

Rector's Report

Wednesday 28 February 2007



Buildings/maintenance

- **Tower Block**
The pillars at the front of the school will be clad in carbon fibre wrapping.
- **Rationalisation of accommodation**
Work in the Games Hall (replacement floor, new ceiling and lighting will begin on Monday 12 March 2007. There is no further information on other proposed works at this time.
- **CCTV**
The upgrading of our CCTV system to 11 superior cameras has now been completed. Training for operatives has taken place.
- **Information screens**
These have now been installed in the school foyer, and in the Dining Area (x2). Training for operators will take place shortly.

Staffing

Members of the Board are asked to note the following:

- **Staffing cuts**
Members are asked to note Dumfries and Galloway Council's recent announcement to effect a 2% cut in the teaching staff complement of its secondary schools.
- **Early interviews have taken place for the following teaching posts (for August 2007)**
Physical Education, Computing, English and RME (04.FTE)
- **Depute Head Teacher (Additional Support Needs)**
Applications for this post have now closed and it is expected that the appointments procedure will be implemented as soon as possible.

Dumfries and Galloway Council – Department for Education and Community Services – Evaluation

We have had very positive (verbal) feedback on the evaluation of Integrated Community Schools (Annan Cluster) carried out by the Education Department on Friday, 7 December 2006 as part of its ongoing Quality Assurance procedures. A few suggestions for improvement within the cluster will be taken forward in due course.

School Website

The School Web-site (www.annanacademy.org.uk) was launched on Wednesday, 21 February and went live at 3.00pm. We are delighted with the result. Thanks to all who were, and continue to be, involved with it. Particular recognition has to be given to the web-master – Robert Leadbeater for the incredible amount of work he has put into the creation of the site over the past few weeks and months). We congratulate them on an excellent production.

Parental Involvement Act 2006

Members of the School Board have received a copy of the Constitution for the Parent Council. This has been sent out to the parents of all pupils in P7 (Associated Primaries), and S1-S5 (Annan Academy), local public libraries and it has been posted on the school web-site). The mechanism is now in place for the inaugural meeting of the Parent Council (the selection of its members) and for its operation thereafter. Thanks to the School Board for their help, advice and support during the setting up of the Council.

Visits to Cluster Primary Schools – P7 to S1 Transfer 2007

The annual road-shows have now been completed. Attendance was good and the presentations well received. My thanks to the School Board personnel and senior pupils who gave of their time in attending these. Their contributions are both important and appreciated.

INSET Days (Thursday 15 and Friday 16 February 2007)

Thursday, 15 February 2006

Staff were involved in Cluster presentation (Annan Academy and Associated Primaries) related to the new Dumfries and Galloway - Learning and Teaching Policy, Progress in cluster activities and Assessment is for Learning followed by in-school work regarding the gathering of evidence for the forthcoming Standards and Quality Report.

Friday 16 February 2007

All staff travelled to Lockerbie Academy for a joint session (Lockerbie, Annan and Langholm Academies) on A Curriculum for Excellence. The afternoon session (back in Annan Academy) focussed on Pupil Management and subject based activities / further work on the Sand Q Report.

Notable achievements, representations by and opportunities for students/staff

Young Musician of the Year (Rotary Club of Annan)

A most successful competition was held on Monday, 29 January 2007. Scott Burn (Senior Instrumentalist – winner) and Emma Drysdale (Young Singer – winner) both went forward to the Zone Final that was also held at Annan Academy on Friday, 23 February 2007. Emma Drysdale came 2nd and, accordingly, goes forward to the District Final in Edinburgh on Sunday, 25 March 2007.

World Book Day

Pupils who volunteer in the school library have, along with Mrs Turner (Librarian) done a wonderful and imaginative job in raising awareness of the World Book Day. See the Annandale Observer for details. Our thanks goes to all involved in this project.

SPORTS NEWS

The last month has been a busy time on the Annan Academy sports front, seeing many pupils do well in their field of interest.

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS INDOOR ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIP:

3 pupils were entered into this years competition at Kelvin Hall on 8th February.

ANDREW GIBSON won gold in the Over 17s 1500m event.

JOSH CRAWFORD won gold in the Under 17s 400m event.

COLETTE IRVINE won silver in the Under 17s Shot Putt event.

REGIONAL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP:

Poor weather did not seem to effect our many competitors at this years event at Wallace Hall Academy on 22nd March.

The S3, S4 and Senior Girls teams won the Team Event.

The following pupils were all badge winners (placed 1st 6 Finishers)

S1: SOPHIE ROBINSON 5TH

BETH HURST 6TH

REECE GAULT 5TH

S2: TASMIN WILSON 5TH

S3: MELISSA REDDEN 2ND

TINA BAXTER 3RD

ROSS MacDONALD 5TH

S4: CAROLINE AITKEN 4TH

JADE HOPPER 5TH

ANDREW EGGLETON 1ST

S5/6: NAOMI SMITH 3RD

ANDREW GIBSON 2ND

REGIONAL SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS COMPETITION:

Held at St Joseph's College on 24th March our girls team won the Team event, the girls were: TASMIN WILSON, KERRI MATTINSON, LORI ROGERSON and LEIGH-ANN MURRAY. Tasmin won the individual event and Lori came 2nd. All 4 girls now progress to the Scottish Schools event in Perth in April.

HOCKEY:

The S3 girls team were runners-up at the Regional Dr Turner's Hockey Tournament played at KGV astro in Dumfries.

RUGBY:

The Senior rugby squad are due to play Portobello High School in the final of the Scottish Schools Bowl competition.

Arrangements to be made (likely to be after the Easter Holiday).

Dates for your diary

Monday	05 March	Junior School Show
Tuesday	06 March	Junior School Show
Friday	16 March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday	27 March	Spring Concert

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