



# NEWBATTLE NEWS

June 2006

**I** am delighted to see the re-launch of Newbattle News and I am sure you will enjoy the new format. Making sure that everyone in our community and beyond find out about our work and the many successes our pupils and staff achieve is really important.



*This session has seen Newbattle become a “School of Ambition”, one of only twenty Scottish Schools to win this status. In addition to the normal work of the school we have been busy preparing how our school will develop in the next few years. Central to this will be building on existing strengths in the wider arts to become a centre of excellence, delivering successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors.*

*We intend to have a major launch in August where there will be an opportunity for all to find out in detail our plans.*

*Please let us know if you liked this edition of Newbattle News and how it might be further improved in the future.*

*Colin B Taylor, Headteacher.*

## ENTERPRISE SUCCESS FOR NEWBATTLE

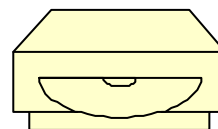


A team from Newbattle is celebrating after winning the Lothian section of the prestigious Royal Bank of Scotland Young Enterprise Awards.

Gary Ward, Skye O’Donnell, Grace Watson, Ian McAndrew and Gordon Robb produced a CD of more than 70 Scottish recipes which won the acclaim of the judges to beat off competition from 19 other schools.

The Final, held at Napier University, saw the team were grilled by representatives of RBS, the sponsors, about their business plan. They also had to produce a full report and make a presentation in front of an audience of 200 guests.

Sam Edgar,  
Young  
Enterprise  
Business



Manager added, “The team from Newbattle greatly impressed everyone with their thorough market research which included contacting celebrity chef Gordon Ramsay. Their team dynamic was superb and the way they worked together throughout the presentation probably was the clinching factor.”

The Scottish Finals take place in the BBC studios in Glasgow next month and the winners progress to European Finals later in the year.

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## Primary 7 Transition Sports School

A 6-week school of sport for Primary 7 students took place at the end of last term at Newbattle High school with around 100 school pupils from all the areas Primary schools having a weekly free 2-hour session of activity over a period of six Wednesdays.

The sports initiative is using sport to try to make the transition from Primary 7 to High school easier for the pupils, as well as being a fun and exciting way to meet new friends from the other primary schools before the move in August

The pupils had a choice of swimming, basketball, hockey, athletics, short tennis, football, badminton and Dance with all groups coached by Newbattle High school PE staff and Karen Rooney a Dance Teacher and John Frame, the school Football coach. Each pupil could choose two activities during the sessions and in the final week all were brought together in the Games Hall for a multi sports event, based round the various activities which had been offer over the initiative. Each team took the identity of a Commonwealth Games Nation and the sides were mixed amongst the feeder primaries.

The weather smiled on the initiative causing no interruptions and the staff involved were impressed at both the enthusiasm and the skills shown by the participants.

Funding for the 6 week programme came from the Big Lottery Fund and the events were coordinated by Bob Foley, Head of PE at Newbattle, Marion McGill, Active schools coordinator and Ross Hamilton Project Officer Newbattle Integration team and all agree that the Sport school has been a tremendous success,

helping to support young people into activity and transition. At the end of each session students were given free fruit and juice which was again provided by the Big Lottery Fund. Equally important in this social time was the chance to talk and get to know pupils from all the other Primaries as well as some of the staff from the High school.

Mr Taylor Head Teacher at Newbattle welcomed all the students to the Sports school, and urged them to continue and develop their sport and fitness when they come to the High school in August.



*Pictured above are some of the participants and staff enjoying their refreshments in the school Ozone area after the completion of their sports activity.*

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## Newbattle – Our School of Ambition

Firstly, by way of an introduction I would like to say hello to you as Depute Headteacher of our school with a part to play in the prestigious Schools of Ambition initiative. This is a Scottish Executive funded programme for which only 21 schools in Scotland have been selected.



The main reason Newbattle was selected for the programme was that ministers and inspectors recognised how well the school is already doing to promote leadership and success across the school. We aim, over the next three years, to build on that and make our school community even stronger.

The work on this initiative accelerated in January when over thirty teachers from the school gave up their weekend to take part in a leadership development programme. From this we have identified four main strands: sharing of good teaching practice across the school; a 'Peak Performance' section of the timetable for whole year groups to enhance their participation and expertise across the arts, sports and practical subjects; enhancing parental participation in the school; and perhaps most importantly, celebrating the success of our pupils. I hope to be able to share our progress in these areas with you on a regular basis.

To close, I would like to thank all the staff, pupils and parents who have welcomed me to the school since January. It's a great place to be.

**John Wilson**

### SENIOR PREFECTS APPOINTED

Following a number of highly impressive applications and interviews from our senior students, the school was pleased to appoint the following students to these important and prestigious roles.

**Head Girl: Lois Nelson**

**Head Boy: Sean Gould**

**Deputy Head Girls: Laura Dagleish and Janelle Reid**

**Deputy Head Boys: Blair Wilson and Nathan Rutherford**

**House Captains: Sharon Campbell, Lindsay Carruthers and Kelly McGarry**

These senior prefects will now lead the S5 and S6 students in representing the school and ensuring the smooth management of public areas during the school day. They will, of course, be role models for younger pupils and will inevitably have influence on the future of Newbattle Community High School.

Midlothian Council  
Education Division  
Day School Session Dates 2006/2007

<b>TERM 1</b>	Staff Resume	Friday	18	August	2006
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	22	August	2006
	Autumn Holiday	Friday	15	September	2006
		Monday	18	September	2006
	All Return	Tuesday	19	September	2006
<b>Mid Term</b>	All Break	Friday	13	October	2006
	Staff Resume	Monday	23	October	2006
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	24	October	2006
	Term Ends	Friday	22	December	2006
<b>TERM 2</b>	All Resume	Monday	8	January	2007
	All Break	Friday	9	February	2007
	Staff Resume	Wednesday	14	February	2007
	Pupils Resume	Thursday	15	February	2007
	Term Ends	Friday	30	March	2007
<b>TERM 3</b>	All Resume	Tuesday	17	April	2007
	May Holiday	Monday	7	May	2007
	Victoria Day (Staff In-Service)	Monday	21	May	2007
	Term Ends	Friday	29	June	2007
	Staff Resume (Provisional)	Monday	20	August	2007

## UNIVERSITY WEEK



**A**t the end of March thirty high-flying pupils from Newbattle joined with a similar number from Beath High School in Fife to take part in a week of academic and fun activities at the University of Edinburgh. This is an initiative which has been running for a number of years now and we hope that taking part will encourage more of the youngsters to consider the option of a University education when they come to leave school.



The week is designed to provide a taste of University life. The pupils stayed in the University Halls of Residence at the Pollock Halls and enjoyed lectures in familiar subjects such as Chemistry and Maths as well as in more specialised fields such as Scottish Ethnology.

In addition to this valuable academic adventure the youngsters also experienced a wide variety of more relaxing pursuits including Edinburgh's famous Witchery Tour, an evening of bowling, dance classes and an amazing opportunity to talk with one of Scotland's best known authors, Ian Rankin – author of the Rebus novels - during a fascinating tour of the Scottish Parliament.



All those involved thoroughly impressed the teaching staff involved with their effort and enthusiasm and drew lavish praise from the University itself. Many new friends were made and a fantastic time was had by all

### IMPORTANT DATES

**14<sup>th</sup> June Rock and Roll Night**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June - Prize Giving**

**29<sup>th</sup> June - Event Day**

**30<sup>th</sup> June - Term Ends**

**22nd August –New Term Starts**

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

*On Thursday June 22<sup>nd</sup> the School Awards ceremony takes place in the Main Hall . On that night amongst other awards pupils will receive highly prestigious Gold Awards . A large number of pupils are already well on the way to achieving this milestone having already received Bronze and Silver Awards at ceremonies held in the school at Christmas and Easter*

*The list of Silver award winners is below.*

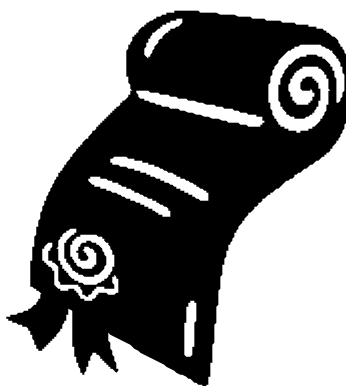
### S1:

Amy Ronaldson, Owen Gillespie, Danielle Goodall, Jake Gillespie, Adele Thompson, Steven Purves, Codey Deffley, Jack Birkmyre, Danielle Hamilton, Calum Mackie, Laura McLaren, Lorin Mackay, Adam Kennedy, Kelly Allan, Alison Telford, Steven Main, Bethany Shea James Jackson, Shannon Taylor, Amanda Cleghorn, Nathan Dehoedt, Jonathan Blain, Alexander Cocking, Zara Galbucci, Louise Falls, Connor McArthur, Nicole Liehne, Andrew Whellans, Jordan Duncan, Barry Gilchrist, Ross Turnbull, Andrew Stewart, Danielle Watson, Steven Hay, Christopher Barnes, Amanda Ray, Jennifer MacKinnon, Douglas Black, Shauni Stevenson, Sarah Landells, Alison Lean, Michael Klein-Woolthuis, Aimee Holmes, Adele McGowan, Louise Wilkinson, Steven Wright, Lewis Cullen, Gemma Love, Rebecca

McCue, Alan Crawford, Samantha Borland, Lorna Esson, Jamie Johnstone, Ashleigh Wilson, Holly Sives, Caitlin Carr, Andrew Gilchrist, Jamie Roy, Jade Odonnell, Cheryl Burzynski, Lee Morgan, Kellie Bryson, Robyn Donaldson, James Tannerhill, Christopher Martin

### S2:

Dean Calder, Hannah



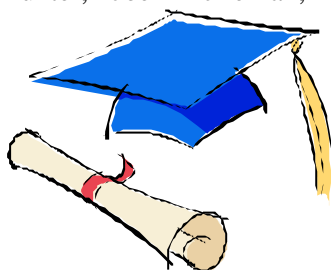
Symington, Gary Wilson, Darran Jack, Natasha Kilanowski, Stephanie Clason, Justine Grieve, Claire Halley, Rebekah Hay, Marna Livingstone, Samantha Glodek, Karen Watson, Sean Lennon, Laura McIntyre, Lauren Bain, Calumn Bertram, David Wilson, Billy Livingstone, Natalie Snedden, Eilidh Cairns, Jean Gillam, Sean Sinclair, John Dubickas, Rebecca Cunningham,

Laura Paul, Lucy Taylor, Nicole Chisholm, Sophie McKenzie Megan Quinn, Kirsteen Macdonald, Sarah Johnston, Matthew Mack, Michaela Amos, Robbie Collins, Daniel Freeland, Michelle McNaughton, Jade Chisholm, Bryan Young, Ashley Boswell, Dale Wyllie, James Vaughan, Stephen Campbell, Dayna Corcoran, Ross Waters, Ryan McQueenie, Kirsty Ketchen, Nadia Reid, Ashley-Anne McWhinnie, Stacey Dyer, Stephanie Brown, Craig Simpson, Laura Fraser, Ali Adams, Kayleigh Bell, Natasha McGeechan, Stephanie McCarthy, Lizanne Strachan, Kasi McNeish, Natalie Bryce, Aaron Rowley, Debbie McCaffery, Darren Greenhill

### S3:

Elizabeth Simpson, Lesley Pryde, Christina Goodall, Kirsty Whyte, Kevin Cameron, Mairi Sutherland, Robyn Scott, Scott Whitehead, Nicola Boswell, Danielle Hay, Leanne Gordon, Graeme Malko, Scott Mackie, Gillian Findlay, Gemma Robertson, Paula Birrell,

Grant Dalgleish, Yvonne Barton, Tammy Russell, Conor Quinn, Paige McLean, Tania Kennedy, Haley Gilchrist Ross Turnbull, Natasha Slight, Darren Pearson, Nicola Cornwall, Danni Barnett, Stella Hodgens, Liam McIntyre, Paul Melrose, Emma Henderson, Stephen Knight, Daniel Louden, David Bracks, Rachel Suttie, Siobhan Kidd, Nicola Shearer, Sean Hunter, Erin Hunter, Joe McTernan,



Liam McAlonie, Steven Quinn, Ross Macrae, Laura Rankine, Darren Stobbart, Fiona Corse, Lucy Wood, Alexander Lyon, Adele Knox, Michael Barton, Dean Steven, Emma Dickson, Deniece Harley, Stephanie Henderson, Lauren Stewart, Sarah Latta, Andrew Jones

**S4:**

Dale Syme, Paul Dyer, Campbell Clark, Michael Leitch, Rachel Quinn, Rachel Allan, Ashley Brown, Robyn Paul, Loretta Flanagan, Kirsten Macrae, Callie Loughrie, Danielle McQuade, Paul Hunter, Emma Forrester, Rachel Wright, Sarah Paul, Paul Wilson, Craig Surgeon Jenna Mabon, Katie Igoe, Chelsey Quinn, Colin McConnell,

Kirsty Monteith, Amy Young, Stephen Glodek, Stephanie Bachen, Christopher Hickie, Gemma Turnbull, Leona Sturrock, Sarah Finnie, Scarlett Wilkinson, Amy Gilchrist, Melissa Davidson, Alan McDowall, Mahri Kinnear, Devon Brown, Iain Ross, Rachael Webster, Andrew Bennett, Emma Drysdale, Chelsea Smith, Stephen Wylie, Donna Sinclair, Iain Gilzean, Ali Asghar, Cheryl Robertson, Kimberly Tulloch, Emma Prior, Sean Rodger, Liam Calder, Thomas Miller, Mellani MacLeod, Nicola Wilson, James Grubb, Kevin Gillies, Scott Weston, Kirsty Kilanowski, Chelsea Lean, Robyn Kilanowski, Stephen Oboyle, Craig Brown, Claire Drummond, Mia Winstone

**S5:**

Ross McConnell, Lindsey Carruthers, Kymberly McQueenie, Scott Runciman, Lois Nelson, Claire Philip, Wendy Gibson, Jamie Millar, Kelly Pryde, Kelsie Collins, William Kelly, Sean Gould, Janelle Reid, Megan Milliken, Andrew Hamilton, Kelly McGarry, Lynn Thomas, Karen Millar, Laura Gibson, Blair Wilson, Charmaine Borland, Fiona Sutherland, Louise Harley, Laura Archibald, Jon Bain, David Henderson, Lyndsay Morgan, Stacey Schooler,

Sarah Frew, Callum McLeod, Graeme Young, Robyn Obrien, Linda Amos, Neal Trainer, Louise Brown, Nathan Rutherford, Aimee Lothian, Nicola Hughes, Liam Hall, Kirsty Kerr, James Sutherland, Holly Thompson, Emma MacInnes, Daniel Shields, Michael Blain, Ashleigh Adams, Vicky Birrell, Emma Williams, Stephanie Kidd, Laura Dalgleish, Karla Dixon, Carolyn Slight, Fiona Esson, Dean Gannon, Kerry Walker, Craig Wilson

**S6:**

Max Langnau, Carrie Simpson, Robert Jack, Emma-Louise Newton, Kimberleigh Gray, Emma Grubb, Ross King, Paul Knight, Glen Hogarth, Grant Burt, Emma Lean, Christina Duff, Carrie McCraw, Steven Murray, Donna Haddow, Craig Hoy, Neill Dorans, Amie Wahlberg, Sean Bingham, Fru Gulya, Bilal Azhar, Abigail Aitken, Leigh Kilanowski, Tracey Mackay, William Burnett, Gary Ward, Erika Fowler, John Duffy, Kara Ballantyne, Joanne Halliday, Chelsea Dickson,

*In addition over 400 pupils have been awarded Bronze awards.*

*Congratulations to all*

# SCIENCE CHALLENGES

## CSI: Newbattle



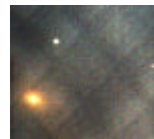
Recently the **Senior Scientists** had a visit from a Lothian & Borders Police Department forensic scientist. She told us about some of the crime scenes she's been involved in including murders, serious assaults and drug scenes.



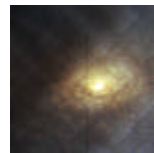
Her slides of chemical analysis of glass, paint and explosives were really interesting but when she went on to show us how to use *spots, smears, stains, and spatters* of blood to determine eg the number of blows, position of victim, and DNA testing, to support or contradict statements, some of us seriously wondered if forensic science is where we want to be!

## Faulkes Telescope Project

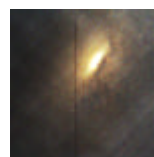
4th year Physics students were able to watch the sky at night in the middle of the day recently thanks to a remarkable gift from Dill Faulkes, a millionaire philanthropist who has gifted two 2 metre telescopes for educational use. They are the biggest educational telescopes in the world and are remotely controlled by a live internet link, allowing pupils in state schools to see through and operate a telescope on Hawaii. These are some of our pictures of distant galaxies.



M109 galaxy  
55 million light years from earth.



The sunflower galaxy  
37000 thousand light years from earth.



M106 galaxy  
25 million light years from earth.

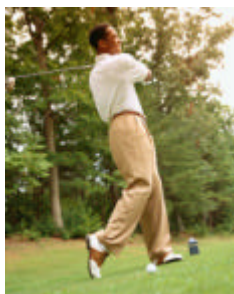


## OUT AND ABOUT - OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL

One date which is always eagerly anticipated by staff and students alike is the annual Event Day where all sorts of different activities are arranged. For 2006 this will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Newbattle pupils will have the choice of the following trips and activities and clearly there is something to cater for all tastes.

- M & D's Theme Park
- Edinburgh Zoo Trip



- Chess Gala
- Overnight Trip to Millport
- Paint Balling
- Sports day at the Beach
- Local Golf Outing
- Introduction to Aikido
- Multi Sports
- White Water Rafting
- Make your own Music CD
- Golf Trip to St Andrews

### Another First For Newbattle

Newbattle scored a remarkable football first last month when the school supplied all the officials for the Scottish Schools Under 13 Cup Final between Banff Academy and Holyrood Secondary (Glasgow) at Alloa Athletic's Recreation Park.

We have been encouraging a number of footballers to attend SFA referee's courses and 4 pupils have qualified in the last two years - Andrew Jack, Liam Hall and Graeme Young, all members of last year's League winning Under 16 squad and Kevin Meyers, a member of this year's title winning squad.

In the middle of the match was Guidance Teacher Graham Dick who was assisted by Andrew Jack and Liam Hall. The match was uneventful and the team were roundly praised for their efforts receiving a medal as a memento of the prestigious occasion.

All of the group have all officiated at School Cup Finals and who knows one day we may see them in action in the SPL!



## SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR NEWBATTLE FOOTBALLERS

Newbattle Under 16 won the Lothian Schools league Trophy in dramatic fashion with a nail-biting 2-1 victory over Musselburgh Grammar after both sides had finished the season with an identical record. Newbattle had not been considered amongst the favourites at the start of the season but the team started with some spectacular results with the highlights being a 6-0 win over the much heralded James Young HS and an amazing 11-3 success over Craigmount who had a 100% record after 6 games.

The side had a good blend including three of the side which took the title last season and five Under 15's only lost one League game all season. As the season approached its conclusion we had several tough matches but the character of the side shone through time and time again coming back from two goals down to draw with Musselburgh and securing a last minute goal to defeat Ross High. Some stern tests

lay ahead as the season reached its conclusion with the crucial fixture seeing Lasswade defeated 3-1, a result which effectively ended the Lasswade title chances one of six consecutive wins which ensured that we could not be overtaken in the table. However the title was not secured as Musselburgh won their three games in hand to force a play-off..



The match, played at the excellent Newcraighall facility saw our side produce their best football of the season in the opening period inspired by the running of Mark Moncrieff, who had won the "Goal of the season award" with a strike earlier in the season against Gillespie's, and we were well worth the two goal lead secured with two goals from Darren Flynn, who broke the school scoring record with 35 goals this season. Musselburgh pulled a goal back on half-time and tried everything in the second period but could not find a way past the Newbattle defence in which goalkeeper Ryan Law excelled.

The winning squad was **Ryan Law, Glen Marshall, Graeme Aitken, Gavin McInnes, Dale Syme, James Watson, Gordon Ramsay, Craig Jack, Mark Moncrieff, Michael Whyte, Steven McArthur, James Guy, Darren Flynn, Owen Lean, Kevin Moyers, Sean Gillies, Colin McConnell, Liam Calder.**

The win meant Newbattle retained the Shield won last season a feat only achieved once before in the 40 years of the Lothian wide competition.

For a while it looked like the **Under 14** side would emulate the success of the 16s but they were overpowered in their final game against a much physically stronger Lasswade side and had to settle for the runners-up position .

However there was more silverware to come as the **Under 15 side** picked up the final trophy of the season winning the East & Midlothian Cup at Pinkie defeating Ross High, Musselburgh and St David's for the loss of only one goal before securing the Shield by defeating Lasswade 1-0 in a tense final thanks to an outstanding individual goal from James Watson. The winning side was : **Liam O'Meara , Keith Jack, Greg Haining, Martin Brown, Steven Quinn, Fraser Duncan, Gordon Ramsay, Daniel Loudon, Andrew Jones, Owen Lean, James Guy and Calvin Wilson**. This was the first time East & Midlothian Schools have run an Under 15 Cup since 1998 when Newbattle were again the winners.



Four Newbattle players **James Guy, Darren Landells, Owen Lean and James Watson** represented East & Midlothian in the National Trophy. For the fourth time in five years the County side reached the Scottish Final, winning their group which contained Fife, Lanarkshire, and Ayrshire , then overcame Angus and Aberdeen in the Quarter and Semi Finals respectively but unfortunately lost to Fife in the Final.. Newbattle have now supplied 15 players to these sides in the four final years - the biggest representation of any school .



**Graeme Young** represented Lothian Under 18's in their three National Trophy matches this season.

For the second year in a row we will be taking part the Dana Cup in July in Hjorring in Northern Denmark .. This is the second biggest youth tournament in Europe with around 900 teams from 47 countries taking part. The facilities are magnificent and the competition fierce. Last we were one of only two Scottish sides taking part in the various age groups and won 5 out of seven matches in a tournament won by the Mexican National Youth side - such is the quality of opposition.