

Craigholme Update

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Equestrian Extravaganza



Jade Davidson (S4) courtesy of Equiscot Photography

Around 200 pupils from 38 schools across Scotland competed in the Scottish Schools Equestrian Extravaganza, hosted by Craigholme School, at Ingliston Country Club on May 15.

Pupils travelled from Aberdeen, Edinburgh and Ayrshire to compete in the unique event, which incorporated classes designed to be inclusive for young people interested in equestrian events. Classes were formulated so that those without their own ponies could compete, either as a young handler or by hiring a pony for the day from Ingliston's stables.

The event involved Showjumping, Mini Eventing, Dressage and Showing Classes in three age groups – Under 12, Under 15, 16 and Over, with a Team competition running throughout.

Principal of Craigholme School, Mrs Gillian Stobo, said, "This is the first time that an equestrian event has been open to every school in Scotland. It was a fantastic opportunity for young people to represent their school in a sport that's not on the curriculum."

The Senior Showjumping was won by Craigholme School after a tense jump off with other five teams. The Junior Showjumping was won by Houston Primary; Fettes College won the Style and Performance to Music; a pupil of Hamilton College won the Best Turned Out and Young Handler prize.

Rachel McArthur (J4) of Craigholme School won a competition to design a showjumping fence. Her prize was presented to her by Mrs Stobo in the showjumping arena.

Summer Sports Camps

Two Summer Sports Camps are running in the Sports Complex this summer.

Broomhill Sports are running a camp from 28 June to 13 August, open to boys and girls from J1-S4. A variety of activities will be on offer including badminton, athletics, tennis, football, netball, hockey, aerobic fitness, multi-sports and playground games. Full days and half day are available. Before care is offered free of charge from 8.30am and after care until 5.30pm. Please contact Broomhill Sports on **0845 234 1111** or visit www.broomhillcamps.com

From 16-20 August Craigholme will be running its own Sports Camp, organised by Community Sports Coach, Amanda Currie. The camp will be open to all children aged 5-14 years. A range of sports will also be on offer including badminton, tennis, athletics, football, fun sports, netball and dance. Full and half day options available. For more information please contact Amanda on **0141 427 0375** or acurrie@craigholme.co.uk

The Hub

During the summer holidays the school's old gym hall will undergo a makeover to be transformed into a new social hub for J4-S6 pupils. Pupils and staff will be able to purchase sandwiches, fruit and drinks and consume them in the spacious and modern social area. The Smart Café will continue to serve hot food as usual. Breakfast and Break will also be served at the Hub providing a relaxation and social area where pupils can watch BBC News 24.

Tartan Pashminas

Pashminas have been produced in the Craigholme tartan for parents, pupils and former pupils.

These versatile garments can be worn in various ways – as a scarf, draped over an evening dress or even to keep you cosy in style while watching the hockey on a Saturday morning. They would also make a lovely gift. If you would like to purchase a tartan pashmina, priced at £25, please contact the school office on **0141 427 0375**.

Parental Questionnaire

Using new software, the school conducted a parental questionnaire online to seek parents' views on various elements of the school. Around 30% of parents completed the questionnaires and the feedback was very positive. A summary of the results are below:

Your Views on Craigholme School	Percentage Agreeing
Craigholme School helps my daughter to be more confident.	97%
My daughter enjoys learning at Craigholme School.	98%
My daughter's learning is progressing well.	96%
My daughter is encouraged and stretched to work to the best of her ability.	88%
I am kept well informed about my daughter's progress.	78%
My daughter feels safe at Craigholme School.	99%
My daughter is treated fairly at Craigholme School.	97%
I feel staff really know my daughter as an individual and support her well.	93%
My daughter benefits from school clubs and activities provided outwith the classroom.	89%
Craigholme School actively seeks out my views.	73%
The school takes account of my views.	78%
Craigholme School is well led.	97%
Overall, I am happy with the school.	98%

In addition to this information, there were lots of comments affirming the many positives as well as comments highlighting areas for development, which are equally helpful.

We are actively looking at the five areas where there was less than 90% agreement and, as three of these areas relate to communication, we are considering new ways of engaging with the Craigholme Community.

For several years the attendance at the Parents' Business Meeting has been declining and in the light of this and the feedback from the parental questionnaire, the Board decided to hold a series of dinners to which parents from Nursery to S6 were invited to continue the sharing of views and the vision for the school. An open invitation was issued to all families and three dinners took place in the spring of this year, providing more valuable feedback.

Thank you to those who completed the questionnaires and attended the dinners. Your support is much appreciated.



Charity News

The Charities Committee raised a staggering £11,800 for Yorkhill Children's Foundation throughout the last academic year.

The first charity event was Pirate Day in which pupils and staff dressed as pirates and took part in a treasure hunt. The second charities day was just as successful with a Teachers Mastermind Quiz at lunch-time. After a neck to neck race between the various subject teams, Mrs Kay (from the Tech Team of Mrs Caplan, Mrs Kay and Mrs Magill), was declared the Craigholme Mastermind. The final charity day for the session had a Movie/Pop stars theme, which also proved very popular.

Another event, which raised a large sum of money was the Womens 10K. The Craigholme team consisted of 48 runners who were parents, pupils or staff of the school.

Sisters Morven (S1) and Eve Brown (J5) raised a commendable £1,378 through a family concert. Lena Boraei (J2) made, produced and sold a magazine to family and friends and raised a further £123. The Charities Committee presented their cheque to a representative from Yorkhill Children's Foundation at assembly in June.

News in Brief

Mock Election - Pupils from the Politics and Citizenship Society (PACS) organised a Scottish Parliament mock election within the school. The election was won by Sunah Ahmed (S6) of the Green Party, in second place was Jessica Cohen (S6) of the Conservative Party and in third place was Sophie Naddell (S3) of the Liberal Democrats.

Squash Nationals - Morgan McGuire (S5) won the Scottish U17 Squash Nationals and came sixth in the Welsh Junior Open in March. Morgan said, "I'm really excited to have won the Nationals and I'm working hard at my training just now."

Southside Festival - A Family Fun Day was held at Craigholme's Sports Complex as part of the Southside Festival in May. The day was a big success and children of all ages enjoyed taking part in badminton, dance, the climbing wall, archery and face painting.

The Fashion Show



Over 100 pupils from Nursery to S6 hit the catwalk to model the latest looks from a selection of high street stores and local boutiques to an audience of over 400 people.

Ruth Bissland (S4) in Pekino courtesy of David Charles Photography www.davidcharles.org

The show, in association with Catwalk Productions, was hosted by TV Presenter and model, Angus Purden and S6 pupils, Gemma Cowan and Lucy Symon.

Clothing was supplied by various retailers including: Debenhams, Warehouse, D2, Quiz, Coast, Rage, Jeune Gens, Slaters, Pekino, Shanazia, Lady Drawers and Eyecandy.

Bethan Mann (S5) said, "The fashion show was amazing! It was a great feeling walking down the catwalk in front of a large audience, wearing a fabulous dress."

The event, which was held in Craigholme's Sports Complex on Hagg's Road, raised over £2,000 for The Craigholme Foundation. The Foundation raises funds to support the school's long-term development programme and the school's bursary scheme, where funds from The Fashion Show will be allocated.

A big thank you to our team of parent and staff helpers, who helped make the show run smoothly.

Music Café

The Music Café took place in June where an audience of parents enjoyed listening to short pieces of music performed by every pupil who receives instrumental tuition.

The following day, the Music and Drama Departments presented a Summer Concert. The concert showcased a number of instrumentalists including: The Senior Chamber Orchestra, The Junior Orchestra, The Flute Ensemble, The Junior and Senior Violin Ensembles, The Chamber Ensemble, The Chanter Group, selected soloists and the J4-J5 recorder classes. The Drama Department presented a series of drama sketches from the Senior Drama Club.

In line with the Curriculum for Excellence, both the Music Café and the Summer Concert were both performance opportunities, helping pupils build their confidence and self esteem.

News in Brief

BBC School Report - Pupils in S1 took part in the national BBC News School Report which culminated with a News Day on 11 March. The pupils reported on six different stories; one international, one national, one local and three features. Each story was added on to Craigholme's website and linked to the BBC's School Report website.

School Museum - As part of J6's class topic on the Victorians, they visited Scotland Street School Museum. During the trip, the girls dressed in clothes similar to those worn by Victorian pupils and took part in classroom activities such as mental arithmetic. Instead of using a pencil and paper, the girls used a slate and chalk. They also had a strict teacher, complete with a dunce hat and a cane.

London Trip - S3 pupils enjoyed a Social Sciences trip to London where they; toured the Houses of Parliament and listened to Prime Minister's Question Time; visited the Cabinet War Rooms; posed outside 10 Downing Street; and viewed the capital from the London Eye.

Renewable Energy - J7 pupils visited Whitelee Windfarm, Eaglesham as part of their classroom study of renewable energy. The pupils saw the 140 windturbines in action which can produce enough electricity to power 180,000 homes.

Art Corner



Laundry
Abigail Harris (S3)



Childhood Memories
Katy Campbell (S4)



Kitchen Table
Louisa Schmolke (S4)

Euroscola Project



Sarah Peyto congratulated by the Queens Park Rotary Club

Sarah Peyto (S6), was selected to take part in the Euroscola Project along with other pupils from across Europe. The project consisted of a week of activities, most of which were conducted in French.

The first task, undertaken in pairs, was a street survey in French about Scotland's role in Europe. This exercise was an excellent means for pupils to practise their pronunciation and conversational French skills.

In the Parliament itself the pupils listened through headphones as officials explained their roles followed by a question and answer session. Pupils were then split into debating groups to discuss what their country could do to make the EU stronger on an international front. The debate ended with pupils voting from the MEP's desks – as to whether they would pass the proposals as a law or not.

Sarah went through a rigorous application process to gain a place on the programme, by writing an essay followed by an interview with Queens Park Rotary Club. One candidate was then chosen from each Rotary Club across Britain.

"The Euroscola experience was amazing and unlike anything I have ever done before. It was great to meet people from different countries. My French has improved a lot and I feel more confident about meeting new people."

Euroscola is a multi-lingual project led by officials of the Parliament. It is a prestigious event with young people being given an insight into what it's like to be an MEP as they sit in the main debating chamber and use electronic voting.

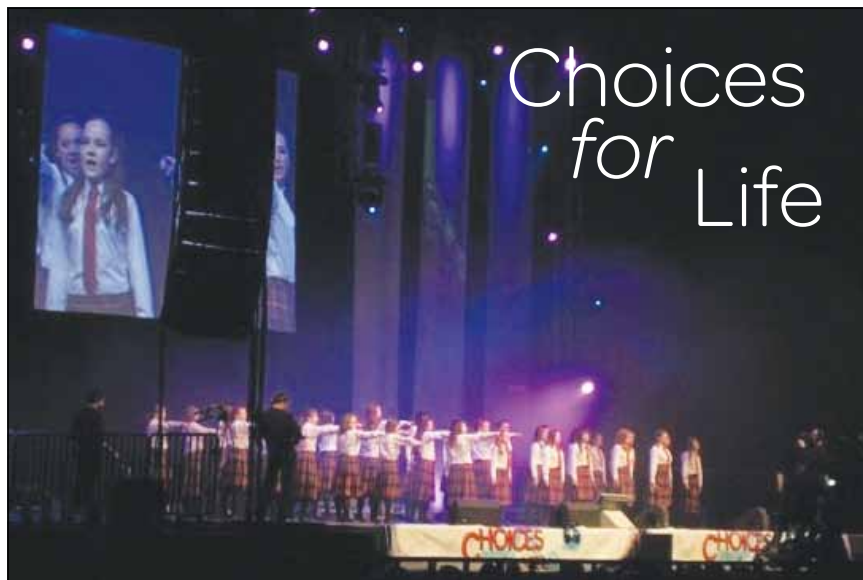
S2 travelled to the Isle of Raasay where they spent five days at Raasay Outdoor Centre.

Both the pupils and accompanying staff enjoyed various activities including mountain biking, kayaking, abseiling, climbing and a full day walk to Dun Caan, the highest point on the island. The girls also participated in team building games, beach art and learnt some history of the island and its people.

Lucy Ritchie said, "I really enjoyed our trip to Raasay and all the different activities that we tried. It was a good experience to be away from home with my friends too."

Raasay Trip





Craigholme's Senior Choir opened the Choices for Life Show, organised by the Scottish Crime and Drug Enforcement Agency, at the SECC in May.

The choir performed the Choices for Life Anthem to an audience of hundreds of school children from across Scotland. J7 pupils also attended the event to learn about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and smoking.

Head of Music, Mark Donnelly said, "We were particularly delighted to participate in this event not only because it gave our girls the chance to perform in front of a large audience in the SECC, but also because they helped deliver an important message about taking the right path in life and trying to make the right choices."

New Sports Classes

Three new sports classes have started in the Sports Complex, open to parents, pupils, staff and the local community.

Recreational badminton sessions run from 7-9pm on Tuesdays at the Sports Complex. Each session includes a warm up, skill and technique development and game play. The sessions have been a big success with the Craigholme community with an average of 16 participants each week. The badminton sessions re-start again, after the summer holidays, on 31 August.

An afterschool netball club for S4-S6 pupils has been established. Run by Miss Mathieson, classes take place at 3.30-5pm on Mondays in the Sports Complex. The club promotes fun, health and fitness with the possibility of competitive play and teams in the future.

The latest dance craze, Zumba, has arrived at Craigholme. Zumba is an infusion of various Latin dances including the samba, salsa and merengue. It originated in South America in the 90s and is now taking the UK by storm. Classes take place twice a week in Craigholme's Sports Complex on a Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm-7pm. Adults over 16 are warmly invited to attend. The admission fee is £4.

For more information on badminton, netball or Zumba please contact Amanda Currie (Community Sports Coach) on **0141 427 7633** or email acurrie@craigholme.co.uk

Diary Dates

- 3-5 September S6 Aberfeldy trip
- 24-28 September S3-S6 Drama trip to London/Stratford Upon Avon
- 24-27 September Holiday weekend
- 7 October J5/J6 Disco
- 8-15 October October break
- 21 October J7/S1 Disco
- 29 October Open Morning - Nursery-J3
- 10 November Open Evening - J4-S6
- 1 December S4 Parents' Evening
- 4 December CSPA Christmas Fair
- 10 December Nursery Nativity
- 15 December S5/S6 Parents' Evening
- 22 December Carol Service

Please visit the school calendar online for more dates and times.

Fond Farewells



Ellen-Frances Brady
Psychology Teacher



Eleanor Docherty
English & Drama Teacher



Mary Kay
Director of ICT

Italian Ski Trip



48 pupils from S1-S3 enjoyed a mid-term ski break to Civetta, Italy.

The pupils were a mixture of beginners and experienced skiers who enjoyed 5 days of skiing in sunshine on powdery snow. During the evening the pupils enjoyed various activities including ice skating, night skiing, a quiz night and a disco.

Morven Brown (S1), a novice skier, said, "I had never skied on real snow before so found it difficult to start with. I started on the blue run and by the end of the week I had progressed to the red run. Overall it was a great experience and I would love to go skiing again."

Megan Moore (S3), an experienced skier, said, "It was great fun to go skiing with my school friends. The conditions were amazing and I learnt how to tidy up my turns."

Civetta is situated in the heart of the Veneto Dolomites. The Craigholme party stayed at the Hotel Cristelin, an attractive chalet-style hotel.

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Newlands Adventure - In May, J7 pupils spent four days at Newlands Outdoor Activity Centre in the Lake District where they undertook activities including rock climbing, kayaking, ghyll scrambling and an assault course. The trip aimed to challenge pupils and improve teamwork skills.

Highland Show - Katy Campbell (S4) qualified for the Royal Highland Show. She won the Liz Fox JC class at the Newmilns Show after a tense jump-off. In April, she won a class at the Ingliston Grand Slam with Jade Davidson (S4) a very close second. Katy also won the Squibb Demolition Pony Foxhunter class also held at Ingliston and has qualified for the 2nd round, which will take place in the summer.

RBS Enterprise - S1 pupils took part in a money management project run by The Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS). The pupils worked in groups to create their own catering companies. They designed menus, created a name and logo and devised costings.

Boogie Nights - The CSPA's dance, Boogie Nights, was a great success. Guests dressed up in 70s style clothes and danced the night away to well known hits of the decade.

Green Day - Craigholme Senior School has now gained the ECO schools bronze award. In March the senior Eco group organised its first Green Day to raise awareness of the importance of recycling and protecting the environment. There was an environmental slant to lessons, a survey and a lunchtime quiz. Pupils wore a touch of green to show their commitment.

Entrepreneur Visit



Glasgow based entrepreneur, Sanjay Majhu, visited Craigholme to speak to senior pupils about running his 13 pharmacies and 14 restaurants.

Sanjay explained how after studying for a pharmacy degree, he set up his first pharmacy and then his first restaurant. Having worked in restaurants while studying for his university degree, he enjoyed the buzz of the restaurant floor and decided to try his hand at establishing his own. Sanjay's business has grown substantially, selling 10,000 curries a week through his Ashoka restaurants and supplying 660,000 prescriptions annually from his Apple pharmacies.

Sanjay said, "My advice is to be good at what you do, put in the effort and work well with the people around you."

S5 pupil Heather Howie said, "I am interested in working in the catering industry one day, so it was great to meet Sanjay and hear his advice and how he runs his businesses."

On Set at the BBC

Megan Drury and Lucy Symon (S6) spent an afternoon at the BBC's Dumbarton studios with acclaimed make-up artist and former pupil Linda Morton.

Linda is currently working on a new TV drama *The Deep*, starring Minnie Driver and James Nesbitt. The girls, who are both studying Advanced Higher Drama, were invited on to the set to learn more about the 'cosmetic gore' used in the film and TV industry.



Lucy Symon, James Nesbitt and Megan Drury

The girls learnt about the research that is involved in recreating wounds, as well as the techniques in reconstructing them on an actor. Afterwards, Lucy had a burn wound created on her arm while Megan had a gunshot wound on her forehead.

Lucy said, "It was a great opportunity to learn what is involved in a career in make-up artistry. It was amazing to meet Linda and be in a real make-up trailer on the set of a TV Drama!"

To add to their exciting day, the girls were lucky enough to have a fleeting encounter with James Nesbitt who was happy to pose for a photo.

Linda has become a leading advocate of her art, having worked on a variety of films including *The Fifth Element*, *Snatch*, *Lock Stock and Two Smoking Barrels* and *Finding Neverland*. Her television credits include *Taggart*, *Waking the Dead*, *The Bill* and *Judge John Deed*.

Musician of the Year

Caroline Carslaw (S6) won Craigholme's Musician of the Year competition playing the clarinet. Karima Hassan (S2) won the Elementary section on Piano and Chloe MacGregor (S3) won the Intermediate category on voice.

The entrants performed to an audience of parents, family and friends in the school assembly hall. Adjudicators were Geoffrey Tanti, one of the countries leading pianists and accompanists, and Professor Elizabeth Izatt, a retired lecturer from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama. Both judges agreed that the standard for this inaugural competition was very high and were impressed by the variety of music performed by all nine finalists.



Caroline said, "It was a great feeling to win Musician of the Year and very unexpected! I have been playing the clarinet for nine years and am now at grade 8, so I always enjoy performing to an audience. The judges were very complimentary with their feedback."

The finalists were Karima Hassan (S2), Clare Bauld (S4), Beth McMillan (J7), Caroline Carslaw (S6), Alice Guse (S1), Chloe MacGregor (S3), Bethany Morton (S3), Evie Stickland (S3) and Stephanie Ritchie (S5).

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Science Centre - Pupils in J3 visited the Glasgow Science Centre as part of their classroom study of space. The highlight of their trip was the planetarium showing the night sky with numerous star constellations.

Monster Music - Nursery pupils enjoyed a performance of *Monster Music* by the Royal Scottish National Orchestra (RSNO). The orchestra performed a variety of well known songs including *The Sugar Plum Fairy* and *The Wheels on the Bus*.

Literary Visitors - Cathy Cassidy, who has written numerous novels aimed at pre-teen girls, visited Craigholme to talk to J4-J7 pupils about her writing. S2 pupils also enjoyed meeting the author, Alison Allen Gray, and hearing her advice on how to write a novel.

Art Competition - In the Annual Art Competition for Young People, Frances Lombardi (S3) was awarded a silver medal, while Sophie Naddell (S3) gained a bronze medal. Both Emma Claxton and Emma Sheeran (S4) gained commended certificates.



The Jungle Book



Pupils in the Lower Junior School performed The Jungle Book to a packed assembly hall of parents and family in March.

The main characters were played by J3 pupils Annie Aitchison, Anna Rea, Sara Pollock, Emily Cowie, Aneliese Lapping, Sophie Ahern, Emma Lim, Shiza Bashir and Katie Dickson.

The J1 pupils acted as monkeys and the J2 pupils were elephants and vultures.

Anna Rea said, "I really enjoyed playing Mowgli in The Jungle Book. I liked that everyone in J1-J3 was involved in the play. It was quite difficult at first to remember all my lines and get the actions to the songs right. I can't believe it's all over now."

Mary's Meals



Pupils have raised over £1,400 for the charity Mary's Meals through various fundraising initiatives.

A group of S3 pupils met with ex-BBC Newsreader, Abeer McIntyre, to discuss their ideas for raising funds. Abeer, who is the Lead Fundraiser for Mary's Meals, was impressed with the girls' enthusiasm for this worthy cause. The girls raised funds by collecting small, regular amounts of money such as filling their own collection boxes at home and in school with loose change, requesting donations at the Summer Music Concert and on Tournament Day.

The charity, which provides school meals to over 390,000 children in developing countries worldwide, has no advertising budget and instead relies solely on word of mouth advertising. Costing just £6.15 to feed one child for a year, Craigholme has raised enough funds to feed 227 children for a year.

Chloe MacGregor said, "It's very rewarding raising funds for Mary's Meals as a group. It feels like we are really making a difference."

S1-S3 pupils have entered the Mary's Meals essay competition. A selection of entries will be published in an anthology to raise funds for the charity. Pupils can choose to write a story, poem, play or debate.

To donate to Mary's Meals please visit www.marysmeals.org



Winter Olympics

Nicole Ritchie (S3) was selected as one of two UK MacDonald's Champion Kids to attend the Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

As Scotland's top youth skier and the world's number five, Nicole received coaching in Quebec in 2008 and was delighted to return to Canada as a spectator at the Winter Olympics.

While in Vancouver, Nicole visited the athlete's village and met some of the world's top winter athletes, along with fellow MacDonald's Champion Kids winner Tom Walsh. As part of the programme, Nicole and Tom kept a diary of their experience.

Before flying to Vancouver, Nicole attended the British team's Kitting Out Ceremony at Somerset House in London where she met some of the athletes representing the UK.

The MacDonald's Champion Kids campaign aims to provide children from across the world the opportunity to experience the Olympics.

News in Brief

J1's Art Gallery - As part of their preparation for creating their own art gallery, J1 pupils visited the Gallery of Modern Art in Glasgow (GOMA). They studied the techniques and work of artists such as Eric Carle and styles of painting such as pointillism.

Zoo Trip - S1 and S3 pupils visited Edinburgh Zoo on a Biology field trip. The trip linked to S1's study of Animal Conservation and to S3's study of Teeth and Diet. The trip was followed up by further research and then S1 presented their findings to fellow pupils.

Leavers Week - S6 pupils enjoyed a week of activities before they finished their final year. Activities included a sleepover in the Sports Complex, a visit to the Titan Crane, a Zumba class and a Leavers Dinner. The week culminated with a Strawberry Tea in the gardens.

Tennis

The Senior Tennis Championships took place on 5 June. In the semi-finals were Jennifer Duffy (S6), Bethan Mann (S5), Emma Bayne (S5) and Linsey Stevenson (S4). Bethan played against Linsey and won 6-3 and Jennifer won against Emma 6-2. It was an interesting final with Jennifer and Bethan playing lots of good tennis. Bethan came out the winner at 6-3. Bethan said, "Jenny was a great competitor and I am delighted I managed to win the tournament."



Belfast Hockey Tour

The 1st XI hockey team enjoyed a hockey tour of Belfast where they played against four state school teams.

In their first match, versus Ballymena Academy 1st X1, they lost 1-5. The Craigholme scorer was Bethan Mann who scored as a result of a slip pass left from Jennifer Duffy at a penalty corner. Craigholme scored first, and the half time score was 1-1.

Craigholme's luck changed in their second match versus Ballymena Academy 2nd X1, when they won 5-2, with Heather Howie, Jennifer Duffy and Maarya Parvaiz scoring the goals.

In the third match versus Cookstown High School 1st X1, Craigholme lost 0-2. The team played well and appeared to dominate the early play, but they were unable to convert any of their chances.

The Craigholme team finished their tour on a positive note though, winning 2-1 against Ballymena Club Under 18 team. The scorers were Emma Bayne and Jessica Stewart.

While on tour, the team sported their new playing kit, sponsored by a parent, which consisted of a numbered playing shirt, red skort and red socks. The girls also designed their own matching hoodies.



Cross-Country

The J6 team won bronze medals at the Scottish Primary Cross-Country Championships which were held in Kirkcaldy in April.

The team consisted of Rebecca Conroy who came 9th, Kayleigh Justice who came 17th, Emma Dickie who came 22nd, Emily Harrow who was in 26th place and Chloe Sockalingum who was in 50th place.

Mrs Robertson, Head of PE, said, "All five girls were really committed to training over the Easter holidays and this commitment has paid off."

The girls were presented with their certificates at assembly and received their medals at prizegiving in June.

Athletics Medals

Five athletes competed in the Scottish Schools' Individual Track and Field Championships: Pamela Dunbar (High Jump), Selena Jackson (1500m and High Jump), Rachel Scott (Discus and Shot Putt), Hannah Livingstone (Shot Putt) and Eilidh-Skye Wilson (Discus). Eilidh won a gold medal and Rachel and Hannah were awarded with a silver medal.

At the Glasgow Schools' Primary Heats Rebecca Conroy won a bronze medal in the 600m, Emily Harrow won gold in the 80m and Arooj Sher won bronze in the long throw. The J6 relay team of Rebecca Conroy, Kayleigh Justice, Hannah Gilchrist, Emily Harrow, Emma Dickie and Stephanie Wood won gold. Emma Ritchie won gold in the 80m and Jocelyn O'Keefe won gold in the standing long jump, the J7 relay team of Nicole Ewing, Brooke Ashley, Millie Steiger, Jocelyn O'Keefe and Emma Ritchie also won gold. Craigholme were the overall winners with 42 points.

On the finals night, Rebecca Conroy won a Glasgow Schools' silver medal in the 600m and the J6 relay team again won gold.



Alison Jones (née Orr) Class of 1963

Craigholme has been part of our family life since the 1940s. My older sister Rhona Thomson (née Orr) started our association. My father, Thomas Orr, was a Governor of the School for many years. The most recent family member to attend Craigholme was my niece Wendy Wallace (née Orr).

I started at Craigholme in 1950 when the primary school was still located in Albert Drive and completed my secondary education at St. Andrew's Drive, four doors from home. For the academic year 1962/63 I was Head Girl, chosen from a class of six. With Science and Maths as my major leaving subjects I enrolled at the Glasgow School of Occupational Therapy, which was located in Springkell Avenue. Anatomy lectures were held at Glasgow University with Bill & Ben the mortician men. 1,500 practical clinical hours were completed in hospitals and community organisations across Central Scotland.

Following graduation in 1966 my career has included working in acute psychiatric hospitals and services for people with an intellectual disability; but the majority of my 40+ clinical years has been working with children with a physical disability and their families.

For the last 16+ years I have worked in the tertiary spina bifida and associated conditions service at The Children's Hospital at Westmead which is close to Parramatta, where the first crops in Australia were successfully planted in 1789 to feed the fledgling settlement of Sydney.

Since 1992 I have been Head of the Department of Occupational Therapy and since 2001 I have been Chair of the Division of Allied Health at the same hospital.

Geography with Miss Lindsey stimulated my interest in Australia. In June 1970, I married Mike in Sydney, to become Mrs Jones. We have two wonderful children and are proud grandparents, soon to welcome another baby Jones on a date yet to be advised!

I will retire in July of this year and plan to travel Western Australia on a camping holiday to see the wild flowers; an interest I acquired studying botany with Miss Ruff at Craigholme. I still have my collection of 50 pressed wild flowers of Scotland.

Thanks go to Craigholme for giving me a broad Scottish education as well as enduring friendships. I am fortunate that I am still in contact with school friends, two of whom I met on my first day of school.

Helen McCall (née Cuthbertson) Class of 1987



Anyone who went to Craigholme with Helen McCall (nee Cuthbertson) will know that she is notoriously hard to please!

For years, Helen's friends were sick of hearing her banging on about how fresh flowers never last long and how artificial flowers always look so cheap and plastic.

So, one day two years ago she found herself at a loose end, and decided to set up The Potting Shed – which now supplies hotels, restaurants, offices and family homes with tasteful, bespoke arrangements catering for various tastes and budgets.

Helen recently married Kevin Woods, which provided the ideal opportunity to show off her own flowers, as seen in the above picture!

As well as running The Potting Shed, Helen is mum to Hilary (S1) and Alice (J6).

For more information and details on the Potting Shed, check out www.thepottingshed.org



A selection of Helen's flower arrangements



Jacqui Lockhart Class of 1984

After leaving Craigholme School, I studied Business Studies and Languages at Napier College in Edinburgh. Thereafter, I worked in an advertising agency in Edinburgh and then in the marketing department of a large whisky distributor.

Having spent many family holidays in the South of France, I had always dreamed of living there permanently. I made the move to Nice in 1989 and have been in the area ever since. Although it was difficult to find work at first, I was eventually employed by one of the major worldwide yachting companies. I very much enjoyed working there and moved up through various departments. Before leaving in 2002, I was managing a department of over 60 luxury charter yachts with a team of five.



With the collaboration of a client who owned a fleet of yachts, I set up my company Select Charter Services which specialises in the charter management of a select group of yachts. Although I never aspired to having my own company, I now know it was the best decision I ever made. I find the decision making and co-ordination of a personal service very satisfying. My partner, who previously worked on yachts, has now joined me and we are able to offer a more complete service to yacht owners.

I hope my story will encourage other pupils to work hard and keep an open mind about what the future may hold for them.

Facebook

From August 2010 Friends of Craigholme will have its very own Facebook page. All former pupils and staff are invited to join our page. It will be packed with plenty of photographs as well as the latest news in the former pupil community. Please link up with us and see what your former classmates and teachers are up to! Our Facebook page will be available to access through the school website www.craigholme.co.uk



Can you help?

Fiona Walker (nee Dykes), Class of 1979, is looking to re-connect with some of her former classmates. She writes "I went to St Andrews University (French/Latin MA Hons 1979-1983), then went to Geneva for a year to teach, then Oxford University for a PGCE in 1984-85. I taught at a Secondary School in Oxford, before getting married and moving to Toronto, Canada, in 1986. My career moved from education to human resources in Toronto and I worked for a CA firm for 6 years, before becoming involved as a private school board volunteer. I am the mother of three Canadian teenagers, 14, 16 and 17. I'd love to hear from some former classmates. My e-mail address is frwalker@cogeco.ca and I am on Facebook as Fiona Walker."



Class of 1966 Reunion

At the Sherbrooke Hotel in October last year, Marilyn (nee Struthers) organised a reunion for the Class of 1966.

Penny Turnbull (nee Bannerman) told us about the reunion, "Some 24 of us turned up for a lunch of much laughter, mutterings of 'who on earth is she?', reminiscences and exchanges of news.

Our head girl, Helen Gilchrist, opened the proceedings with a little speech about what we may or may not have learnt /retained from our school-days; I naughtily interrupted that we did at least get taught decent grammar (thanks to Miss McCutcheon).

Memories flooded back about the day we prolonged a break in the middle of double Latin by inserting a rubber, at the beginning of break, into the bell in House 70 so that it couldn't ring at the end; and of a ruler being inserted into one's mouth between the teeth, to display how much we were expected to open our mouths to sing in choir (surely considered assault nowadays)!"



Penni Watson

Class of 1990

I left Craigholme in June 1990 and studied Hospitality Management at Napier University graduating in 1993.

My first job was at the Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh where I quickly worked my way up to Bar Manager until I left in 1996. I then moved to London and held various Manager positions before I was appointed Bar Manager at The Rubens Hotel opposite Buckingham Palace, which I loved.

I then had a complete career change in 2001 and pursued my interest in Aviation working at London City Airport in Aviation Security. Activities ranged from searching passengers to being able to strip, identify the parts and put together a hand gun. I even pursued my interest in flying by taking lessons towards my Private Pilot License (PPL).

I moved back to Edinburgh in 2004 where I worked for the former airline Flyglobespan in their OPS Department dealing with the every day behind the operational scenes of an airline which, believe me, is interesting and fast changing.

I then got the opportunity to Dispatch, which is what I have always wanted to do, and started with Menzies Aviation in 2005. As a dispatcher you have to be focused and at times quick to react to a situation, be able to co-ordinate the turnaround with safety being paramount, plan the loading of the aircraft for weight and balance purposes and orchestrate a smooth aircraft turnaround. I also offload people that are late to the gate – so make sure you are at the gate on time because if you are late we won't wait!

I wish I had fallen into this career sooner as the opportunities in Aviation are endless. It's a fast moving, very rewarding industry. Despite terror threats and volcanic ash disruptions, I don't think people will stop flying.

Emails

The School's Development Office is keen to become more eco-friendly and in doing so we would like to communicate with more former pupils via e-mail. The aim is to gradually move away from paper based communications and instead correspond with former pupils via e-mail and e-newsletters. To enable us to move towards this we would be grateful if you could notify us of your e-mail address by contacting Laura Leslie at development@craigholme.co.uk or by calling 0141 423 3504.

Natasha Shoaib

Class of 1986



Natasha Shoaib (Class of 1986) visited Craigholme as part of her holiday in Scotland.

Natasha is currently living in the United States with her husband and three daughters, and is in the process of relocating to Malaysia. Natasha enjoyed a tour of Craigholme and reminisced about days gone by with former classmate and Craigholme English Teacher, Claire Schwarting.

News in Brief

Heather Lowe - (Class of 1996) gave birth to a healthy baby boy on 6th February 2010, Torran James Lowe weighing 6lbs 14oz.

Hannah Philbrow - (Class of 2006) married Howard Freemantle Moshtael in Wemyss Bay on 25 July 2009.

Former Pupil Hockey Match

Former Pupils of Craigholme who were keen hockey players were invited back to play against the 1 XI.

It was a closely contested match in which the teams drew 1-1. Ironically both goals were scored by sisters Laura (Class of 2009) and Bethan Mann (S5).

The Former Pupil team, who sported their old brown PE uniform, consisted of: Louise Duffy, Nicky Wilson, Alison Howie, Rebecca Clark, Laura Mann, Laura Jarvie, Hilary Drennan, Hazel Craig, Gillian Pettigrew, Julie Scandrett, Zoe Pearson, Uzma Akram, Stephanie Mirner and Debbie Inglis.

