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Awards Ceremony 2007

The Summer Term closed with Kilchuimen Academy's Awards Ceremony 2007. This important annual occasion recognized the achievements and efforts of pupils honoured with prizes on the day and also the successes gained by others throughout the course of the school year. Copies of the Awards booklet celebrating these prizes and achievements are available from the School Office.

Ms. Gibbons opened the occasion with a welcome and reflections on the school year. The photo-diary of the year compiled by Miss Sinclair again proved a highly entertaining and popular item. A vote of thanks to staff from the outgoing S6 was delivered by Jessica Pargeter and Sean Sandland. The blessing was offered by Dr.

Varwell and the ceremony concluded with the traditional "God be with you till we meet again".

The school's warmest congratulations go to the young people who picked up prizes on the day. There is a huge "well done" to be said to those whose achievements are also mentioned in the Awards booklet. Pupils who work hard every day and who have not yet won prizes...we assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed and we encourage you to continue to try your hardest.

Musical items on the day were provided by Lauren McCallum & Laura Pinkerton and by Kilchuimen Primary P7 who reprised a number from their recent well-received production of *Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat*.

Jack McLachlan writes...

Kilchuimen Primary's hard work and dedication was clearly visible throughout, as their spectacular performance of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dream Coat attracted both the fullest hall in my memory and a standing ovation.

Charlie Grey's heart-felt performance as Joseph, coupled with the combination of sorrow (the prison scene) and mirth (Ben Armitage's Pharaoh) made the production highly enjoyable and successful.

Special points of interest:

- July sales—please remember school dress code
- SQA Results—Tuesday August 7th
- Staff Inset Day—Monday August 13th
- Pupils return to school—Tuesday August 14th
- Opening of new Fitness Suite & refurbished showers—August 2007

Award Winners 2007

S1 Achievement

Alysha Henderson,
Jamie Smith

S1 Effort

Sophia Clark

S2 Achievement

Alasdair MacLellan,
Josie Wyatt

S2 Effort

Iona Hounsom

S3 Achievement

David Barron
Rebecca Skeoch

S3 Effort

S4 Achievement

Rona Cooper,
Jadiene Leary
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S4 Effort

S5/6 Achievement

Jack McLachlan
Rachel Pinkerton

S5/6 Effort

Contribution to Sport

Brian MacDonald

Contribution to the Arts

Rona Cooper

Caledonia House Points Winner
Scotia House Points Winner

Matthew MacCallum
Jamie Smith

Caledonia House Points Total
Scotia House Points Total

772
817

Head Teacher's Award for Service to the School
(Voted by pupils and ratified by staff)

Rachel Pinkerton

Depute Head's Challenge Award
Stacey Sloggie



HMIe Interim follow-through visit

Dr. Nigel Lawrie, HMI and Mr Bob Barfoot, HMI conducted a one-day Interim follow-through visit to the Academy in May. Verbal feedback from the occasion has been very encouraging and an Interim follow-through report has now been drafted. The final version of this report will be available in August. Many thanks to those parents who came along to form a parent discussion group on the day of the HMIe visit.

Sporting Champions 2007

Track Champions:

S5/6/Staff Girls 100m	Jessica Pargeter	Caledonia
S3/4 Girls 100m	Laura Pinkerton	Caledonia
S1/2 Girls 100m	Rebecca Blakey	Scotia

S5/6/Staff Boys 100m	Jamie Pargeter	Caledonia
S3/4 Boys 100m	Martin Johnstone	Caledonia
S1/2 Boys 100m	Craig Venters	Scotia

Athletics Champions:

Senior Boys	Daniel MacLennan	Scotia
Senior Girls	Rona Cooper	Caledonia

Junior Boys	Craig Venters	Scotia
Junior Girls	Rebecca Skeoch	Caledonia

House Athletics Champions: Scotia (291 points)

Cook Club Update: Fiona McLachlan writes....

When I approached the former Head Teacher, Dr. Cameron with my idea for an after-school cook club, I never imagined that it would be so popular. Since April 2004 the club has grown and now has 30 young people from P6 through to S6 who have been regularly attending.

I find the sessions very rewarding and entertaining. The social aspect of combining preparing food and blethering with pals is the most satisfying recipe of all. I know that the members have as much fun as I do. Many thanks to everyone for continuing to come along.

The Government Food Standards Agency Scotland recently announced plans encouraging schools to run after-school cook clubs. Mrs. Harry Whiteside e-mailed them and explained our success at Kilchuimen and in return the FSA sent the club new aprons and lots of support.

As this school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Kilchuimen Academy and Kilchuimen Primary for their continued support in supplying the laminated recipe cards given to the members every session. I look forward to seeing everyone again in the autumn with some new faces from P6. I bid fond farewell to the S6 members who are going on to new ventures. Happy Cooking—Fiona.

Staff News

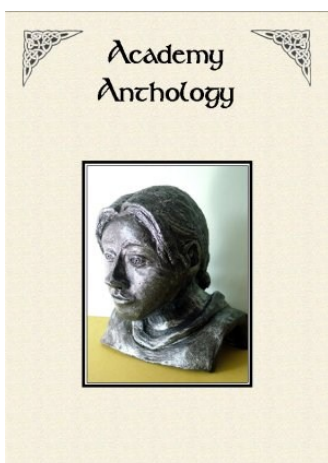
- We say goodbye and a massive thank you to **Miss Emma Spiers** for all her hard work over the last two years. Best wishes for her new post in Fortrose Academy.
- Goodbye and many thanks also to **Miss Jane Pottie** for all she has done in the P.E. Department this year. We wish her well in her new post in Tain Royal Academy.
- In August we will welcome **Mr. Graham Wilks** as the newly-appointed Faculty PT (Science and Maths) and wish him every success and happiness in the post. Mr. Wilks is a physicist /mathematician who has been teaching in Perth High School and he has previously taught in Ullapool High School.
- We will also welcome **Mr. Andrew Wallace** who will take up a shared Technology post between Kilchuimen Academy and Glen Urquhart High School. Mrs. Melody Walker-Andrews has been appointed to a PT (Technology) post which is also shared between the two schools.

SI Geography Field Trip to Old Pier House

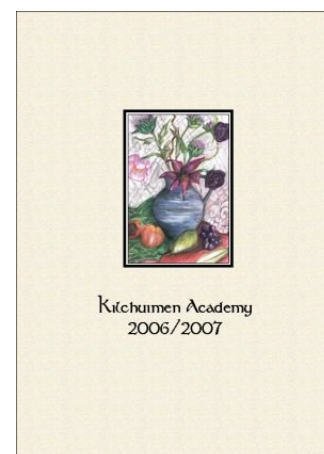


Academy Anthology...happy reading!

An anthology of poetry written by pupils during the visit of Writer-in-Residence, Helen Lawrenson has now been published.



The collection includes verse written by thirty-eight pupils and three poems by award-winning poet, Helen herself. Copies will be available for the bargain price of 75p both at the Awards Ceremony and thereafter from the School Office.



Front cover artwork is by Gillian Cooper, S5 and back cover artwork is by Lauren McCallum, S5.

S5/6 Induction Programme...Activities Afternoon...teamwork commended



Senior pupils returned from Study Leave to a new-look S5/6 Induction Programme which included sessions on thinking skills, events planning, personal finance and organising a sports afternoon for Kilchuimen Primary School. The highlight of the week was an Activities Afternoon for S1-6 which featured a treasure hunt (left), "beat the goalie", golf, a home-bake stall...and a giant bouncy castle (left). Teamwork and organisation were commended all round.





Summer Activities Photo Gallery



P7 Trip to Fairburn



S1/2 Summer Activities Paintballing & Rosemarkie



S3 Cycle Trip



**Have a happy and safe summer ...
school re-opens for pupils August 14th!!**