

HAZELWOOD INTEGRATED COLLEGE NEWSLETTER



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Peace Assembly



Hazelwood Primary and Hazelwood College Play for Peace pupils say goodbye to Papi Oganne

Christopher Torbitt & Clare Simpson

It was that time or year again, our annual Peace Assembly. This year we were privileged to have a former pupil and member of staff to help us with ideas and performance. Final year University of Ulster Theatre Studies student, Deborah Salters, returned to choreograph dance and movement sequences. All those involved gave a huge commitment with rehearsals at weekends, after school and during our days off. Although it was very tiring and time consuming our hard work paid off with a truly memorable morning for both performers and audience.

There were meetings for ideas of what we could do this year, as we wanted to make it different from all the other Peace Assemblies. We came up with the idea of anti-racism. We wanted to put the message across about why people try to get into our country and what they have had to go through journeying to and arriving in a foreign land. We represented their struggles through a combination of role-play and dance enhanced by music and the voices of the school choir.

At the end of our performance we used interpretive dance to show people from different religions and cultures coming together through music and dance, a celebration to show our empathy for our increasingly diverse community. Our performance was very well received

by the audience and we hope our message was well received.

Finally we had to say good-bye to Papi. It was a very sad and emotional time for those of us who had worked with him as well as those who had not had this wonderful opportunity. Following Noreen's speech the audience left for refreshments in the cafeteria leaving us, the performers, both elated and deflated—glad it was over on the one hand, but also a bit sorry too.

Notice to Students

The College cannot issue temporary bus passes to students who merely forget their pass.

Temporary bus passes can only be issued to those who have lost their pass. These passes are only valid for seven school days. During this time a replacement pass must be requested from TransLink at a cost of £20.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 6th April

End of Term. School closes at 1:10 pm, early buses will be provided.

Tuesday 6th April

SES & History Coursework class 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm.

Wednesday 7th April

Science Coursework class 9:30 am – 12:30 pm.

Thursday 8th April

Maths Revision class 10:00 am – 1:30 pm.

Monday 19th April

Term 3 starts.



Pupils of the Month – January 2004

8D Lee Smith

8E Ryan McKeever

8G Harminder Singh

8J Niall McKeown

8R Kerrie Martin

8S Chris McKelvey

9B David Stanley

9F Samantha Boyd

9J Calum Carmichael

9T Trudi Phillips

9V Lee Travers

10B Toni O'Neill

10C David McCorkill

10M Randy Ermer

10P Greg Johnston

10T Karen Cushley

Classes of the Month – January 2004

8E; 9B; 10B

Hilary Donnan

To mark Science Week this year the Science Department held a number of events for pupils and staff. Junior classes took part in challenges during their Science lessons. Everyone else (including staff) had the opportunity to take part in one or two quizzes. The Year 8 challenge was Tower Building, the Year 9 challenge was Aeroplane Design and the Year 10 challenge was Urine Analysis—yes! working with pee!

The Junior Quiz was won by Andrew Gitari, 8R; and the Senior Quiz was won by Natasha Schofield, 11H. They both received a £15 CD voucher.

Post 16 Biology trip

On Friday, 12th March, eight AS Biology students attended the Making Science Work event at Greenmount College.

This was an excellent opportunity for the students to find out about the application of science in agriculture and horticulture in a more 'hands on' way than is possible in the classroom. In addition they were able to tour the facilities and talk to students currently studying at the campus.

During the day the students found out about the biological control of pests in horticulture, the science behind milk production, science in sheep production and science in the environment.

The day proved to be useful in that it was relevant to the curriculum and it showed the 'townie' students that there are careers in science which they may not have thought of before. Of course they'd have to get over the dirt, the smells, the cold ...

Science Week 12th–21st March

SciZmic Debate with a difference

Hilary Donnan

On Wednesday, 25th February, I accompanied ten of our Year 11 Double Award Science students to W5. The purpose of this day was to debate the controversial issue 'Should stem cell research be conducted using human embryos?' However, this was no ordinary debate. On arrival the students were split into teams so that they had to work with people from other schools. As you can imagine this did not go down too well at first—except for Dean, who took it as an opportunity to make himself known to the ladies present—and for a while our pupils even seemed shy. This did not last, of course, and they were all soon working hard with their teams and facilitator.

Throughout the day the students had to complete team tasks, interview scientists working in the field and then deliver a policy statement on the topic to all present. The teams gained points for their tasks and presentation and the winning team got individual prizes. Claire Connolly was in the winning team.

This was a great event because in

addition to learning about a very topical area in science, those present developed their teamworking, researching and diplomacy skills. A lot of them held very differing views but had to somehow learn to compromise over their policy statement. The students had a great day and learnt a lot and I was proud to be with them to witness their hard work and enthusiasm.

Dean D'Arco, 11H

On Wednesday, 25th February, ten people from Year 11 Science went to a stem cell debate at W5 at the Odyssey. It was a very educational day out and very interesting as we talked to top scientists about a controversial issue.

At the start we were split into groups from different schools. I thought it was a great idea as we had to mingle with new people. We had to do different tasks that the team got points for completing and the team at the end of the day with the most points won. We had to come up with a group policy on whether stem cell research should be allowed or not. We decided that it should, but limited so that technology didn't get carried away.

My team came second. It was a great day out.

Pupils of the Month – February 2004

8D Aodhan Thorpe

8E Rachel Boyle

8G Shirley Ann Quinn

8J Aaisha Rabir

8R Jonathan Hull

8S Nicole Duffy

9F Stephanie McGahan

9J Victoria Rainey

9T Lauren Ray

9V Sean Hull

10B Natalee Killen

10C Stephen Gilvary

10M Andrew Goodall

10P Natalie McClean

10T Teresa Ireland

Classes of the Month – February 2004

8J; 9J; 10C

Catherine Havlin

Oh what a night! Everyone met in Graymount House and started the celebrations with a bang.

The style was fabulous for both the lads and the lasses. Legs were not only shown by the girls! Lots of photos were snapped up and for the third year in a row the school car park was jam packed with limousines—there was even one there for us veterans.

The convoy of coaches and limousines headed to the Clandeboye where we were met by the others. The photographer was kept busy before and during dessert with the clientele popping in and out for their photos. A fantastic buzz echoed around the marquee with everyone enjoying themselves.

Once the meal was over, Gail and myself took to the stage and presented the 'Class of 2004 Oscar Awards'. They included, *Little Miss Sunshine*, *The Most Contagious Laugh*, *Best New Comer*, *Foghorn of the Year*, *Control Freak*, *Miss Legally Blonde* and many more (you all know who you are!).

Ruari's hat was adorned by nearly everyone in the marquee and I think Francis' impression of Michael Jackson with Justine's glove was a sight to see. Papi showed us all some groovy moves on the dance floor throughout the night, some with the hat and some without!

As the first part of the evening came to an end we all headed to the coaches for the next. Unfortunately us veterans didn't quite make it, but the pizza was lovely. Thanks boys!

A great night was had by all and on behalf of Gail and myself a great big **thank you** to you all for our flowers.

Sixth Form Formal 2004



Sixth Form students pose on Graymount House stairs before their big night out in the Clandeboye

Sports News



Year 10 Rugby

Brian Graham

We have introduced rugby to Junior School and in January we won £500 from Kingsmill to purchase kit for the teams.

Kingsmill have a Club of the Month promotion to enable clubs to purchase kit and since our teams only had a few rugby balls—but lots of enthusiasm—we used our loaf and entered the Kingsmill competition. We wrote our application, having to condense it into 150 words, and beat the other entrants to win this month's donation.

Said Mr Robert Blair for Kingsmill: "We had a number of very strong entries this month and it was difficult to choose between them but we felt that the ethos of the integrated college and the attempts of Mr Graham to bring a new sport into the life of the school were worth rewarding."

We are very grateful to Kingsmill for their generosity.

Some members of Hazelwood's new Year 10 Rugby Team

Back row: Gareth Wilson, Gary Irwin, Randall Emer and John Gitari

Front row: Teacher Brian Graham, Aaron Cole, Kaayn Sheldon and Daniel McNeill, Robert Blair (Kingsmill)

The 6th Form in the Community

Anne McLaughlin

This has been a very busy term for the Lower Sixth with Maeve Geary and Anthony Tsui attending a Peace Conference at Atlantic College in South Wales from 28th January to 1st February. The conference was devoted to Northern Ireland issues and focused on strategies and techniques for conflict management and resolution.

On 6th February, four Lower Sixth students also took part in an inter-schools debate in the Senate Chamber, Parliament Buildings, as part of the Senior Drugs and Development Youth forum. Tina Moore and Maeve Geary proposed the motion 'Life skills training should be given the same importance as an academic subject' while Damien Mulholland and Anthony Tsui opposed the motion 'Ex-addicts should be included as part of a school's drugs education programme'. All the students were commended on their debating skills afterwards.

Finally, three Lower Sixth students—Laura Murphy, Laura Montgomery and Alex Nabi—attended a Talkshop at Queen's University on 25th March as part of a research project entitled 'Voices Behind the Statistics'.

Congratulations to all these Sixth Form students for their involvement in these extra-curricular events.

A poem by Lauren Bingham, 8S

York Street on a Saturday Night

Walking down York Street on a
Saturday Night,

I saw Buck Alec get into a fight.

Dig in the bake,
Fall to the ground,

Everyone having a quare geg all
round.

I shouted to him:

'Are you right in the head?

You should be home in your bed!'

Says he to me:

'When I finish with him,

He'll be a bag of bones.'

'Come on Buck Alec,

C'm'on home with me,

And my missus will make you

A grand cup of tea.'