothian.


In spite of adverse weather, the summer sports programme tins been a full one. Successful athletics meetings with Waid Academy and St Leonard's School were held at Station Park. At our own Sports Day, the event was marked by a high standard of competition, with a considerable number of new records being established. The House Championship went to Castle.

In the Fife Schools Heptathlon, James Macgregor came second overall, breaking the school high jump record. Michael Robson gained a 4th place while Susan Lumsdaine was 5th overall in Group C. At the Fife Schools Championships at Pitreavie Stadium, James Macgregor set up a new record for the Triple Jump, and came first in the High Jump, second in the 100m, and third in the 200m. Michael Robson came second in the 200m. In Group B, Graham Mitchell was second in the 200m and Wendy Allison second in the 400m. In Group C, Luis Garrido came third in the 200m and Colin Paterson was third in the Long Jump.

Congratulations to Steven Wills on gaining the John Paton Drummond prize for the top cadet officer in the Diploma in Nautical Science course at Leith Nautical College, and to Peter Reffell of S5 on being chosen for the National Youth Theatre.

As usual, there are staff changes to report. Mr A. McGeoch, at present Principal Teacher of Music in the Phoenix School, Telford, Shropshire, has been appointed to succeed Mr Fea. Mr McGeoch will take up his post next session. Mr A. MacCrimmon of the Technical Department has been appointed Assistant Principal Teacher Resources following the retirement of Mr McKirdy. In the Technical Department, Mr A. Smart, who was already an Assistant Principal Teacher succeeds Mr Kinghorn as second-in-command of the department. I am glad to say that Mr Fea, Mr Kinghorn and Mr McKirdy are flourishing in their retirement. It was good, too, to see Mrs Geddes, Miss Kinnear and Mrs Reilly back after lengthy spells of illness. During the term we have been indebted to the following for their able supply help in covering staff vacancies: Mrs Findlay (Maths), Mrs Craib, Miss Maidment and Mr McLean (Music), Mrs Rae (Science) and Mrs Stewart (Special Education).

I wish all parents, pupils and staff a happy and refreshing summer holiday.



Rector

Start of Session for Pupils: Thursday, 19th August 1982

<u>October Break:</u>	School Finishes:	Friday, 15th October 1982
	School Starts:	Monday, 25th October 1982

<u>Christmas Holiday:</u>	School Finishes:	Wednesday, 22nd December 1982
	School Starts:	Thursday, 6th January, 1983

<u>Easter Holiday:</u>	School Finishes:	Friday, 25th March 1983
	School Starts:	Monday 11th April, 1983

<u>Summer Holiday:</u>	School Finishes:	Friday, 1st July 1983
	School Starts:	Thursday, 18th August, 1983

<u>Single Day Holidays:</u>	October Holiday:	Monday 4th October 1982
	May Day Holiday:	Monday, 2nd May 1983
	June Holiday:	Monday, 6th June 1983

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