

Mid-term Newsletter. 1976

It seems only days since school re-opened in August but nonetheless we have arrived once more at the October holiday. The school is in full swing with learning going apace in all subjects but with pleasant relief in the form of all the extra-curricular activities. We reported in the summer newsletter that we had suffered a cut-back in staff and this has made itself felt this term whenever staff absences occurred. However it should be mentioned that if a supply teacher was available the Region has not hesitated to give its approval to the appointment of such a person.

The recent results of the S.C.E. examinations were again very satisfactory thanks to the hard work put in by pupils and staff.

On Wednesday, 10th November the examinations for SI, II and III begin with report sheets coming home at the end of term; the examinations of SIV, V and VI start on Wednesday, 17th November with report sheets coming early in the second term.

As usual we have welcomed new members of staff to school: Mr Husk (English), Miss Davidson (Mathematics), Mrs Currie (Biology), Mr R. Campbell (Physics), Dr Galbraith (Biology) and we say goodbye to Mr Harris (Biology), Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Steven (Home Economics), Mrs Anderson (Mathematics). After long and successful professional careers Miss Brace and Miss Smart retire at Christmas. School will not be the same without the quiet scholarly presence of Miss Smart and the eager, questioning mind of Miss Brace. Mr Weller leaves later this term to take up his assistant principalship at Kirkcaldy High School - a long overdue promotion.

Later this term there is the usual flurry of concerts and parties. SI have their Halloween party followed in November by the SII party: Lastly SIV, V and VI celebrate in December. We hope that the concerts will take place on the following dates:-

Music: Tuesday, 2nd November: Faure's Requiem at 7.30 p.m.
in St Andrew's Church.

Carol Concerts: Tuesday, 14th December, 1976 in Kilrymont Road.
Wednesday, 15th December, 1976 in South Street.

School Play: A Midsummer Night's Dream will be performed in the
Byre Theatre on 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th January, 1977.

Spring Concert: Wednesday, 23rd March 1977 at 7.30 p.m. in South Street.

School Musical: Provisional dates - 15th, 16th and 17th June, 1977.

We follow, with great interest, the progress of our former pupils but increasingly find great difficulty in keeping up with them. We congratulate J.B. Bruce Bachelor of Architecture with Honours, W.A. Reekie B.Sc., William D. Maclean, B.A. (Hons.), Katherine Mayo, John Callis, Susan Lacorne, College Diploma from Edinburgh College of Art, Margaret C. Barr B.Sc., (Hons.), Kathleen Sullivan M.A. (Ord.), Mrs Jennifer Shirreffs (nee McLeod) B.Sc., (Ord.). There will be more successes of which we have just not heard. If so, news would be welcome. Tim Upton has been selected to represent Scotland in the World Junior Chess Championships.

P. Lindsay Seymour received a commendation in the National Literary Competition run by the Daily Mirror. On the sports field, seven girls have been chosen to take part in Regional Trials; two boys have been chosen for Midland Hockey Trials; while two boys have been chosen for the Fife Rugby Team with three boys as reserves. On the golf course, Julie Rigg,

Elaine Hunter and Irene Matheson have excelled themselves by winning the Scottish Qualifying Round of Aer Lingus and British Golf Foundation Girls Team Championships. In the National Finals held in Surrey, they came 4th. Their performance was very commendable considering their ages in comparison with the other teams.

At lunchtimes, at 4 p.m. and on Saturday mornings many pupils are busy - chess, cross-country running, stamp club, shooting, rugby, canoeing. Indeed school is a living place, brought to life by hard work of staff and pupils. This session two new clubs, archaeological club and war games, have started and some as yet to make an appearance are geology, rock music, model making and junior drama clubs.

The new telephone system has now been installed in Kilrymont Road. The new number is now St Andrews 5777.

School resumes on Tuesday, 19th October. School closes for Christmas holidays on Wednesday, 22nd December and re-opens on Thursday, 6th January.

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