



UPDATE



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*A Merry Christmas
to all our Readers*

EUROSCOLA 92



WHAT ON EARTH IS ANDREW DOING?
Turn to the middle pages to find out! ..

At the end of November, two senior pupils - Isla Smail and Rachel McDonald - took part in a conference in Strasbourg to discuss matters such as the federal union and the environment with other teenagers from all over Europe. The aim of Euroscola was to enable young Europeans to meet and understand the workings of the EC better. Isla Smail writes

"We were part of a group of 25 pupils from all over Grampian, one of the three groups from the UK. We set off on Saturday 28 November from Woodhill House at an incredibly early hour in the morning. During the long bus journey down to Hull we passed the time getting to know one another, and by the time we reached the ferry we were all good friends.

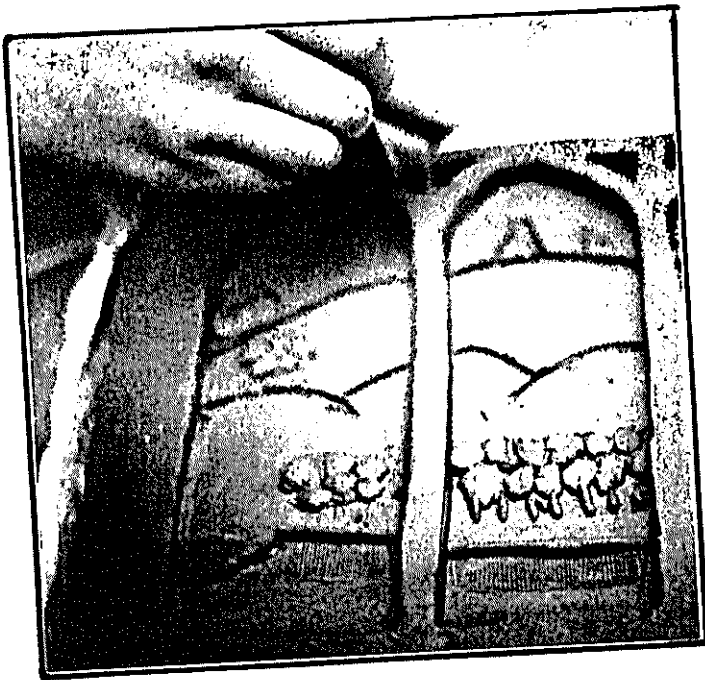
After a riotous night aboard the ferry we set off on the long drive from Zeebrugge to Strasbourg. Our boredom was alleviated by the complicated sums that were involved in trying to buy things. This was because we were given our food allowance in French Francs but we stopped first in Belgium and then in Luxembourg. So by the time we reached our hotel that night we had pockets full of practically worthless coins.

The day of the Euroscola conference dawned and we were all dutifully arrayed in 'school uniform' (the people like us without uniforms had to improvise). The bus dropped us off and we waited for half an hour outside the wrong building until it clicked that the European Council is not the same thing as the European Parliament. Once we found the right place we were issued with badges



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A selection of the replies to c
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A CHALLENGE!

MORE ENJOYABLE THAN DRAWING!

DON'T LIKE IT - GOT BORED STRAIGHT AWAY!

S'OKAY!

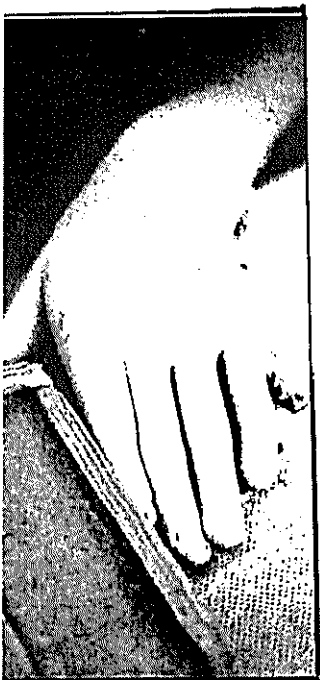
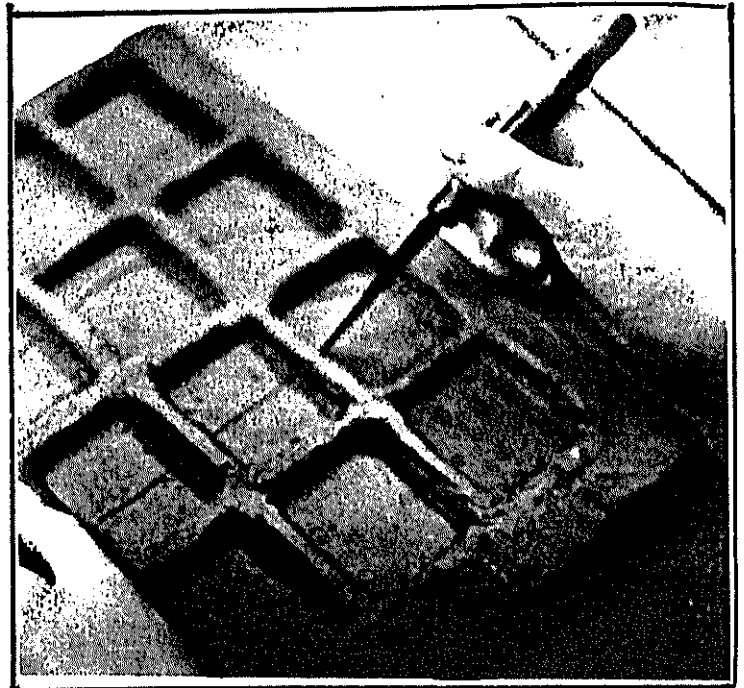
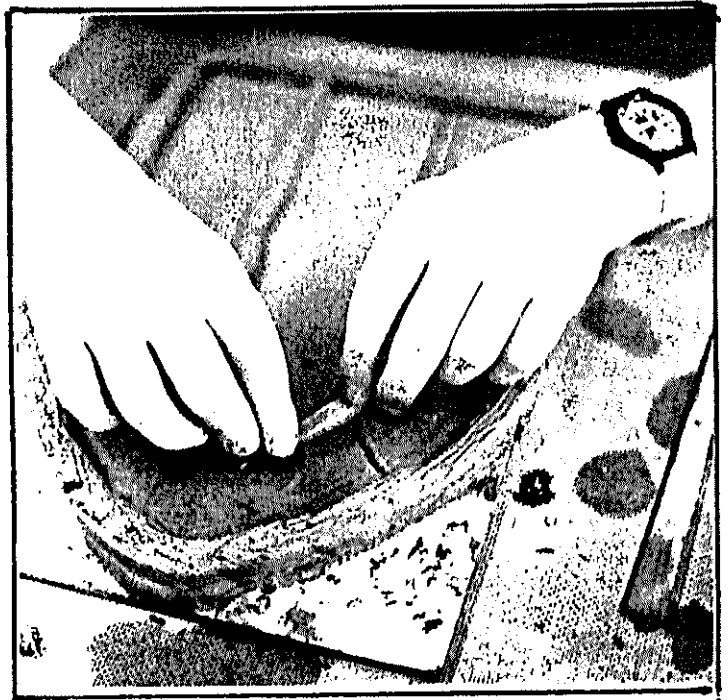
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AWRIGHT!

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Department, recently introduced
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UNUSUAL - I LIKE GETTING MESSY!

RELAXING!

THE CLAY'S COLD AND SLIMY!

DIFFERENT!

DON'T THINK I'M GOOD AT IT!

5 CAN'T THINK OF ANYTHING TO SAY!

that showed our nationality and divided us into 4 groups. Then all 500 participants gathered to partake of some petit déjeuner. After this interlude we listened to some lectures by some of the head civil servants of the Parliament in the famous hemicycle (luckily the foreign speakers were translated for those of us unable to speak all the various languages). Each group had then to give a short speech introducing themselves and describing their various towns, schools and countries. Mhairi, our group's spokesperson, introduced us as Scottish rather than British and then proceeded to correct some popular misconceptions about our whisky swilling, kilt wearing, and haggis eating tendencies!



Euro-Scolars ISLA and RACHEL

It was easy to tell we were in France as no sooner had we finished breakfast than they started to serve lunch. During lunch we had questionnaires to complete. The only problem was that the questions were all in different languages so we had to work with people of all different nationalities (4 people to a group). If your group correctly answered all the questions you stood a chance of winning a wonderful European Parliament sweatshirt and cap (we had already been given our amazing free pens and T-shirts).

After lunch we all went into four separate groups to discuss more informally certain issues. Rachel and I were in separate groups but both our groups discussed the environment. Later, back in the hemicycle, a reporter from each group (and one of them was from Grampian) had to give a short speech outlining the main points from their group's debate.

After announcing the winners of the competition (unfortunately none from Scotland!) we all gathered for the flag-filled photocall. Euroscola had ended and we trailed back to the hotel to talk about our day.

The next two days were spent sightseeing in and around Strasbourg - we even managed to fit in a spot of wine tasting between the bouts of shopping (everyone posing outside the Chanel and Lancome shops). On our last night in Strasbourg we were taken out for a slap-up meal in the picturesque district of Petite France.

The journey home was long with everyone recovering from the last-night party in the hotel and on the ferry. While we could all live quite happily never stopping in a Granada station ever again and we were all very glad to be back to a country with 'real' money, we all had a fabulous time and I am sure the Euroscola trip was one that we will never forget."

THEATRE

IN EDUCATION

Every year, thousands of unwanted cats and dogs end up being dumped in cat and dog homes because they were unwanted Christmas presents. Most are put down. The aim of our Theatre in Education show this year was to put across the message - don't buy a pet this Christmas as a present. The show "Paws the Puppy" told the story of a puppy who is bought as a present by the Thoughtless family. As the family have not really thought of the consequences of buying a puppy, Paws ends up in the Cat and Dog Home.

The show was very successful due to the hard work and talent of the fourth year class who produced who produced it and was well received by P4 and P5 pupils at Dyce Primary.

IN THE NAVY



On Monday 9 November 1992, two naval PTIs were reported ready for duties. The PTIs were Chief Petty Officer Jamie Jones and Leading Physical Trainer Bob Pulley. They have been in the Royal Navy 18 and 14 years respectively. Both have served at establishments and on board ships as physical training instructors. They have visited many countries : Barbados, Bermuda, Brazil, Falklands, Gibraltar, Malta, Norway, Trinidad, Uruguay, USA and many others.

The aim of the visit was purely as a public relations exercise (hence the distribution of t-shirts, pens, key rings, rulers and gonks to pupils who had to work hard to earn them).

During their stay during week one they assisted in the teaching of a variety of PE classes, ranging from first year swimming to fourth year volleyball and squash to rugby in General Studies. Both were complimentary about the pupils and the department in general.

During week two the department gave over three days of curricular time for Jamie and Bob to do their "It's a Knock-out" with the pupils.

The pupils found the experience demanding, tiring and most enjoyable. The highlight of the whole two weeks was on the last Friday with Jamie teaching the third year aerobics class, which is on video for posterity.

They have since moved on to continue their visits which have taken them to places like Bath, Carlisle, Greenock, Newcastle, Portsmouth, and Walsall. They will go their different ways after Christmas. Bob continues in the same position; however, Jamie has been posted to Gibraltar (for the nineteenth time!) to see out his last 2½ years before returning to civilian life. It was a pleasure having them in the department. By the end of the visit they were affectionately referred to by PE staff as Bob "Check my Tattoos" Pulley and Jamie "That Happens to be my Game" Jones.

They also represented the staff football and netball teams in games against the pupils.

RAYMOND LITTLEJOHN

CHARITY FAST



Fifth and sixth year students have recently organised two fund-raising efforts.

The first of these was a sponsored fast for OXFAM. A large number of students starved themselves on 6 November and managed to raise £390 for aid to the Developing World.

The second event took place on 20 November which was Children in Need day. A classroom collection on the morning of this day raised over £180.

Congratulations to the S5/6 Council and other students who organised and participated in these two worthwhile efforts.

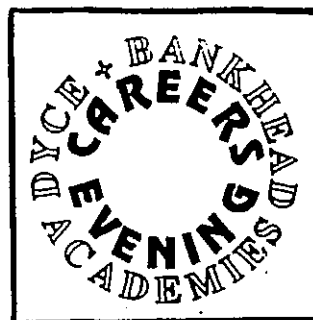
RAYMOND JOWETT

Some of the pupils who recently took part in the Oxfam 24-hour Fast to raise money for Famine Relief. £384.24 was collected.

TWELVE MILE TRIUMPH

One of the advantages of being on the staff is the opportunity to use the swimming pool twice a week. Earlier this year it was suggested that the regulars might be sponsored in the Swim-A-Mile fund-raising for the Multiple Sclerosis Society and The Swimming Development and Education Appeal Fund. A dozen staff participated and as a result £326 was raised.

JOYCE GILES



CAREERS CONVENTION

9 FEBRUARY 1993

AT DYCE ACADEMY

7.00 - 9.00 pm

A wide range of employers, further and higher education representatives will attend.

Make a note in your diary now!

S2-6 Parents and pupils welcome.