



# Parkhall News

## Issue 4: June 2009

### ***The Principal, Mr G. Beattie, writes...***

It is a pleasure to write to you at the end of another highly successful year for our school. In May we said farewell to another group of Year 12 pupils and we hope that August brings each of them the success they deserve. On behalf of all staff I wish them well for the future and trust they will always retain fond memories of Parkhall College. In fact, we are hopeful that in the next week we will be given final permission to welcome some of these pupils back to us for Post-16 Study in Childcare or Business & Retail as part of the Antrim Learning Community provision.

The numerous activities and successes enjoyed by the pupils have been well documented in the local press and as you read this issue of 'Parkhall News' you will hopefully be impressed by the significant contribution that your children have made to school life.

Over the past few months Parkhall pupils have been involved in raising £5,310 for different charities through various fundraising events. These are excellent examples of the concern and generosity shown by pupils and parents alike.

In the sporting front, individual representative success has been enjoyed by Craig Drummond (Cricket), Josh Carson (Football), Daniel Park (Karate), Boyd Cathcart (Trampolining), Danielle Dunne (Trampolining), Grace Louise Palmer (Football), Lauren Ellis (Hockey), Taite Doherty (Hockey), Ashleigh Nesbitt (Hockey), Stephen Gleghorne (Hockey), Adam Myles (Hockey), Zoe Wilson (Badminton) amongst others, whilst our teams proved very successful with the U13 and U14 Girls Hockey and U12, U13 and U14 Boys Football crowned champions of their respective leagues.

The recent announcement by the Department of Education to grant conditional approval for transformation to Controlled Integrated Status will allow the school to go from strength to strength and to continue to provide an inclusive learning environment for all the young people in the Borough of Antrim. As we look forward to the next academic year, I am delighted that our number of first choice applications has increased from last year and our enrolment figure for Year 8 pupils currently stands at 134.

I am also delighted to inform you that the school has again been awarded Extended Schools Funding for the incoming school year. Pupils have enjoyed a wealth of additional opportunities before, during and after school whilst in the evenings members of the local community have enjoyed the use of the school facilities for salsa dancing, cooking and baking and indoor football. The introduction of a Parents' Advice Service in the Junior School has proven to be a success and further details on this can be obtained by contacting the school office(s).

Despite several unavoidable delays outside our control, developments have continued with regards to our new school build and it is expected that tender arrangements will be in place in the next few weeks.

On an extremely saddening note, the entire school community was devastated by the tragic death of Ms Denise Burke, who had been a valued member of staff since 2004. Our thoughts continue to be with her Family Circle at this time.

The completion of this academic year will also mark the end of an era at Parkhall College with the retirement of Mrs Jean McMullan. Jean has served the school for the past 37 years, 35 of these as Principal's Secretary and I speak for many when I wish her a long and happy retirement.

In closing, can I thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and wish you an enjoyable and peaceful summer break.

## HEALTH EDUCATION AND CAREERS

### HEALTH EDUCATION

Mrs Sherrey continued to provide a varied programme for our pupils on the theme of healthy living. Year 11 took part in workshops about drug abuse, Year 12 heard from the Blood Transfusion Service and the PSNI visited the Junior School on a number of occasions to work with pupils on Alcohol Awareness and Cyber Bullying.

#### NO SMOKING DAY 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009

The School Nurse mounted displays in both schools to mark this event. She was pleased to provide information to the young people who wanted to help their parents' give up smoking. We hope you found it useful.

### SMOOTHIE WEEK

All Junior School pupils had the opportunity to sample a variety of delicious smoothies in the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> March as the Home Economics Department continued to highlight the importance of Healthy Eating.

### HEART START

In June, all Year 8 pupils will have Heart Start training.



MRS STUBBS ORGANISED A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO HELP OUR SENIOR PUPILS PREPARE FOR LIFE BEYOND SCHOOL. IN FEBRUARY, THE ROYAL NAVY AND THE ROYAL AIR FORCE MADE PRESENTATIONS TO YEAR 12 WHICH CERTAINLY MADE AN IMPACT.

Year 10 pupils who opted to attend the NRC next year as part of their Occupational Studies visited the campus on 23 April.

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ON 2<sup>ND</sup> MARCH, YEAR 12  
PUPILS ATTENDED THE  
OPEN DAY AT THE  
NORTHERN REGIONAL  
COLLEGE, ANTRIM CAMPUS.  
THEY WERE ABLE TO SEE  
FOR THEMSELVES ALL THE  
OPPORTUNITIES WHICH

A number of Year 12 pupils visited Antrim Grammar School on March 18<sup>th</sup> to enquire about the options available to Sixth Formers.

## PUPILS WITH PARTICULAR TALENTS

### JOSH CARSON – PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER!

Our talented Year 12 footballer signed a professional football contract with Ipswich Town FC in February! He is only the 4<sup>th</sup> boy from Northern Ireland to be invited to attend Ipswich's prestigious academy and Mr Beattie and Mr Martin were delighted that Head of Recruitment, Mr Michael Moore and former Northern Ireland international Sammy Morgan, the Club's Education Officer came to our school to deliver Josh's contract to him. Ipswich Town FC is committed to boys continuing their education and Josh will have the opportunity to study for a National Diploma when he has finished his studies at Parkhall College. We will all be following Josh's career with great interest and we wish him every success in the future.

### DANIELLE DUNNE – IRISH CHAMPION

Parkhall College is fortunate to have another trampolining star in the Junior School for Danielle Dunne in Year 9 is the current Irish U14 champion. Congratulations, Danielle.

### BOYD CATHCART – ALL IRELAND TRAMPOLINING CHAMPION

Parkhall College is thrilled to hear of Boyd's continued successes. He recently took part in the Irish Regional Competition and took first place in the Under 15 Elite category and second place in the Men's. In the Irish National Competition, he was first in the U15 Elite, Men's Elite and had the best form score of the day. In the British Gymnastics Gala in Perth, he came first in both the Under 15 single and double competitions and he came second in the U15 Synchro. In the Yorkshire versus N.Ireland competition, his team came second and he came first in the Open Synchro Trampoline. In the Irish Gymnastics Grand Prix Open Competition, he came first in the Elite group. Perhaps not surprisingly, he has been selected to go to the World Championship in Russia and he will also represent Ireland in competitions taking place in Portugal and Prague. This young trampolinist is a source of great pride to the school.

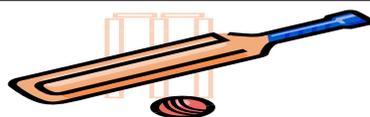


### GRACE- LOUISE PALMER,INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALLER

Grace-Louise Palmer has been selected once again for the Northern Ireland Under 17 Women's Football team.

### CRAIG DRUMMOND – CRICKET

INTERNATIONAL  
This young man has been selected for both the Northern Ireland and Ireland U17 teams. He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> pupil from Parkhall College to earn his place, following in the footsteps of Neil Gill and Jason van der Merwe. Well done, Craig – we are very proud of you and wish you luck.



## CHARITIES

### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, Parkhall College went RED for Comic Relief and had the once-in-a-lifetime chance to see Mr McClintock with red hair! £620 was raised which will make a difference to the lives of thousands of people living in poverty in the U.K. and in Africa.

### UGANDA APPEAL

Parkhall College gave £200 to support the work of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Antrim Presbyterian Church team going to Uganda with the Abaana organisation. On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Amanda McConkey came to Assembly and explained that it is hoped that a Primary School in the Mukono area can be expanded and a nursery section built. We wish them every success.

### TREK TO NEPAL

MRS HELEN SMYTER, PRINCIPAL OF STEEPLE NURSERY SCHOOL SPOKE IN ASSEMBLY ABOUT HER PLANNED TRIP TO NEPAL. SHE IS TAKING PART IN A TREK TO RAISE MONEY FOR A LOCAL CANCER CHARITY AND PARKHALL COLLEGE WAS PLEASED TO DONATE £100 TO SUCH A WORTHY CAUSE.

### MACMILLAN EASTER BASKET

An enormous Easter basket was donated by the local MacMillan Cancer Support committee. Pupils purchased tickets to the value of £100 and the lucky winner was Dean Turton in Year 10.



### CANCER RESEARCH UK

On the evening of Friday 24 April, a number of teaching staff packed bags at Tesco and raised over £700 for this charity. A further £400 was raised at a staff coffee morning during one of our Exceptional Closure days. Several staff also took part in the "Race For Life" on 23<sup>rd</sup> May organised by a former teacher at Parkhall, Mrs Lisa Kirkwood. This raised in excess of £1500 and Mrs Kirkwood was delighted.

### St. Valentine's Day in Parkhall College

Love was definitely in the air during the week before Half-Term, thanks to Miss Reilly. Junior School pupils were able to order a "Last Rolo" or a heart-shaped chocolate lollipop which was then delivered to their loved one. Rumour has it that Christine who works in the Junior School office has a secret admirer! Mr Gary Wilson from The British Heart Foundation came to Junior School Assembly to receive a cheque for £330 and to explain how the charity would use the money.

### SPONSORED WALK IN AID OF MS

On 29<sup>th</sup> April, the Junior School was eerily quiet! Year 10 pupils were sitting one of their Key Stage 3 exams and Year 8 and 9 pupils were walking around Carnfunnock Country Park outside Larne to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. A tremendous amount of money was raised - £4300! Thanks go to everyone involved but especially to our highest collectors, Kerry Dickson and Raymond Brett who are both in Year 9.

## VISITORS TO SCHOOL

### A "WORTHY VISITOR" - NIGEL WORTHINGTON

There was great excitement on 5<sup>th</sup> January when the N.Ireland Football manager visited our school. He spent the afternoon telling the boys and girls about his job and answering their questions. He donated a signed N.Ireland shirt which is now proudly displayed in the Junior School Entrance Hall. The visit was facilitated by one of our past pupils, Jonathan McMeekin, who now works for the I.F.A.

### ELECTORAL OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE'S VISIT

Twenty eight Year 12 pupils took part in a Citizenship Card exercise on 10<sup>th</sup> March. This introduced them to the electoral process they will all be involved in two years from now.



### LOGOS MINISTERIES INTERNATIONAL

On 19<sup>th</sup> March, the GCSE RE and Music pupils welcomed Dr Timothy Mang from Myanmar and other representatives of Logos Ministeries International to their classes. Pupils were given an insight into daily life in Myanmar (formerly Burma), a predominantly Buddhist country where "the poor are very poor and the rich are very rich." It was particularly interesting to see

### PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts Group from Ballymoney N.R.C. entertained Year 11 pupils on 29<sup>th</sup> April.



### "TUTORING IN SCHOOLS" PROGRAMME

In February, we welcomed our former Head Girl, Deborah Hutchinson, back to school. Deborah now studies History with Education at the University of Ulster and she chose to come back to Parkhall to complete the assignments required by the Tutoring in Schools Programme. The school was delighted to help Deborah with her studies and appreciated all the work she did when she was in class – with her back to the blackboard instead of facing it!



### WORLD TRADE GAME

Christian Aid came to the Geography Department in May and through very entertaining sessions about "The Trading Game," helped Year 10 pupils become more aware of how unfair world trade can be.

### ACTION RENEWABLES

Year 10 pupils continued their studies on caring for the environment by taking part in this workshop conducted by Mr Adrian McLaughlin.

### LOCAL CLERGYMEN

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR LOCAL MINISTERS, THE REV. DR. MCBRIDE, THE REV. MCKEE, THE REV. MOORE AND THE REV. ORR FOR THEIR CONTINUING SUPPORT

## PARKHALL PUPILS OUT AND ABOUT

<p><b>YEAR 10 MENTORS RISE TO DIZZY HEIGHTS!</b> As a token of the school's appreciation for all the occasions when these young people had volunteered to assist Year 8 pupils settle into school, a trip to the Belfast Eye took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. The boy who refused to get on the Big Wheel shall remain nameless....</p>	<p><b>GCSE ORIENTEERING</b> Snow, ice, rain – everyone agreed that Mr Martin could not have booked a worse week, weather- wise, to take 22 GCSE pupils P.E. orienteering in the Co.Antrim hills. Thankfully, everyone came back safe and sound, albeit very cold.</p>
<p><b>YEAR 11 HORTICULTURE AND EQUINE STUDIES</b> Pupils who opted to pursue these interests have been out and about. The Horticulture students</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Year 12 Formal</b> What a memorable night this was! The limousines, the tuxedos, the dresses, the hair...it was like Hollywood had come to Antrim's Comfort Hotel. Once again, our pupils' behaviour and attitude were praised by hotel management</p>
<p><b>SKI TRIP</b> We don't know which was more dazzling – the snow or the glamorous appearance of our girls. Rumour has it that a certain young lady, having arrived in Boston, immediately went to the Ladies Restroom in the Airport to use her hair straighteners! Such a wonderful time was had by all, that the 2010 Ski Trip has already got a waiting list.</p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="flex-grow: 1;"> <p><b>FRENCH TRIP</b> 50 pupils went to France on 29<sup>th</sup> March and many of them are still recovering! They saw all the sights and travelled along the Seine and up the Eiffel Tower. They also visited the Palace at Versailles and Montmartre. They even spent a day in Disneyland where the pupils met some of their favourite Disney characters! The hours spent at the Stade de France and the Aquaboulevard were well spent too. Rumour has it that certain teachers thought the visit to the Hypermarket was the highlight of the whole trip.</p> </div> </div>
	<p><b>PREMIERSHIP FOOTBALL TOUR</b> THIS YEAR'S TOUR WAS PARTICULARLY MEMORABLE - NOT BECAUSE OF ANYTHING THE BOYS DID, BUT BECAUSE A LORRY FELL OUT OF THE STRANRAER FERRY AND CAUSED HUGE DISRUPTION TO THEIR TRAVEL PLANS! THIS MEANT THAT THE TOUR GROUP HAD TO MISS OUT ON THE OLD TRAFFORD TOUR BECAUSE THEY HAD TO TRAVEL TO HOLYHEAD INSTEAD OF SCOTLAND. APPARENTLY, THE ENTERTAINMENT ON THE BUS MADE UP FOR THE DELAY...</p>

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL

### THE EXTENDED SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME

THE EXTENDED SCHOOLS' PROGRAMME HAS ALLOWED US TO CONTINUE TO PROMOTE A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE. BREAKFAST CLUBS HAVE OPERATED IN BOTH SCHOOLS AND OUR EARLY BIRD PUPILS HAVE ALSO BEEN ABLE TO ENJOY NINTENDO Wii ACTIVITIES AT THE MORNING FIT CLUBS. OTHER MORNING CLUBS AVAILABLE TO PUPILS WERE CRICKET AND VOLLEYBALL.

OUR 2 EVENING CLASSES WENT FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH. MISS REILLY ENCOURAGED HER CLASS TO "COOK THEMSELVES THIN" AND THE SALSA DANCERS HAD TO BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS - THE BEGINNERS AND THE ADVANCED. OUR BUILDING SUPERVISOR, MR ALAN HENDERSON MAINTAINS THAT HE GOT ALL THE EXERCISE HE NEEDED BY CARRYING IN THE COPIOUS AMOUNTS OF TEA REQUIRED BY

### SPORT, EXERCISE AND LEISURE CAREERS SESSION

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, a number of Year 10 girls took advantage of the opportunity to hear about the careers available to them in the Sports and Leisure field. Ms Janine Harvey, Antrim Borough Council's Sports Development Officer was a most interesting speaker.

WE HAVE RECENTLY INTRODUCED A PARENT ADVICE CENTRE. LOCATED IN OUR JUNIOR SCHOOL, THIS SERVICE IS FREE AND OFFERS PARENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH TRAINED COUNSELLORS ON ISSUES RELATING TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

### YEAR 10 CHOICES

SEPTEMBER 2009 IS GOING TO BE VERY EXCITING FOR OUR PRESENT YEAR 10 PUPILS. NOT ONLY ARE THEY MOVING TO THE SENIOR SCHOOL BUT THEY WILL ALSO BE FOLLOWING A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TIMETABLE. CHOOSING WHICH SUBJECTS TO PURSUE AT KEY STAGE 4 IS OF HUGE IMPORTANCE TO OUR YEAR 10 PUPILS, SO IN EARLY MARCH EACH DEPARTMENT MOUNTED A DISPLAY OF GCSE WORK IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL SO THAT PUPILS COULD SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT THE SUBJECT INVOLVED. EACH DISPLAY WAS MANNED BY TWO YEAR 12 PUPILS TO WHOM THE YEAR 10S COULD PUT QUESTIONS. PARENTS

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## WINNING PUPILS

### PARKHALL WINS YOUNG ENTERPRISE AWARD FOR THE THIRD TIME

For a record-breaking 3 years in a row, Parkhall College in Antrim have walked away as winners of the North East Regional Final of the Young Enterprise Junior Company of the Year award and are soon to hear if they have been awarded the Northern Ireland trophy again.

### PUPIL SUCCESSES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

#### OPPOSITION BOWLED OVER BY ESTHER!

We were delighted to hear of the bowling success of Year 10 pupil Esther Sands. A member of the Muckamore Community Centre Indoor Bowling Club, Esther has been selected for the Mid-Antrim Zone Junior team. Good luck, Esther.

### A HISTORY OF SUCCESS

2007 saw the first victory when “Klassy Krafts” sold a range of hand crafted products ranging from cards to key rings. In 2008 “Strictly Creative” dealt with suppliers in Hong Kong and sold mobile phone charms. This year “Cool ‘n’ Creative” won Best Junior product and Best Junior Display at trade fairs where they sold Christmas logs and Valentine mugs. The Human Resources Manager, Samantha Nutter, won an individual award for the level of commitment she displayed during the Trade Fair at the Fairhill Shopping Centre. Having won the North East Area final, the mini-company now goes forward to the Northern Ireland final. Can Andrew Burns, Emma Hutchinson, Lauren McMullan, Laurran McMullan, Lorina McMurray, Samantha Nutter, David Oliver, Gareth Rawlinson and Hannah Weir make it a hat trick?

### DANIEL PARK

Congratulations go to Year 9 pupil Daniel, who reached the final of the Under 14 section of the North v. South Karate Open in February. He went to Malta to take part in the Karate Open there and returned as the Boys’ Free Fighting Champion. In April, he won a gold medal at the Scottish Open Karate Championship in Edinburgh.

### PAST PUPIL WINS LEARNER OF THE YEAR AWARD – AGAIN!

Last year, we were delighted to hear that Kate Lumaban had been awarded a Student of the Year Award by the examinations board CCEA for her success in her Hair and Beauty course. Now Stephen Owens, who finished school last June has also been awarded this prestigious title. Not only was he the best Motor Vehicles student in all of the Northern Regional College campuses but he was the best in all of Northern Ireland! Stephen is currently studying Vehicle Fitting at the Toyota Academy in Ballymena.



## PARKHALL PUPILS ARE WINNERS

### “PARKHALL’S GOT TALENT” COMPETITION

We have always known that many of our young people are talented, but sometimes they do not get the opportunity to demonstrate these talents to a wider audience. This all changed on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Sixteen acts competed against each other and the Assembly Hall was packed as dancers, musicians and comedians provided a tremendous evening’s entertainment. The audience of over 300 people certainly contributed to the atmosphere!

First prize went to Year 11 drummer Joel Stewart, second prize to Year 12 singers/ comedians Glenn Clarke and Jamie McCurry and third prize went to Year 10 dancer Jenna McMullan. Joint 4<sup>th</sup> prize went to Kyle White, Ashleigh Matthews and Chelsea McWilliams.

All the competitors deserve praise for their outstanding contributions to one of our most exciting PTA events ever. Our thanks go to Nicole Fullerton, Erin Davies, Kyle White, Ashleigh Matthews, Chelsea McWilliams, Sarah McClenaghan, Sophie Thompson, Jordan Baxter, Brandon McCaffrey, Rebecca Pearce, Lucius Floyd, Hannah Lynas, Emily Wilson, Chloe Todd, Abigail Crockett, Natasha Grattan, Kennedy Gould, Amy Shannon, Antonia Cunningham, Elisha Skelton and Kerry McDonald. We also appreciate the commitment of our judges Mrs Berrios, Mrs Coulter, Mr Henderson, Mrs Howe and Miss Kennoway.

### ANTRIM CREDIT UNION ART COMPETITION

Once again, our pupils achieved great success in this competition. Their prizes were presented in Assembly on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Madeleine Parkes,  
Corrina McCreight and Beckie Wilgaus won a total of £110.  
Well done girls.



### YOUTH SPORTING BURSARY WINNERS

We were delighted to hear that the Enkalon Foundation and Antrim Borough Council had decided to provide Youth Sports Bursaries to 3 of our pupils. The awards are designed to help talented young people like footballer Josh Carson and hockey players Taite Docherty and Emily Morrison reach their full potential. We look forward to following their progress.

## EVENTS IN SCHOOL

<p><b>YEAR 9 MATHS FUN DAY</b> The NSPCC received a cheque for £860 as a result of this fundraiser. Well done to all of those who took part. Special thanks go to Kerry Dickson, Stephen Howe and Ben McKee who raised the most money for this very worthwhile charity.</p>	<p><b>RAF MATHS CHALLENGE</b> Senior Maths students had an interesting time on February 18<sup>th</sup> because they got the chance to take part in the RAF Maths Challenge. The tasks were designed to show pupils the importance of Maths in RAF life, so they calculated prescription codes in an RAF Field Hospital, used decibel meters to measure noise levels for Health and Safety and plotted flight coordinates. Miss McCrea was delighted to see pupils'</p>
<p><b>CREPE TUESDAY</b> THERE WAS A DELICIOUS SMELL COMING FROM THE D BLOCK OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ON PRINCE'S DAY, 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY. MRS SUFFERIN HAD ORGANISED THE SALE OF DELICIOUS "CREPES", WITH THE PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS THE FRENCH TRIP. SERVED WITH A CHOICE OF LEMON OR CHOCOLATE,</p>	<p><b>"LEARN TO EARN"</b> This programme was such a success last term, that Miss McCrea arranged for other pupils to take part in it. Pupils discussed the lifestyle they would like to have when they leave school and how they could achieve it by focusing on qualifications and career choices. Thanks go once again to the Antrim Business Centre for their input.</p>
<p><b>UK MATHEMATICS CHALLENGES</b> On 5<sup>th</sup> February, 50 pupils from Year 11 took part in this event. They had to solve a number of questions within a given time frame. How quickly could you answer their first question, which was to calculate the value of <math>1 + 2</math> cubed + 4 times 5? A number of Year 9 pupils took part in the Junior Challenge on 30<sup>th</sup> April.</p>	<p><b>TRANSFER EVENING</b> HUNDREDS OF PARENTS AND PRIMARY 7 PUPILS VISITED OUR SCHOOL ON 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY. MANY POSITIVE COMMENTS WERE MADE TO STAFF ABOUT THE QUALITY OF OUR PROVISION. MR CAMPBELL HAD PRODUCED A DVD OUTLINING SOME OF THE ACTIVITIES WHICH TAKE PLACE IN THE JUNIOR SCHOOL ON A DAILY BASIS AND THIS WAS GREATLY ENJOYED BY OUR VISITORS. THE PLEASANT AND HELPFUL MANNER OF OUR EXISTING PUPILS, WHO HAD VOLUNTEERED TO HELP ON TRANSFER EVENING, WAS</p>
<p><b>LE COOKIE JAR!</b> As a fund raiser for the French trip, pupils tried to win a large jar full of cookies by guessing how many were in it. Madeleine Parkes was the lucky winner, but she generously shared them, to Mrs Heggan's delight! Luke Palmer won the Senior School prize.</p>	<p><b>EASTER EGGS</b> Who would have thought that you could get 92 Easter eggs into a glass jar? That was the correct guess of Matthew Elliott in Year 11 who was the winner of this French Trip fund raiser.</p>
<p><b>FRENCH BREAKFASTS</b> Year 8 pupils had the privilege of enjoying Hot Chocolate and fresh croissant in French lessons in April and May as their French teachers introduced them to the delights of a typical French breakfast.</p>	

## OTHER EVENTS

### GEOGRAPHY FILM CLUB

This new venture has grown in popularity since January. Pupils have been working on scripts about European countries and have greatly enjoyed being actors, actresses, script writers and prop makers.

### YEAR 10 PUPILS GET DOWN TO BUSINESS

On 24<sup>th</sup> February, Year 10 pupils took part in a Young Enterprise Project Business Day. Supported by the Department of Education and Nortel, this programme gave our students a practical, activity-based insight into enterprise and business. During the session, Ms Laura Kerr of Young Enterprise and Ms Kerry McClintock of Antrim Enterprise Agency led interactive games and role-plays, based on share trading and a mini-company. They were aided by members of the school's own mini-company, "Cool 'n' Creative." Mr Robert Lynn, Business Advisor for the Northern Bank in Antrim addressed pupils on his role within the bank and on possible career opportunities for pupils in the years to come.

### ANTRIM BOROUGH COUNCIL ELITE SPORTS ACADEMY PARTICIPANTS 2009

Through partnership with Janine Harvey our Sports Development Office at Antrim Borough Council the school nominated a select group of elite athletes who have gained additional tuition and expert coaching in order to best facilitate their improvement within their chosen sport. The following pupils were fortunate enough to have been selected for this Elite Sports Academy- Josh Carson (Football), Boyd Cathcart (Trampolining), William Waite (Boxing), Grace-Louise Palmer (Football), Danielle Dunne (Trampolining). We hope there are many more to follow in future years.

### GAMES DAYS

As part of our newly established House system, we ran two Games Days on 30<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April for Years 8 and 9. The boys competed in football, rugby and basketball while the girls took part in hockey and netball matches and games of football. The competitors took it all very seriously and are keen to see who will win House of the Year.

## SPORT

### “WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!” FOOTBALL SUCCESSES

Congratulations to all our young footballers. It was a very successful season for the school, with the Year 8, Year 9 and Year 10 teams all winning their leagues. There was cup success too for the Year 12 team and the Year 10 team reached the final of their cup

The **U12 FOOTBALL TEAM** won the Mid Antrim League and reached the semi-final of the Cup. The Captain was Jake McNeill.

The **U13 FOOTBALL TEAM** also won the Mid Antrim League and reached the semi-final of their Cup. The Captain was Bradley Morrison.

The **U14 FOOTBALL TEAM** won the Mid Antrim League too and reached the final of the Cup which has not yet been played. Their Captain was Jordan Foster.

The **U16 FOOTBALL TEAM** won the Mid Antrim Cup Winners and reached the semi-final of the East Antrim Cup. The Captain was Josh Carson.

### RUGBY BLITZ

Boys from Year 8 and 11 took part in a Rugby Blitz at Carrickfergus Rugby Club. The Year 11 team came 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Year 8 boys finished 4<sup>th</sup>. It was a hugely enjoyable event and the P.E. staff are delighted to see the level of interest this winter sport has generated in the school.

### BADMINTON

The school continues to compete at Ulster Schools' standard. It was a tough year in terms of results for our 3 boys' teams but great commitment was shown which should pay off next year.



### NEBSSA HOCKEY LEAGUES

The U13 and U14 teams are both League Champions – congratulations, girls. The U14 reached the semi-final of the High Schools Cup, losing marginally to Markethill High School.

### NEBSSA ATHLETICS

A number of pupils achieved success at the NEBSSA Athletics heats. Third places were awarded to Jonathan Abbott in the High Jump, Amy Cummings in the 200 metres and Martha Mboya in the Javelin. Lee Kirkpatrick came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Triple Jump, Jamie Gurney came 4<sup>th</sup> in the Shot Putt and Corey McCallum came 4<sup>th</sup> in the javelin. Other 4<sup>th</sup> places went to Boyd Cathcart in the Long Jump, Daniel Park in 200 metres, Jack Agnew in the Shot Putt and Ryan McCallum in the Triple Jump. Nicky Lowry came 6<sup>th</sup> in the High Jump. The competitive spirit shown by all our young athletes was great to see. In the NEBSSA Final, third places went to Amy Cummings in the Long Jump, Martha Mboya in the Javelin and Jonathan Abbott in the High Jump.

## SPORT

### SPORTSHALL ATHLETICS

East of Ulster Final Medal Winners:- Lee Herron – gold in obstacle relay and 2 x bronze in 4 lap relay and speed bounce, Daniel Park – gold in obstacle relay and bronze in shot putt, Ellen Braithwaite – bronze in 4 lap race, Shannon Lenehan – silver in 4x 1 lap relay, Boyd Cathcart – gold in obstacle relay and 3x bronze in high jump, 4x1 lap relay and 4x2 lap relay, Ashley Nesbitt – silver in 4x1 lap relay and bronze in 4x2 lap relay, Stephanie Cargill – bronze in 4x2 lap relay and Jason Weir – bronze in 4x2 lap relay.

### REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Adam Myles and Stephen Gleghorne have been selected for the hockey squad and Scott Trelford for the rugby squad. Well done, boys.



### GIRLS' CRICKET

This is the first year that Parkhall girls have taken part in the Under 15 Cricket Schools Cup .The fixtures are due to be played in June and we wish our girls well.

### TENNIS

There has been a good turn out of girls at the after-school tennis club. Throughout the month of June we hope to play several friendlies with neighbouring schools. Good luck, girls.



### SPORTS DAY

We were very lucky with the weather on 20th May and all participants had a great day. The Champions were Zoe Wilson and Craig McCullough in Year 8, Ashleigh Nesbitt and Boyd Cathcart in Year 9, Amy Cummings and Lee Kirkpatrick in Year 10 and Lauren Ellaway and Jonathan Abbott in Year 11.

### RECORD BREAKING PUPILS

Five school records were broken on Sports Day 2009 by some very gifted young athletes. Gail Adeyinka smashed through the 100 metres record while Amy Cummings set new records in two events, the Long Jump and the 200 metres. Zoe Wilson is the new 800 metres champion while Boyd Cathcart proved that his jumping ability extends to the Triple Jump. Finally, Jack Agnew

### BADMINTON

Zoe Wilson has been selected for the North East Under 15 Badminton squad and will compete in the Northern Ireland Youth Games. Good luck, Zoe

### ULSTER ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Lee Kirkpatrick who is the Ulster District C Triple Jump Champion

### *I.F.A. Antrim Heat – Dale Farm Indoor Cup*

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2 Parkhall teams competed in the Dale Farm

### NORTH EAST AREA BOARD HOCKEY TRIALS

North East Area Board trials took place in March to select 2 teams for the Ulster Schools Area Board Tournament. Parkhall College sent Lauren Ellis, Emily Morrison, Ashley Nesbitt, Ellen Braithwaite, Taité Doherty and Zoe Wilson . From these trials Lauren Ellis and Emily Wilson were selected for the North East Under 15 team. Sammie-Jo Nutter was put forward for the Under 17 trials. The Under 17 North East Squad did have a Parkhall representative as Miss Huey was their coach at the tournament. The under 17 squad finished 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Taité Doherty, Ellen Braithwaite, Ashley Nesbitt and Emily Morrison have been training hard all year with the Under 13 North East Hockey Squad in preparation for the North East Junior Championships at the end of May.

Taité Doherty, Lauren Ellis and Emily Morrison have also been training hard with the North East Under 15 Regional Hockey Squad in preparation for Northern Ireland Youth Games in May.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 <sup>th</sup> SEPT.	School Photographer in Junior School
25 <sup>th</sup> SEPT.	School Photographer in Senior School
12 <sup>th</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup> OCT.	Hockey tour to Berlin
THURSDAY 22 <sup>nd</sup> OCT	LAST DAY OF TERM
MONDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> NOV	SCHOOL RETURNS
13 NOV.	YEAR 12 MATHS RE-SIT
16 NOV.	YEAR 11 SINGLE/ DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date)
17 NOV.	YEAR 12 SINGLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date) YEAR 11 DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date)
MONDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER	LAST DAY OF TERM
MONDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY	SCHOOL RETURNS
7 JAN.	YEAR 11 & 12 LLW MODULE (provisional date)
8 JAN.	YEAR 11 & 12 LLW MODULE (provisional date)
14 JAN.	GCSE PE Orienteering
11 <sup>TH</sup> – 16 <sup>TH</sup> FEB (incl.)	HALF TERM
24 FEB.	YEAR 11 SINGLE / DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date)
25 FEB.	YEAR 12 SINGLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date) YEAR 11 DOUBLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date)
FRIDAY 26 <sup>TH</sup> MARCH	LAST DAY OF TERM
MONDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SCHOOL RETURNS
3 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	MAY DAY HOLIDAY
20 MAY	YEAR 11 SINGLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date)
21 MAY	YEAR 12 SINGLE AWARD SCIENCE MODULE (provisional date)
31 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
30 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	END OF TERM

And finally.....

Congratulations to Mr Davis who has just been presented with the Mayor's Award for Outstanding Achievement for his "outstanding contribution" to Youth Services within the Antrim Borough.

