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ARDVRECK NEWS

Little Ardvreck Prize Giving

On Thursday, pupils, parents and staff gathered for Little Ardvreck's Prize Giving Ceremony. The pupils performed a wonderful concert which focused on their tremendous violin playing and their mini-beast project.



We were then able to celebrate the many achievements of all the pupils in Little Ardvreck. We learnt about 'Fernando the Bull' and this was followed by the pupils officially opening the new patio which they



have recently created. The staff and parents are enormously proud of their many achievements and considerable successes.

A Real Blitz of an Assembly!

On Wednesday Forms 3G and 3T enthralled the school with a portrayal of life in the Blitz. Wearing attire from the period including helmets and caps, the children captured what it meant to live through this tumultuous



epoch. We witnessed children being evacuated to the countryside and civilians being taken to the air raid shelters. Songs from the age were sung by the children with great gusto and the past was brought back to life with infectious enthusiasm. Well done to all members of Form Three and thank you to Mr Gibson for his meticulous preparations.



Drama

On Tuesday, members of the drama department at Gordonstoun School performed 'The Yarn' by Rob Brannen. This play is about surviving village life in the mid-eighteenth century and the pupils enjoyed the performances of the talented young actors. Afterwards the drama department put on two workshops for our Forms Five and Six

pupils. We greatly appreciate the efforts of Gordonstoun School.

Sedbergh CCF Band

On Tuesday, the actors of Gordonstoun met the military band of Sedbergh and with one group departing it was left to the CCF band to take centre stage in the Crabbie. During our rest period we were treated to a thirty minute performance and we all thoroughly enjoyed listening to a twenty three person brass band which was conducted by Mr Lewis, the band leader. They performed a range of music which included Bach, The Lion King and Pirates of the Caribbean and it was truly mesmerising. The band were due to perform in Edinburgh Castle but it was our good fortune that they came to Ardvreck instead.



Inside the Classroom

Pupils in Form One have been completing their written exercises for the handwriting competition and they have been enjoying the French food that Mrs Till brought back from France.

Pupils in Form Two have enjoyed moving about the school and having lessons in other classrooms. This is to help prepare the pupils as they make their transition into Form Three.

Pupils in Form Four have concluded their important project on global locations.

Pupils in Form Five have been studying micro-climates in Geography and they took part in a drama workshop organised by the staff of Gordonstoun School.

Pupils in Form Six have been concluding their various academic

topics for the term and they are looking forward to Sunday's Leavers' Service.



Rua Fiola 2011

The Rua Fiola Trip has been another tremendous success and below is an extract from Miss Munns, the Trip Leader. Once again, she has organised a superb educational trip.

The children had high expectations for their week on Rua Fiola and they weren't disappointed! The weather was superb for the Expeditions to Holy Isle and Garvellach and the highlights of these trips were huge rocks jumps into the sea, swimming in rock pools, building bivis, cooking on camp fires and watching the sunset over Mull. Later in the week everyone managed a night out marooned by themselves on one of the smaller islands and Harry Whitelaw faced the biggest challenge of all by going solo on Big Black Isle. The week was full of water and mud! Nearly everyone managed a head under in the mud pit as well as the Eagle Swoop flight into another muddy pit. Early morning swimming in the icy waters was a favourite of George and Oliver, who managed 14 swims each throughout the week. The Ardvreck children broke numerous records: the most mackerel caught (37), the most off a rock jump in

one minute (27), the biggest pod of Dolphins ever spotted, and the most managing the difficult climbs – Quartz Knobble and Kiwi. What impressed me most were the children who found things difficult at the first attempt, faced their fears, and then went on to conquer. And what satisfaction and pride this filled them with!

The Rua Fiola staff team was full of praise for the Ardvreck children. The instructors stated it was the best week so far for them this season. What impressed them was the children's behaviour; their politeness, their ability to listen, their enthusiasm, their willingness to get involved, their friendliness, their good humour, their ability to cope in difficult situations, their ability to make fun and have fun and the way they all got on with each other so well.



French Trip 2011

Last Sunday morning the Ardvreck coach returned from France from another highly successful trip. Once again Mrs Farquhar put together an exciting programme of activities and we very much appreciate her efforts. Below Mrs Farquhar has provided a snapshot of the week's events.

This year's trip to the Château de la Baudonnière in Normandy was once again a huge success. Despite rather changeable, but warm weather our spirits remained high and we enjoyed all the activities on offer. The long bus and ferry journeys made the children all the keener to get going on Monday morning. After a tour of the château it was straight into activities – archery, bread making, climbing, fencing, orienteering, team initiative tests and assault course. This year we added fabrication de radeau (raft building) which proved very popular.



Our outings to the market, the school and the hypermarket were much enjoyed but the highlight for most seems to have been an inspirational, if rather soggy, evening walk across the bay of Mont St Michel with a guide whose passion for the area was infectious.

This is just a taste of how our week went but the children were certainly full of it as they wearily got off the bus on Sunday, some only to turn round and go off to Fettes for athletics!

Barvicks

This afternoon everyone has headed off on a variety of Barvicks. There are three groups walking in the local countryside, a group Mountain Biking, a group going to Active Kids in Perth, a group playing golf on the Glenalmond course and a group heading up one of our local Munros (Stuc a'Chroin). Mrs Taylor has kindly organized a 'musical Barvick' and her following notes are hot off the press from Perth.

Whilst other pupils of the School are climbing Munros, being Active Kids or wandering to Westerton, twenty two musicians departed Crieff for Perth to give a concert at St. Ninian's Cathedral.

The audience were piped to their seats by Laurence Kinge and Finn Mannion and at 11.30 the concert began. The recital was a mixture of solo and ensemble items showing an array of Ardvreck's musical talent. The four Music Scholars; Sacha Bushby, Izzy Farquharson, Lucy Fitzpatrick and Iona Godfrey-Faussett played items by Locke, Boyce, Bach and Sherwin. Finn and Briona Mannion played solo pieces by Pamela Wedgwood and Edward German on violin and piano. Camilla Robertson, who has been a stalwart member of the Music Department since her first performances in the Pre-Prep Nativity gave her swan song in a rendition of 'Love walked in' by George Gershwin.

The Choir concluded the concert with two favourite pieces; 'She's like the Swallow', a traditional Canadian folk-song and Bob Chilcott's beautiful 'Like a Singing Bird'. Thomasina's solo performance of 'The Birds' by Benjamin Britten underlined the feathered theme.

The most challenging part of the concert and a highlight for the musicians was the performance by the Chamber Orchestra of Vivaldi's Violin Concerto in A minor, Opus 3 No. 6. Briona Mannion was soloist. All the musicians played musically and confidently, giving support to the soloist and pleasure to the audience.

We are about to embark on our journey back to Crieff where we will be heading up to the Music School for a very special Barvick party. Well done to everyone involved.

Sport

This week has been particularly busy in the sporting domain with many teams playing competitive matches

against other schools. I provide a sporting synopsis.



Athletics

IAPS Athletics at Fettes College

On Sunday, Ardvreck took part in the IAPS Athletics Championships which was held at Fettes College. Under the auspices of Mr Morgan every athlete performed valiantly and the school gained a remarkable haul of medals comprising 24 Gold, 22 Silver and 8 Bronze. Although no overall team prize is awarded, Mr Morgan is currently analysing his statistics and in terms of overall performance we are very much towards the top of the list of schools. Congratulations to Fergus Findlay for winning the trophy for individual performance - excelling in both the discus and javelin events. With regard to the former, Fergus



broke the IAPS record using the incorrect discus. Such sporting machinery was heavier than the standard issue and therefore Fergus had to throw his discus again! Congratulations to all the athletes who travelled to Fettes. Well done!

Blairmore Athletics Competition

On Tuesday, Ardvreck took part in the Blairmore Cup which was hosted this year at Lathallan School. All competitors competed with great energy and enthusiasm and Ardvreck emerged as winners in the Senior Boys, Senior Girls and Junior Boys competitions. This enabled the school to be awarded the 'Blairmore Inter Preparatory Schools Athletics Trophy' for overall winners. Well done to all the pupils who took part.



Judo and Karate Championships

On Thursday the Judo and Karate Championships took place and this was judged by a team of professionals. They were greatly impressed by the overall standard of performance and well done to all those who took part and congratulations for being awarded an array of medals.

Rounders and Tennis

On Wednesday, the Under 13 girls travelled to Belhaven for a Rounders and Tennis match. The Under 13 A's fought a fierce match narrowly losing by 16.5 to 13.5 rounders. Special mention goes to Rebecca Dye who scored five and a half rounders, Emily Inglis (4.5) and Izzy Farquharson (2).

The Under 13 B side also played an enthralling match against Belhaven and they also narrowly lost by 10.5 to 9. Pippa Macdonald and Molly Ridley were among the top scorers in the match. However, the girls went on to win the tennis match by eight matches to four with Rebecca Dye, Izzy Farquharson, Chloë Sutton and Iona Godfrey-Faussett winning all of their matches. Gemma Howard-Vyse and Pip Stirrat won two of their matches whilst Caroline Getley and Georgie Horne were valiant in defeat.

The Under 11 girls played Belhaven in both rounder and tennis. Despite leading after the first innings, the girls were pipped by Belhaven in the second innings. Special mention goes to Madeleine Sutton who scored three rounders and to Isla Gale who contributed two rounders.

The Under 11 side went on to play some thrilling tennis matches against Belhaven with Madeleine Sutton, Isla Gale, Rebecca Wright and Mary Harvey-Crawford winning all of their matches. Laura Landale, Grace Tanner, Violet McGrigor and Holly Riches also won a match apiece. The match was declared a winning draw for Ardvreck. Well done girls.

On Thursday the Under 9 girls travelled to Cargilfield and they played some excellent rounders and we are pleased with how well they have progressed this season.

On Thursday the U13 girls travelled to Cargilfield. The A side fought a close encounter and narrowly lost by 8 and a half rounders to six. The B side also

played a hard fought match and were beaten by 10 rounders to 7.

Well done to all the girls.

Cricket

On Monday the First Eleven travelled to Belhaven and scored ninety six from their 25 overs. Belhaven were then put into bat but unfortunately after six overs rain stopped play and the match was declared a draw.



The Second Eleven also travelled to Belhaven and the home side were bowled out inside eleven overs. Harry Bett took four wickets and was well supported by both Alec Garrett-Cox and Finn Wigan who took two wickets apiece. Ardvreck batted and scored 63 for 6 after 11 overs and therefore won the match by 4 wickets. Alexander McGrigor is to be praised for his stoical efforts on the batting front as he held his end up for a long time.

On Wednesday, all cricketing sides faced Craigclowan.

In their match the First Eleven batted first and scored 168 for 3 from 25 overs. Angus Rowan Hamilton top scored with 56 not out and was ably supported by Robbie Winton (40 not out) and Ruaraidh Leader who scored 19. Craigclowan were bowled out for 56 with Ruaraidh Leader and Charlie Robertson both taking three wickets apiece and they were well supported by the rest of the bowling attack. Collectively, this was an excellent performance.

The Second Eleven fielded first against Craigclowan who went on to score 64 runs from their twenty overs. George

Bruce took two wickets but was well supported by Ludo Findlay, Ludo MacLellan, Alexander McGrigor and Finn Wigan who all took one wicket a piece. Ardvreck then surpassed Craigclowan's total with 9 overs to spare. Ludo MacLellan scored 15 with Ludo Findlay (31) and Finn Wigan (7) both remaining unbeaten. A real team effort and the players are to be heartily commended.

The Colts A side also travelled to Craigclowan and they reduced the



home side to 68 for 7. Angus Strudwick produced an excellent bowling performance taking four wickets and he was well supported by Rory Humphrey (2) and Jake Oliver (1). Ardvreck batted well and surpassed the Craigclowan score with the loss of two wickets. Jake Oliver (18) and Rory

Humphrey (15) put on a good opening partnership and this was carried on by Kit MacLellan (21) and Thomas Godfrey-Faussett (7) who were both unbeaten as the winning runs were scored. Well done to the entire side.

On Thursday, the Colts and Senior boys took on Cargilfield. The Colts A side fielded first against Cargilfield and the home side made 120 for 7 with Kit MacLellan taking a superb haul of six wickets and Jake Oliver one wicket. We then batted and made 123 without loss and this was a most impressive achievement. Jake Oliver (63) and Rory Humphrey (37) were both unbeaten.

The Colts B side also travelled to Cargilfield and they reduced the home side to 108 all out with Euan Moncreiff taking an impressive four wickets. Roddy Macdonald made a solid 30 runs and was well supported by his fellow batsmen. This good batting display ensured that we won by four wickets.

The First Eleven hosted Cargilfield at home and they fielded first. The visiting side made 173-7 from their 30 overs with Ruaraidh Leader taking 2 wickets with the rest of the bowling

attack taking one apiece. Unlike the previous day our batting was not on fire and we were reduced to 61 all out with Charlie Robinson remaining unbeaten on 20.

The Second Eleven played a thrilling match on the Hayfield. Cargilfield batted first and made 116 from their overs with Harry Bett (3), George Bruce (2), Cameron Grieve (2), Reiff Gaskell (2) taking the wickets, whilst Charlie Hogg forced a run out. We put on an excellent batting display but just fell seven runs short with Ludo Findlay top scoring with 42 and Charlie Hogg making 15 runs. Mr Peterson felt that several extras here and there had decided the game. However, this was a most valiant effort by all the players.

Next week the Under 9 side travel to Loretto whilst the Colts conclude their season at home against Loretto.

The pupils and staff are looking forward to a busy end of term and we look forward to seeing you at our Prize Giving Ceremony on Saturday 9th July at 10am in Crieff Parish Church.

Richard Harvey
Headmaster



Sixth Form boys - Andrew, Doug and Ludo - enjoying the mud at Rua Fiola!



Some of the Sixth Form celebrate a marvellous sunset on the summit of Holy Isle

Dates for your diary

Mon 4th July

5T Form Assembly
1:00pm Mac House Outing

Tues 5th July

LAMDA Exams

Weds 6th July

6G/T Form Assembly
(Thesei et Minotauri Fabula)
2:00pm U9 A & B Cricket & Colts C Cricket v Loretto (A)
2:00pm Colts A & B v Loretto (H)
6:15pm Heads of House Dinner

Thurs 7th July

6S Assembly
9:00am Buchan House Outing

Fri 8th July

8:45am Prize Giving Rehearsal
Crieff Parish Church
11:00am Leavers' & Parents' Tennis and Rounders Festival

Sat 9th July

10:00am Prize Giving Crieff Parish Church
Followed by refreshments on the Headmaster's Lawn



Weekly Activities

Mon 4th July

6:00 - 8:00pm Fusion Swimming
(Provisional - day parents will be informed by Noon on Monday)
7:30 - 9:00pm Mountain Biking

Tues 5th July

5:45 - 6:45pm Junior Cricket Nets
6:00 - 7:00pm Junior Art Club
(Forms 1 - 3)
6:45 - 7:45pm Senior Cricket Nets
7:00 - 8:00pm Junior Art Club (Form 4)
7:30 - 9:00 Mountain Biking

Weds 6th July

6:30 - 7:30pm Senior Art Club
7:00 - 8:30pm Mountain Biking

Thurs 7th July

No Judo or Karate

Friday 8th

No Cricket Nets

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