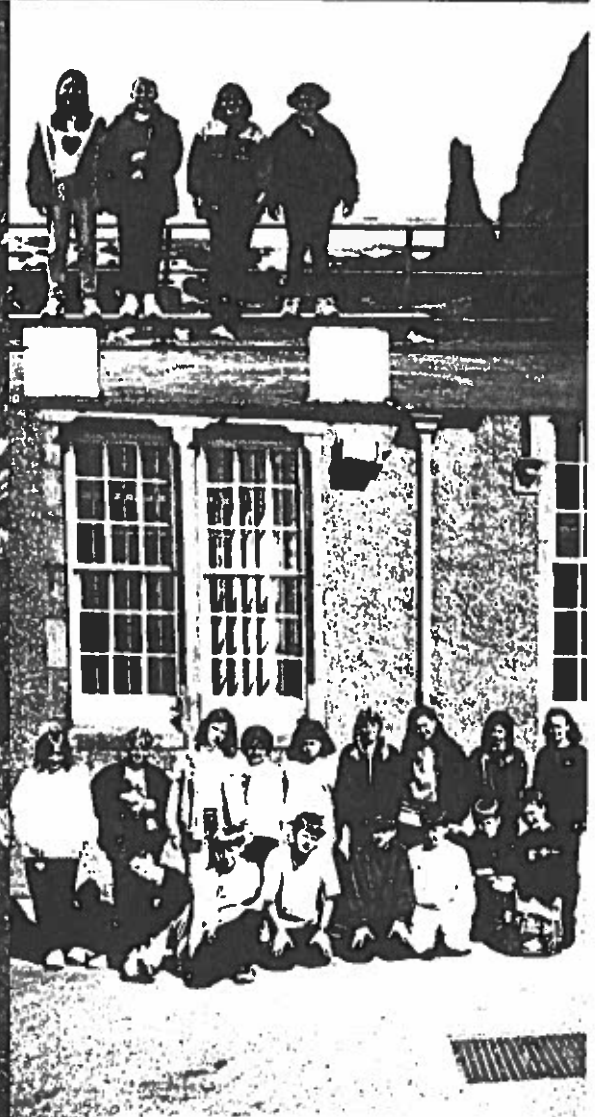
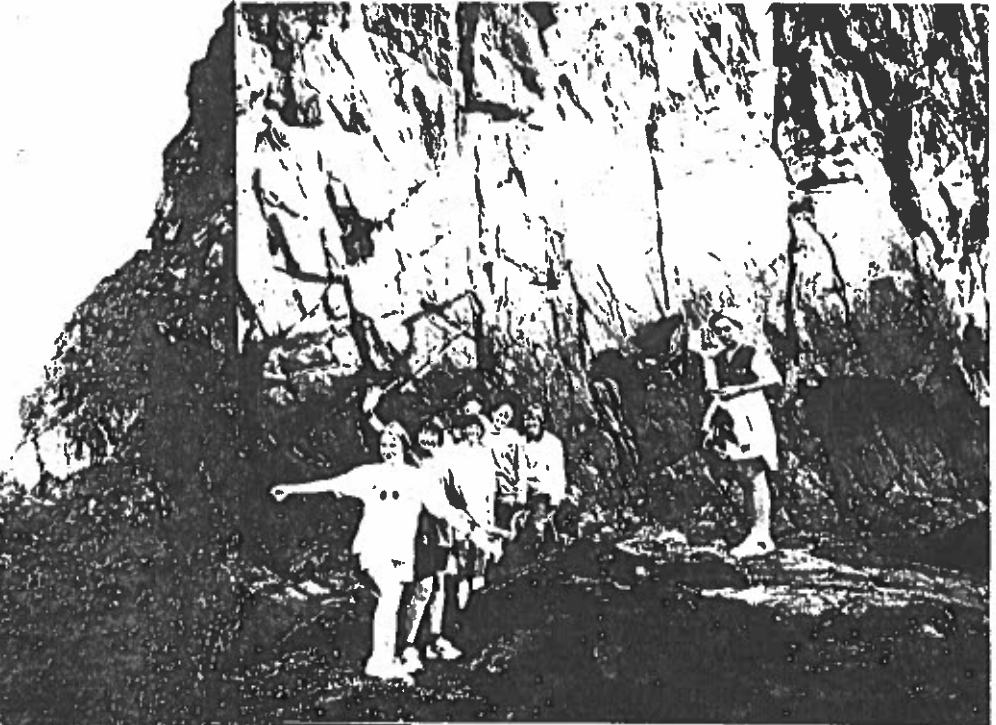


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## SLOVAKIAN FRIENDS

Two teenagers who have been staying with a family in Newmachar this month, have been attending classes in Dyce Academy. Katerina Dusinska in fourth year talks below about her experiences. Marian Dusinski in second year has been more reticent as his English is not quite so strong.

Katerina talks about the friendly help she has been given here. One of the main differences within the school has been the fact that classes move from room to room: in Slovakia she is in the same class with the same classmates every day. Abroad she is in the last year of her primary school, as there, the pupils begin at age six or seven and move to secondary at age fourteen or fifteen. As often found on the Continent, school starts at 8.00 am, with six lessons every day, each 45 minutes in length. She leaves school at 1.30 pm.

Though she has found the schools different, she feels our countries have many similarities. The populations are about the same and there are lakes, valleys and many, many castles. On the north of Slovakia there are the highest Slovak mountains - High Tatras.

British fashion and music she says are nearly the same as in her country, so no problems there. However, communication has been a struggle at times as she has only been learning English for five years. Those of us who have spoken to her are very

impressed by the quality of her English, as well as her charming lively personality.

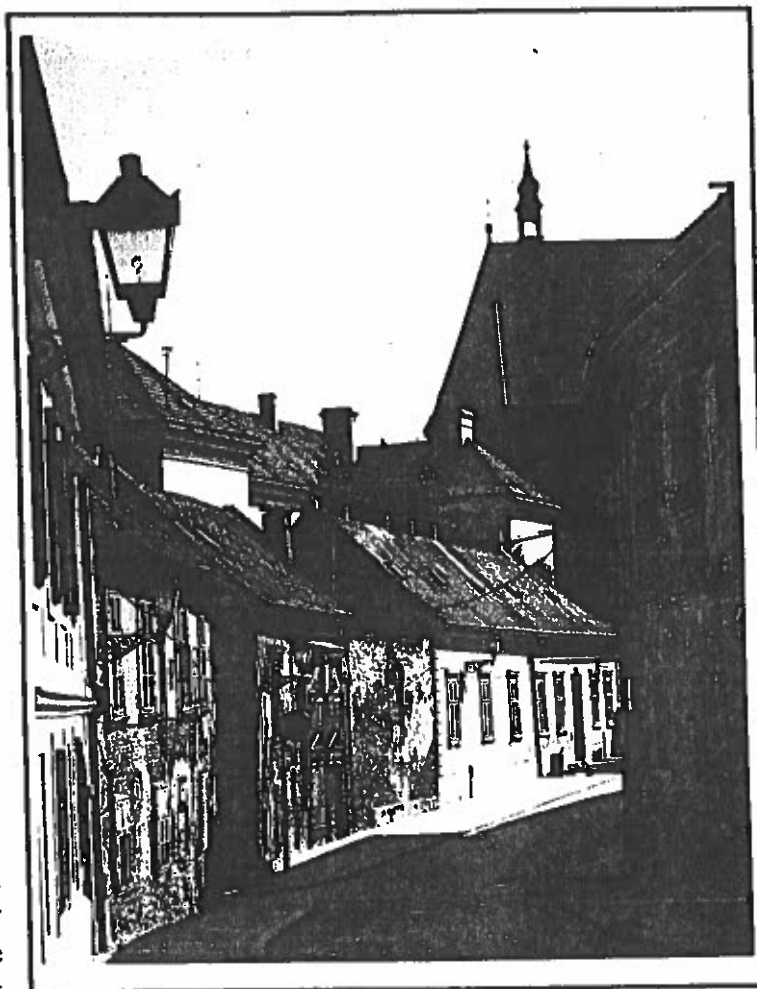
Marian meanwhile has been teaching some of us some Slovakian vocabulary.

Here's some below. Prizes for those who can translate them all! Answers from 2C or Mrs Giles!

jeden, dua,  
tri, stiri pat,  
ucitekla, vlak  
jabklo  
pomapanc,

Dyce Academy has been given a beautiful hard-backed book, called "Slovakia", by the family. It is full of colour photos of their country.

**Footnote** - we've certainly had our share of international visitors in recent months. They've come from Canada, United States of America, Germany and Sweden to see just what Dyce Academy is like, and have been most complimentary, both about the school in general and pupils in particular.



## S5 INDUCTION DAY

On Thursday 6 June students coming back to S5 took part in an Induction Programme to give them an insight into life as a 'senior' student. They undertook a variety of activities, including a team building fun exercise on the 'Zin Obelisk', where groups had to reach a solution from given clues.

Students also worked in groups with both Guidance and Subject teachers who made them aware of their responsibilities as

seniors and the much reduced timescale available for completing courses.

S6 students were also involved, giving advice from their recent experiences of S5. They commented on how useful it would have been for them to have had an induction day.

New S5 students felt that the day was useful and should be retained.



## STIRLING YEARBOOK TRIP

On Tuesday 11 June, Miss Smith (English) drove us to Stirling University to embark on a two-day course. The course was all about putting together a year book. It enables us at school to give you the chance to have one of your very own for 96/97.

Weary-eyed, the three of us contemplated how we could possibly fill two whole days simply learning about a yearbook. We were in for a shock as we began to realise the time-consuming work that really is needed to produce a yearbook. The main thing to remember is that it will not only be fun to produce, but a long lasting keepsake to remind us of our school days.

Our day in the university began with the first of many lectures. These included lessons on organisation and planning, team-building, designing page layouts, position of photos and text ..... all of which are essential to create an impressive yearbook. However, after several hours perched on those lecture seats we were beginning to feel rather uncomfortable. At the end of our first day we all agreed how worthwhile the course was and how satisfying the end result will be.

Refreshed and recharged, day two began with yet another canteen meal. The

workshop continued with another lecture, this one on layout and budgeting. This helped us to see the importance in motivating ourselves to get organised. So we're going to need lots of help to put together a great yearbook.

During our classroom sessions we were given the opportunity to put what we had learnt into practice. We did this by producing practice pages and learning how to use the equipment involved. Apart from the practical skills, we gathered useful tips on producing photographs. After all, a yearbook is made up from 80% photography - just think, next year you could be featured on the pages of Dyce Academy's first ever yearbook! Following the photography session the workshop ended with a short ceremony in which everyone received a certificate of achievement.

Overall the course was thoroughly enjoyable but we can't make the yearbook all by ourselves. Remember it's your yearbook and we want your ideas so look out for more information which will be posted around the school. soon.

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## SWIMMING

Linda McGregor was in fine form recently at the North District Age Group Championships in Peterhead, where she reached the top four in all her six races.

Her best performances were in the 100m Butterfly and 100m Backstroke where she

was placed first. She showed her versatility by managing second places in the 200m Freestyle and the 200m Medley, third place in the 100m Freestyle and fourth place in the 100m Breaststroke.

Our congratulations go to Linda.

## SOCIAL SUBJECTS FIELD TRIP

Here below are some of the second years taking time out during their field trip to Stonehaven.



## YOUNG EAGLES TAKE TO CITY SKIES

Some of our pupils took the opportunity to become high-fliers earlier this month. More than 70 took part in the Young Eagles promotional event at Aberdeen Flying Club here in Dyce.

Pilots from throughout the North-East accompanied the pupils during their thirty-minute flights on two, three or four-seater planes. Some teenagers have returned to school, boasting of their success in taking over the controls and helping to navigate!

The event was designed to encourage more people to take an interest in aviation. Many people are accustomed to having the airport near their homes, but had never had such a unique opportunity to discover how much fun flying could be. Some described their journey down to Stonehaven, others out to Inverurie and some, over Pittodrie.

The event was sponsored by several companies, including BP.



Some of the "Young Eagles" remembering their experiences.

## **DREADED BLISS**

A few editions ago we featured an article on former pupil Jane Duncan and her playwriting success. Well, Jane has been at it again. She has won a fourth award in six years in the same national competition.

Her half-hour comic play - Dreaded Bliss - has won her the Woolwich Young Radio Playwrights' Competition. The play is

apparently based on Jane's cousin's wedding and the carry-on and expense associated with modern day weddings.

Jane, who has won a string of awards for her work, including radio, television and theatre plays, is still trying to break into professional play-writing.

## **ASDA/TESCO VOUCHERS - THE FINAL COUNT**

Over the last few months vouchers have been handed in to the school by pupils, staff and members of the public.

Pupils were kept informed of progress by Tally Charts in the school foyer and notices in the daily bulletin.

We have managed to get enough vouchers to get a colour inkjet printer through the Tesco scheme. We fared even better with

the Asda scheme as we had enough vouchers to purchase a Compaq Multimedia PC and a colour inkjet printer. We have also managed to 'bank' over 2000 vouchers with Asda which will get us off to a 'flying start' when they run the scheme again next year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed their vouchers to the school.

**PATRICIA MITCHELL**

### **SALE OF THE CENTURY**

Some surplus Amstrad PCWs are available for sale, price £30. If you are interested contact the Business Studies Department.



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