

Rector's Report

Wednesday 28 March 2007



Buildings/maintenance

No further information available at this time.

Staffing

Members of the Board are asked to note the following:

- **Staffing cuts**

It is not yet known what the actual effect of the 2% staffing cut in the teaching complement (secondary schools) recently announced by Dumfries and Galloway Council will be. We await information from the Director for Education and Community Services.

- **Depute Head Teacher (Additional Support Needs)**

Mrs Susan Speight was appointed as DHT-ASN yesterday afternoon. She takes up the post with immediate effect. Thanks to Board members who were involved in these interviews.

- **Principal Teacher (Curriculum) x 2 posts**

Resulting from Mrs Speight's appointment to DHT and Mr McLure's intimation that he will be retiring in August the following posts will be advertised immediately following the Easter break in the hope that we will be able to recruit appropriate personnel before the end of June so that they can take up post in August.

School Website

The School Web-site (www.annanacademy.org.uk) has attracted over 3000 visitors to the site since it was launched. (1700+ since the beginning of March).

Standards and Quality Report/Quality in Education Survey

The Quality in Education (QIE) survey is currently being completed by pupils, parents/carers and staff. Once the data has been analysed (by Strathclyde University) the results will be summarized to parents and issues arising from the survey will feature in the School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2007-2010.

Easter Observances

The school's Chaplaincy Team are leading the year assemblies this week. The focus is on the current celebrations regarding the abolition of the Slave Trade and the fact that slavery in a variety of forms continues to be a chronic problem in today's society. Our thanks go to the Chaplaincy Team for the high quality of their presentations and particularly to Mr Clive and Rev Connie Bonner for the excellent audio-visual presentation that they have produced for use during these observances.

Notable achievements, representations by and opportunities for students/staff

Red Nose Day

Pupils and staff raised the tremendous amount of £3,300 for the Red Nose Day charitable appeal. This is the second time this year that a similar amount has been raised as well as the £600 that was sent to Meals for Malawi at Christmas time.

Young Singer of the Year (Rotary Club of Annan)

Emma Drysdale very ably represented Annan at the District 1020 Final of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year in Edinburgh recently.

Spring Concert

A most successful Spring Concert was enjoyed by an audience of c.200 yesterday. Our youngsters, under the direction of the Music Staff, gave a wide variety of very high quality performances. Congratulations and thanks to those involved in any way. Special mention must be made of the School Board members who attended and provided refreshments for the audience and performers.

Year Book 2006 - Annan Academy at the Movies ('Lights, Camera, Action!')

Published recently and grabbing everyone's attention! Our congratulations go to Mr John Warwick and his Year Book 'cast' on the incredibly high quality of this year's publication.

SPORTS NEWS

SCOTTISH SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY:

Brothers Andrew and Calum Gibson competed in the Scottish Schools Cross Country event in Irvine on Saturday 10th March. Andrew finished 15th in the Over 17 event and Calum was 21st in the Under 14 event. Congratulations to both boys!

REGIONAL SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS COMPETITION:

Held at St Joseph's College on 24th February our girls 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:

Congratulations to the S1 girls' hockey team were Runners-up in the Regional Dr Turner's Tournament.

SCHOOL FOOTBALL:

The Under 13 team have progressed through to the final of the Regional Schools' Gordon Cup. The Under 15 team are in the semi – final of the Regional Schools' Hunter Sheild where they will play Wallace Hall Academy

REGIONAL FOOTBALL:

The following boys have been selected for the following squads:

Under 15: Steven Black and Scott Wightman

Under 16: Dean Gallimore (Greig Goodwin also selected but has since left school)

Under 18: Barry Morton

Dumfries and Galloway Under 18 squad, which Barry Morton is a member of, have made it through to the final of the Scottish Cup where they will play Ayr.

S1/2 and Under 15 Girls Regional Trials will take place on Thursday 19th April 2007.

Under 13 and Under 14 Boys Regional Trials will take place on the same day.

INTER HOUSE FOOTBALL:

This will take place on Thursday 29th March (for S1) and Friday 30th March (S2-6).

TABLE TENNIS

Congratulation to Claire Towers who came third in the Scottish Schools' Qualifying Competition (Under 16 - Girls). She goes through to represent Scottish Schools in the International Tournament in Gu ernsey in June 2007.

Dates for your diary

Friday	27.04.07	2.00p m	Awards Ceremony	S4,5&6
Wednesday	16.05.07	2.00p m	Awards Ceremony	S2
Friday	01.06.07	2.00p m	Awards Ceremony	S1&S3
Friday	15.06.07	7.30pm	Senior Prom	
Friday	22.06.07	7.30pm	School Band (Leavers) Concert	
Friday	29.06.07	7.00pm	School Show	
Thursday	05.07.07	7.00p m	Annual Prizegiving	

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