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Please ensure that all material for the June issue is submitted by 22nd June 2007
Congratulations to the college choir for gaining first prize at the Carrickfergus Festival. There was a small selection of students who performed at the event. The choir sang beautifully performing 2 contrasting pieces.

Miss M Hoy

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Congratulations to Ainé Barbour whose dance team won The All Ireland Dance Trophy in Co. Clare this month. Ainé is one of the eight hand team who are the All Ireland Champions for the second time. Ainé also came 8th in the Real and 10th in the Heavy Jig category in the All Ireland Solos. Well done and keep up the good work!
Year 14 finished formal classes on Friday 14th May and they went out with a bang. A lively quiz in the Drama theatre with question mistress Ms Morgan saw 14 ATK run away with the Quality Street. Sadly Ms Morgan’s own class were to come last! Afterwards the Year Group retired to the greenhouse lured by the waft of Mr Maxwell’s barbeque. He and Dave came up trumps as usual and we all tucked into their delicious burgers and kebabs. Tons of photos were taken as the year group celebrated two great years together with their Form Tutors and teachers. After a short assembly they headed off for an afternoon of fun together on the town before they embarked on the stressful examinations period. We will say our formal goodbyes to Year 14 on Wednesday 23 June at the Records of Achievement afternoon and until then we wish them all the best in their exams.

Mrs A MacParland
Year 12 finished formal classes on Thursday 13th May to go off on study leave, a day after they celebrated their Record of Achievement afternoon. Bethan Hughes, Year 12, and Mrs Killick opened the ceremony with an instrumental piece before Mrs McHugh and Mrs Mills addressed the students. The students were then treated to a powerpoint presentation which displayed photographs of their year group, from their first days at Lagan College in Year 8 right through to the present. We wish the Year 12s all the very best in their GCSEs and look forward to seeing them adorned in green jackets as Post 16 students.
**Drama News**

Lauren McGarvey, Year 9, recently won ‘The Jean Marshall Memorial Cup’ for Best Acting Ability 2007 at Bangor Abbey Players.

This is a great achievement and the Drama Department are very proud of Lauren’s success.

Miss R Markey

Congratulations to Rachel Brown, Year 12, who was awarded the LAMBDGA Gold Medal for musical theatre. Rachel is one of the youngest students in the UK to achieve this prestigious exam result. Well done!

Ms S Black
Employability Week

Employability Fest Week May 14th – 18th.

To celebrate Employability at Lagan we invited back one of our past pupils and local entrepreneur, Mr. Simon McCance, owner of ‘Ginger’ restaurant in Belfast. Simon came to run a workshop with some of our Year 11 pupils to engage them in considering what it takes to ‘Go for It’ with a business idea.

A fun afternoon with a great exchange of ideas and a competition launch by Simon to the students to come up with a new business idea, the winner of which gets a free lunch for their family at Simon’s restaurant!

We thank Simon for his time and in giving us some food for thought.

Mrs M Evans

Lagan College is awarded Eco-Flag

After two years of hard work towards becoming an Eco-School, Lagan College has been awarded with the prestigious ‘Eco-Schools Green Flag’.

Congratulations to all pupils and staff involved and especially to the junior and senior Eco-Committees who helped to prepare a presentation to the judges and spent two hours being questioned about the Eco work of the College and guiding the judges on a tour of the school.

The award is for two years and is a solid platform for further Eco work in the College.

Work in the field of biodiversity is already being planned, so watch this space!

Mr JP Patton
Year 10 Trip to W5

On 14th March 2007 my year 10 class, 10io1, got the chance to experience W5 at the Odyssey.

Firstly the enthusiastic and eager students gathered at the bus bays at 9.45am. We didn’t wait long before the bus arrived taking us on the adventure that lay before us.

While we were there we enjoyed the learning experience of the aeroplane exhibit, learning everything from the forces of aeroplanes to making, designing and racing our own paper aeroplanes. We also enjoyed all the experiments we did to prove each force and make it more understandable. After this exhibit I feel that everybody left learning something new about aeroplanes.

We also got the chance to discover and explore W5. After lunch we explored two floors. We did everything from making our own animations, trying the lie detector (I never knew my friends could lie so well!), going on the pulley seats, the musical harp and even wheelchair races (which was my favourite) and I even won with the fastest speed.

Afterwards we all enjoyed an ice cream in the ‘Streat’ café.

Mairi Skinner 10VN
All season more than eighty students and staff have been battling it out to be the next Alex Ferguson or Jose Mourinho. With a starting budget of £70million who could manage a winning team? Could you pick a mean defence, an attacking midfield and some frequent goal scorers? Teams entered into the league included Manchester Crane, Flack Attack, The Demented Gnomes, Rockets, The Has Beens (Mr McCloskey), Hotshots (Mr Killen), and Donkey Select XI (Mrs Bingham).

Each month throughout the season certificates were given to the “Manager of the Month” by Mrs Danter.

Andrew Harris (Year 11) came 1st in the whole school league with 421 points and won the first ever Lagan College Fantasy Football Cup. Second place medal and best manager in Year 10 was Paul Maguire-Wilson and third place medal in the school and best in Year 9 went to Andrew Clarke with Clarke’s Crackers.

Medals were given out in May to all top managers in the year groups. Special mention must be made of Mr Nesbitt who topped the staff league with Chelsea Allstars and just beat Mr Connolly and The Con Men by five points. Of course not everyone can be a winner and some need to work on their tactics for next season (Mr C McCann and Mr Mulholland!)

Better luck next season.

Mr D Mooney
Stars in Your Eyes

Congratulations to Emily Dunwoody and Sarah Bell (both Year 11) who have reached the final round of Stars in your Eyes. The girls portrayal of Whitney Houston and Mariah Carey has earned them a place in the final which will be held at The Waterfront Hall on Thursday 21st June. Well done and good luck!!

Sentinus Engineering Project

Megan Johnston, Rory Cameron, Timothy Coulter, Ewan McHenry, Ciaran Thompson, Robin Watson and Mr R McKee all gained the Gold Crest Award in Science and Engineering for the development of a gas analyser used in transformer and power stations recently at The Sentinus Engineering Education Scheme. Congratulations to all of them and well done!
**Girls Football**

Girls football has been up and running since Easter, with up to 30 enthusiastic girls training every Wednesday.

Lagan had their first competitive fixture of the season two weeks ago playing Newtownbreda. The match ended 1-1 and Lagan were unlucky not to win as Newtownbreda only equalised in the last 10 seconds of the game. Lagan had taken the lead through an excellent strike from Morgane dos Santos and had been dominating possession particularly in midfield with good work from Rebecca Tully and Fonya McCarten. Lagan’s defence was also solid with outstanding performances from Selina Lewis and Marianne Wallace. The next confirmed fixture is against Forthill on the 6th June.

**Carnegie Schools Cup**

Qualifying rounds were held on the 10th May. Lagan entered 2 teams. The year 8 & 9 team drew 3 games and lost one while the year 10 & 11 team drew 2 and lost 1. Whilst neither team qualified for the finals all the girls had an enjoyable day.

Miss J Vaughn

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**Senior Netball Tour**

The Senior Netball tour took place in March of 2007 after a successful season for both teams. The team travelled to Newcastle on Wednesday 28th March at 7am.

**Match 1 – Church High School**

After a tour of the school and a display of the school’s academic and extra-curricular achievements the Intermediate match began. Lagan College began the match extremely strong. A tactical game was played with excellent team spirit. By the end of the first half the teams were basically even. Sara Andrews changed positions to play out wide and made a massive difference to the flow of the game. The control of passing and defensive alertness allowed Lagan College to take the lead. The defence of Church High School was physically powerful but our attack showed flair to overcome their toughness. Stephanie Fleck’s agility and movement on the court proved too much for her defender. The defensive county player continued to show pressure but Stephanie maintained her control throughout the last half to assist the team in achieving victory.

*Most Valuable Player – Stephanie Fleck*
Match 2 – Dame Alleyn School for Girls

**Senior**
The first senior match was against Dame Alleyn School for Girls. The weather was a spectacular sunny day, extremely unusual for March! Their senior team had played in the All-England Netball finals that season. It was a tough match due to the experience and standard set by the opposition. Lagan Senior team started out extremely well matching the ability of the team. However in the second quarter our senior team lagged behind due to the effect of the sun and the supremacy of Dame Alleyn. Lagan came back strong in the 3rd quarter having changed Katie Dick from GA to the heart of defence. Her prowess led the team and in terms of goals actually won the final quarter. The deficit caused by the lapse in concentration and skill in the 2nd quarter couldn’t be overcome.

The All-England 2007 finalists defeated Lagan College 36-29.

*Most valuable player – Katie Dick*

**Intermediate**
After a short rest and picnic in the rain the Intermediates headed for their second match of the day. Heat exhaustion and travel tiredness resulted in the team having a shaky first two quarters. At half time and with a few tactical changes and strong team talk the Lagan team came out strong and scored 11 more goals than the opposition. The defence had played beyond their capabilities and only allowed 2 goals to be scored by the opposition. The team provided an excellent demonstration of playing to the final whistle and never giving up. Dame Alleyn 27 – 22 Lagan College.

*Most Valuable Player – Sarah Wood*

*Captains Katie Dick & Sara Andrews*
Senior Netball Tour

Match 3 – Emmanuel College

The final match of the tour was played after a tour of the school and formal team photographs. The school was exceptional in terms of uniform, appearance and achievement. It was an unbelievable experience.

Senior
The match on the previous day had been an excellent preparation match for the senior squad. The squad began the game determined and strategically organised. Each centre pass resulted in a goal and their oppositions centre passes were defended with effective communication and numerous counter attacks. The spirit of the team was strong and the squad maintained this standard throughout the game. The team displayed their high level of skill and understanding to win the match. An excellent team performance for the squad’s last ever school netball match. Lagan College defeated Emmanuel College

Most Valuable Player – Katie Dick

Intermediate
The intermediate match began with both teams matching each other goal for goal. The new defensive structure was beginning to adapt due to the injury of Kerri Lewis in a preparation match against Victoria College the previous week. The heart of the defence was side lined and unfortunately for the team relegated to chief photographer.

The pressure was initiated by Emmanuel College and our defence had to strategically hold their continuing attack. Lagan worked hard throughout the match to show effective team play and strong technical counter attacks. The score remained even throughout the match with the opposition edging in front. Lagan College were narrowly defeated by Emmanuel College

Most Valuable Player – Alex Florence

Senior Netball Tour 2007 – Newcastle Most Valuable Player

Intermediate MVP – Sarah Wood
Senior MVP – Katie Dick

Mrs R McKnight