

## Athletes bring home a sackful of medals



The Summer Term has been a great one for athletics with several of our pupils winning national titles. Holly Belch of S4 carried off no fewer than three medals - two Gold and one Silver - in the Scottish Schools Athletics Championships at Grangemouth in June. Holly was

placed first in the finals of both the 80 metres and the 300 metres Hurdles races at Under 17 level. At the Relay Championships she won Silver as part of the U/17 relay team with Stephanie Davis, Gillian Galloway and Emma Mallinson. Congratulations, too, to Lara Davidson and Emma Crichton who won three further Scottish medals. Lara took Silver in the High Jump and Bronze in the 75 metres Hurdles and Emma Bronze in the U/15 75 metres Hurdles. The boys were not to be outdone, the Under 14 Relay team of Fergus Lefroy Brooks, Max Martin, Ross Fergusson and Cameron McCall (below) winning Gold in the Relay Championship.



Scottish U/14 Relay Gold medal winners (l to r) Ross, Fergus, Max and Cameron

In the Scottish Cross Country Championships in April, Max Aitken (P6) won his race, beating 1600 competitors to bring home the Gold medal in the fastest time of the day. The Transitus' girls team were third.

At Glasgow Schools level, the Under 15 and Under 17 girls broke new ground winning the Glasgow Schools' Athletics Championships for the first time.

## Andrew's new rugby regime



Andrew Lundie of S5 has been identified by the SRU as a future rugby talent, one of an elite group of under 20 year olds. Under the auspices of the programme - called the National Rugby Academy - he will receive individual life-management coaching, strength and conditioning, medical, dietary, psychological, physiological and video analysis support.

## In brief...

The 1st XI Cricket team have had a very successful season with wins over Hutchesons' Grammar, George Heriot's, The High School of Glasgow and the XL Club among others. They played 11 and won 8.

Following on from the 1st XI Hockey team's third consecutive win of the Scottish National Championship, many congratulations to Fraser Crawford on becoming Scottish Hockey Union Coach of the Year for girls.

Former pupil John Beattie was flown out as a replacement for Ally Hogg in Scotland's recent tour of South Africa.

## Academy tennis youngsters' winning ways



Back row: Nina Petric-Gray, Emily Cullens, Ailsa Crowe and Ruth Beaton Front row: Georgina Sellyn and Abigail Stevenson

In an audacious smash and volley raid, a young Academy side won The High School of Glasgow Tennis Tournament on Saturday 13 May. Of the three sections, Under 13 was won by Abigail Stevenson and Nina Petric-Gray and Under 15 was won by Emily Cullens and Georgina Sellyn; in the Over 15

age group Ailsa Crowe and Ruth Beaton were placed third. As a result, the girls won the overall tournament and were presented with the 'Laurel Park Cup'.

"This is the first time we have won this event. It's a big tournament and the girls had to compete against Hutchesons' Grammar, St Columba's School, Kelvinside Academy, Craigholme School, Jordanhill School and The High School of Glasgow. It was a terrific result - even more amazing when you consider that half of The Academy team consisted of pupils from our Prep School," commented Miss Bannerman, teacher in charge of girls' tennis.

Well done to all the girls on a magnificent achievement!

Dear mini tennis coaches,

Thank you for your coaching and support which helped me reach the UK finals of the Ariel Ace Tennis Challenge. It was a great experience - I had a rally with



Boris Becker and Tim Henman - and got to ask Anna Kournikova some questions about her tennis. There were 20 finalists from all over the UK, including four from Scotland. It has made me more determined to improve my tennis!

Rosa Spinney, Prep 4



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## Off exploring the polar (bear) regions...



Terry Syme and Louise Duncan with a furry friend

**"What am I going to miss most?"** Head Girl, Shona Ambrose, thought for a second before her decisive reply. **"Clean clothes! We're not going to be able to change or even wash for a month, so I'm already looking forward to the thought of fresh clothes and I haven't even left yet!"**

Twelve senior Academy pupils departed on 4 July accompanied by four leaders to spend a month on expedition in Milne Land, an island at N70°51' W25°24', on the East coast of Greenland. Mr Neal Gwynne, leader of the ambitious expedition, plans to undertake mountaineering activities and has an objective of making first ascents of some peaks. In addition, the pupils will collect live samples of the Greenlandic Seed bug (*Nysius groenlandicus*) for Stirling

University. Everyone has participated in an extensive training programme over the last eighteen months.

Mr Gwynne, who was awarded a Churchill Fellowship for his leadership of the expedition, is extremely grateful to the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust, the Gino Watkins Fund at the University of Cambridge, The Gordon Foundation, HRH The Duke of Edinburgh and The Royal Scottish Geographical Society for their support. "We couldn't have done it without them," he commented.

"...and my family, of course!" added Shona. "I mustn't forget them."

## Happy 100th!



Congratulations to former pupil Colonel Frank Saunders (left!) who celebrated his 100th birthday on 2 July. He is pictured with Mrs Jan Jack, wife of the Chairman of Governors, at this year's Prizegiving.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

The pupils of Mr Schwarting's First Year English class recently presented the play *A Midsummer Night's Dream* to great acclaim. After reading the play as a class text, they abridged and translated it. The pupils then went on to produce the entire play themselves including making scenery, printing programmes, finding suitable props and music, and even creating some dance. The pupils even decided to use the performance to raise money for charity. The class raised £80.00 through the generous donations collected at the door and presented it to Sense Scotland. A job well done!



## Sixth Year pupils' groundforce project

**A**cademy pupils are no strangers to fund-raising and charity work - as other stories on this page testify.

However, as well as their terrific fund-raising efforts, a dozen or so of our Sixth Year pupils took on the rather ambitious



Lynsey Rae and Ying Qin test the wind chimes

project of planning and building a sensory garden at Milton School which caters for children with special needs, with both

mental and physical disabilities. The garden was designed with each and every pupil at Milton School in mind as it varies richly in colours, shapes, sizes, textures and smells: all things that should be considered when creating such an unusual environment.

Andrew Lyall, teacher in charge of the project, praised the Sixth Years both in their fund-raising of the money required and in their enthusiastic approach to what proved at times to be back-breaking work.

The result of all the pupils' efforts is impressive: aesthetically Milton School garden has improved greatly, but more importantly the children have been provided with a very practical resource that



One of the pupils at Milton School shows his delight as he examines the new garden.

is sure to prove beneficial.

Many of the children cannot express their gratitude in words, but our Academy pupils taking part felt nevertheless that their efforts were hugely appreciated as everyone could tell just how delighted the children were with their new garden.

## Academy raises over £30,000 for charity



Gotcha! Miss Calder takes a direct hit

picture (left) shows, Miss Calder enjoyed helping to raise £104.21 almost as much as her pupils!

Another Academy tradition - now sadly coming to an end with the departure of Dr Hussain - is the sale of delicious pitta breads filled with tandoori chicken. Dr Hussain and his team raised over £330 for Hope and Homes for Children.

Miss Bannerman managed to harness the enthusiasm of her form class with a 'Bakefest'. Their freshly made home baking literally sold like hot cakes and raised the amazing sum of £300 in one day.

Well done to all who have helped raise money, in whatever way, for the many good causes that we have been able to support this year.

Mrs Kenney revived a popular end-of-term activity for pupils, giving them the chance to show their appreciation of some of their favourite teachers by throwing wet sponges at them. As our

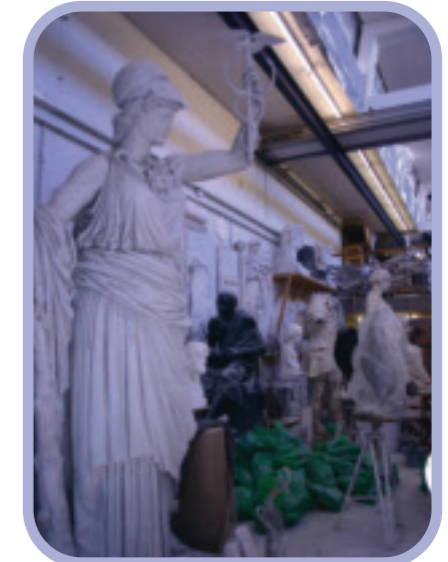
## End of an era as Janice Donaldson retires



Janice and her husband Stuart

For the last 13 years the names of Janice Donaldson and Atholl School have been almost synonymous and both have enjoyed an unparalleled reputation in Milngavie. Now she has made the decision to retire and we wish Janice and Stuart every happiness in years to come.

## Visit to Queen's Gallery sculptor for Transitus pupils



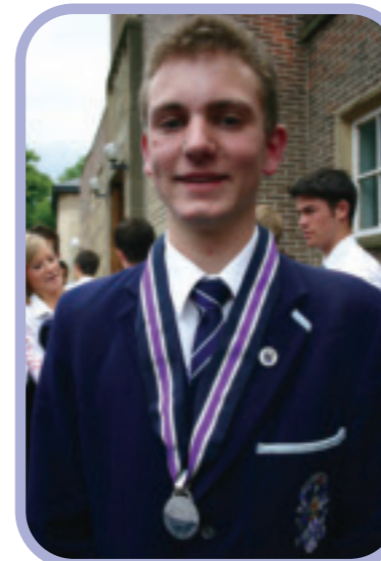
All Academy pupils have the opportunity to go on educational visits of one sort or another as part of the curriculum. As well as spending a week in an outdoor centre in Arran last term, Transitus classes had the privilege of visiting the workshop of Mr Sandy Stoddart at Paisley University and watch a real live sculptor at work. The pupils enjoyed the chance to see where Mr Stoddart, an Academy parent, produced his stunning work for the Queen's Gallery in London.



## Academical heroes remembered

At the beginning of the Easter break a group of history students and staff visited Belgium and France to see the First World War battlefields. They visited sites in and around the Belgian town of Ypres (pronounced 'Wipers' by the British soldiers!) and on the Somme in France. Whilst there, they tracked down the graves of Academicals who fell in the war as well as finding the final resting places of a number of relatives. The trip was a great success and the History Department plans to return in two years' time.

## Lovely weather for Dux at Prizegiving and Sports Day



As well as prizes for Advanced Higher Mathematics and Physics, Sixth Year pupil Alisdair McClymont won the War Memorial Scholarship, the Dux Medal and MacLaurin Cup. He hopes to study Engineering at Cambridge next year.



Although the Prep Sports had seen the occasional patch of blue sky (left), Wednesday 21 June dawned wet and windy. However, the Games Department was not going to cancel the 139th consecutive Senior Sports Day for anything as trivial as the weather. The heavens may have frowned, but - as our picture above shows - the pupils smiled.



After a forecast of heavy rain for the last day of the Summer Term, it was a relief to have a pleasant morning for Prizegiving.