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Newsletter Easter, 1976

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I write to tell you what has been happening this term and what will take place next term in school.

As usual, the Easter term has been full of activity both inside and outside the classroom. Parents of SI, II, III, IV, V and VI have visited the school and had the opportunity of discussing with staff the progress of their children. May I say how much I appreciate these meetings and the way in which staff cooperate. SII have had examinations and will receive report cards. They will also be asked to make a choice of subjects for the next two sessions

Candidates for the Scottish Certificate of Education are rapidly approaching the last lap and I wish them well in their examinations which begin on Tuesday, 27th April. It is an important stage in their career.

As usual we have sadly parted with familiar faces and gladly welcomed new staff. Mrs Howden, of the Science Department leaves at the end of this term in preparation for her university course next session; Mr Jordan, of the English Department goes to take up a commission in the Royal Navy; Mrs Gray, of the Art Department goes off to England. On the happier side, we welcome Mrs May who has joined the teaching auxiliary staff; Mr Hargreaves, Miss Neal's replacement from Australia, has settled in well and we all admire the novelty of his classroom wall displays. We have even made use of his wife to help out in the school office. Mrs Sinclair joins the Chemistry Department and Dr Soulsby rejoins the Geography Department after a term's leave of absence on a teacher fellowship of St Hugh's, Oxford. Lastly can I say how much we will miss Mrs Zandra Scott. Zandra has been with us over ten years and over that time girls' athletic teams have gone from strength to strength.

Clubs prosper and grow in number: this term our new fledglings are Model Railways, Astronomy and Swimming. The Canoeists went off to the Tay at midterm; on the 6th March the school were hosts to the Easter Jamboree when over 400 children were present. Mr Mole and his team are to be congratulated on their fine organisation. The visitors were most appreciative. All were delighted when the Madras A team won the Coates trophy under the captaincy of Tim Upton. It was splendid to see Sarah Gilroy gaining a Scottish Cap in hockey and to know that Craig Douglas was selected to play for the under 15 Midland Schools Rugby XV. We have just heard that Ursula McKane has been selected to run for Scotland in the British Schools' Cross Country International in April. And so it goes on - skiing on Sundays, table-tennis on Wednesdays, football on Tuesdays with the rifle club shooting its way to glory.

I take this opportunity of thanking all staff for the selfless way in which they, by their service, make all these activities possible.

The summer term is always pleasant with the promise of better weather ahead.

I look forward to seeing the parents of SIII pupils on Tuesday, 15th June. SI pupils will look forward in a different fashion to their examinations starting in the middle of May as will SIII whose examinations start towards the end of May. On the lighter side, Mrs Bridges and her team present an evening of One-Act plays on the 17th and 18th June. Miss Kinnear and her helpers are putting on an Old Time Music Hall on the 10th and 11th June.

I take this opportunity of pointing out that, for those pupils in SIV and SV who intend to return to school in session 1976/77, their academic work will restart at the beginning of June.

School will close for the Summer vacation on Friday, 2nd July and will re-open for the Autumn term on 23rd August.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan D. Selig".

Rector.