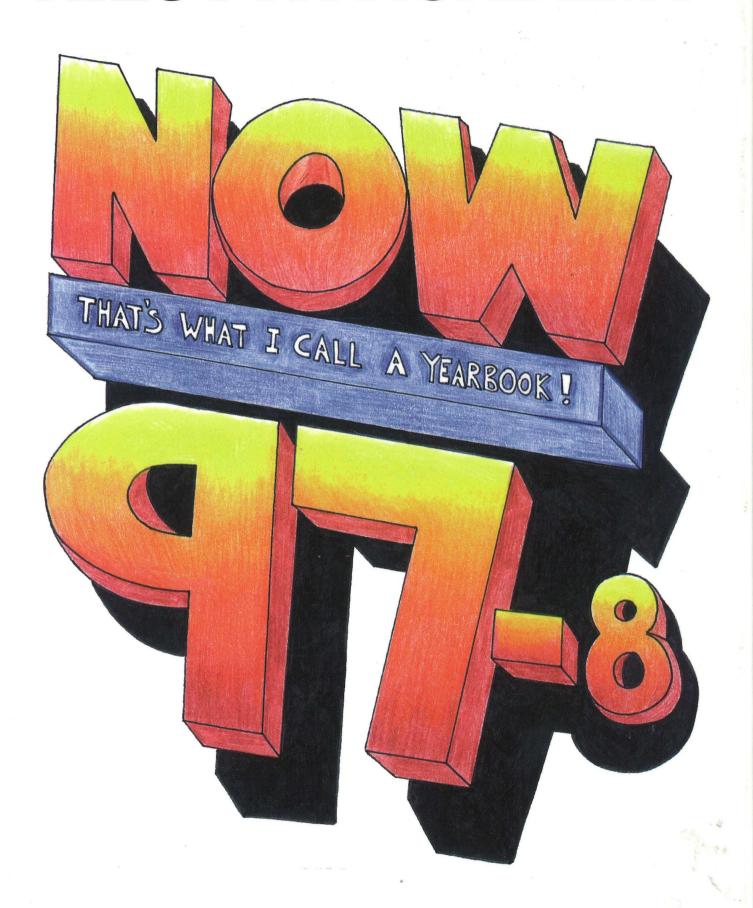
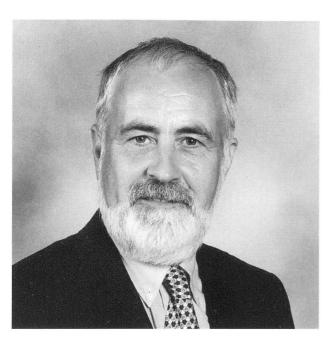
# KILSYTH ACADEMY



# All Saints?



The Big Man Himself

#### **Foreword**

Each year the yearbook team put a tremendous effort into this production. This year has been no exception and I am sure the end result will justify the efforts.

Each yearbook provides a reference for pupils and staff to look back on with nostalgia in future years. I know it will provide much pleasure to the families of our current pupils.

I congratulate the Committee and staff helpers for another superb production.

John Mitchell



Back row left to right: Mr MacRae, Mr Mitchell, Mrs Kubica Font row left to right: Mrs McKenna, Mr McKay

There have certainly been a few changes to our beloved Board of Management in the last year, with the introduction of two lovely ladies: Mrs McKenna and Mrs Kubica. Without any reference to Mr McKay's bad jokes, the yearbook team would like to congratulate them on managing to all smile at the same time, a feat never before achieved by any Board of Management. This surely must make them the best yet...?

## As Time Goes By



Above: "We be gardeners, ooh aar"
Above right: Romance at the Academy
Right: Can-can girls
Below: Especially for Miss Dick
Below right: Dougan's World
Far below right: On top of the world
Bottom left: Wedding bells
Bottom right: With a song in their hearts















## Shiny Happy People







Captain (Right) -Laura Miller. Vice-Captains (From Left) - Barry Stewart, Jane Holmes, Neil McDonald.



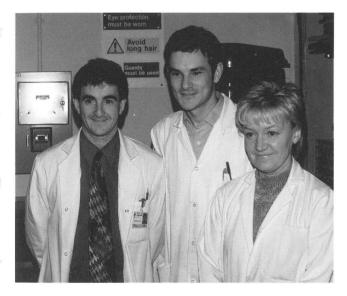
House Captains
Clockwise from top left:
David Fairbairn (Colzium)
Alistair Gow (Balmalloch)
Ross McCaffer (Monieburgh)
Christine Beattie (Monieburgh)
Jennifer McMillan (Garrell)
Laura Anderson (Balmalloch)
Jennifer McGowan (Colzium)
Absent:
David Molloy (Garrell)

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# We'll Get By With A Little Help From Our Friends (Jannies, Auxiliaries, Technicians and Dinner Ladies)



The "behind the scenes" activities of the non-teaching staff are all too often forgotten by the pupils: where would we be without the auxiliaries (Mrs Taylor and Mrs McIntyre) to give us plasters and paracetamol? And what about the technicians, keeping the science departments running and the computers working? Who do you go to when you want a leak fixed but Dave the Janny and the other janitors? And, last but not least, the ever cheery and helpful dinner staff brighten up our lunchtimes every day.







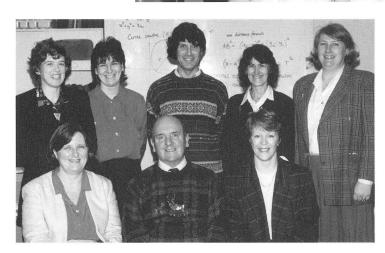


# German

Miss Robertson, Miss Reilly, Mr Gordon, Mrs Skelton, Mr Simpson, Mr Conley, Miss Irvine



These two pages are especially dedicated to our mentors, our masters, sometimes our oppressors or as we usually call them (no, we can't say that) - our teachers. Although these teethy smiles conceal psychopathic tendencies, what can we say - we wouldn't be the intellectual giants which we are today without them.



Mrs McKenna, Mrs Kerr, Mr Chesney, Mrs Kennington, Mrs Peddie, Ms Conway, Mr Black, Mrs Biggar



Mrs McClosky, Miss Kane, Mr McGhee, Mrs Burton, Mr Gordon, Miss Irvine, Miss Din



Mr Scott, Mr Taylor, Mr Denovan, Mr MacRae, Mr Tooth, Mr Lewis, Mrs Glinka, Mrs Raftery



Mr Macniven, Mrs Kubica, Mrs Kerr, Mr McClosky, Mrs Macinnes, Mrs Gillespie, Miss Bovill (student), Mrs McPhail

# People

Some of the more cunning staff managed to avoid having their photos taken by the yearbook team, including the whole of the PE and Home Economics departments.



Mr Robertson, Mr Dougan, Miss Mitchell, Miss Reilly



Mr Conley, Mr Macfarlane, Mr Lawrie, Miss Brodie, Mrs Gleeson



Mrs Woods, Mrs Cummings, Mrs Semple, Miss Scott, Mr Laird, Ms Dick



Miss King, Mr Macinnes, Miss Scott, Miss Shaw, Miss Laing, Miss Smith, Mr Stirling



Mr Connelly, Mr Tolmie, Mr Foster, Mr Friar, Mr Knight, Mrs Gemmell, Mr Greechan

# "The New Kid(s)

Lynsey McGuffie, Fiona Tweedie, Paul Wanless, Lindsay Waterson, Danielle Burns, Ross Young

Jamie Preston, David Mitchell, Alex Maginnis, Mark Inglis, Alistair MacKay, Gil Hoyle

John Black, Alain Maguire, Thomas Hopkins, James Rafferty, Samantha Duncan, Ashley Wright

Suzanne Kennedy, Kimberly Routledge, Louise Reid, Angela Smith, John Weatherston, Ross Steele

Kirsty McCartney, Amy Workman, Nicole McIntyre, Charlene Harris, Leighanne Smith, Daniel McAleer

Katrina Morton, Claire Norwood, Steven Getchell, Gary Bell, Alan Thomson, Scott McWilliam



# In Town..."



# "The New Kid(s)

Morven Patrick, Alison Irvine, Iain McAlpine, William Munnoch, Blair Maxwell, Mhairi Gammage

Sharon Hetherington, Kelly Watterson, Heather Milne, Evelyn Connell, Jamie Gilchrist, George Watson

David Hartley, Steven Cant, Robert Clark, Andrew Craigie, James McGrory, William Black

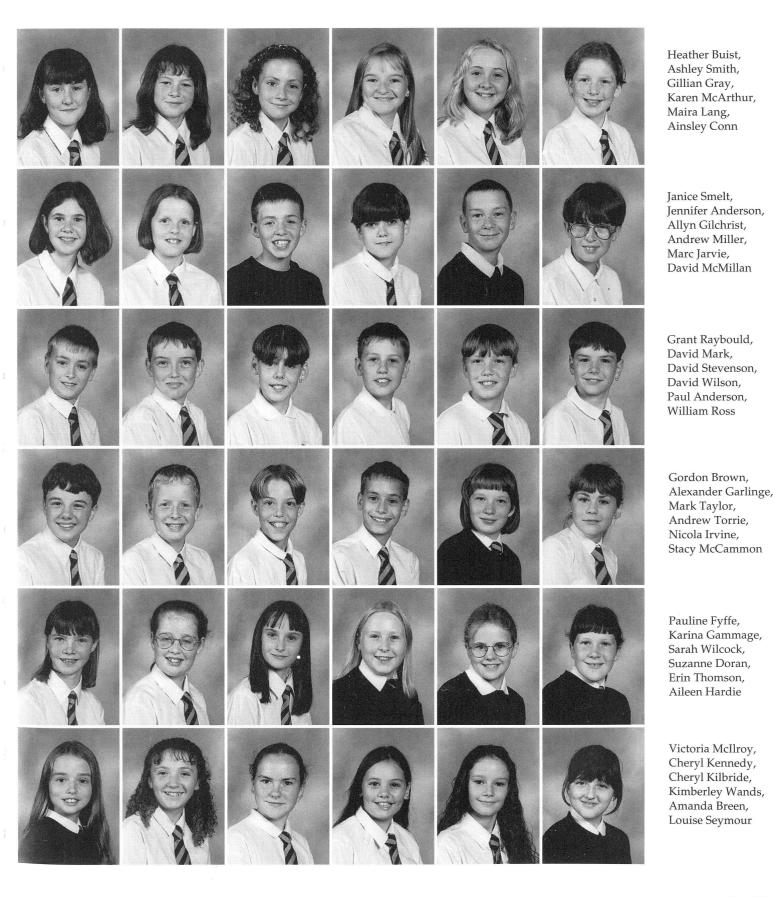
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Graeme Fullerton, Daniel Egan, Alan Cairns, Scott Kimmet, Lorna Smith, Lynn Kelly

Amanda Cant, Lorraine Dick, Jill Gelsthorpe, Sandra Napier, Lorraine Stewart, Lauren Miller

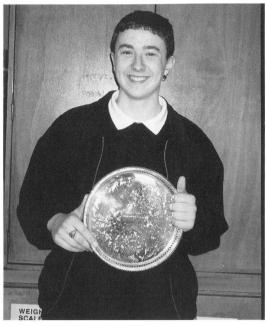


## In Town..."



## Congratulations!





Far left: Lynsey Semple and Karen Coyle, winners of the Cumbernauld College Culinary Challenge.

Left: Craig Miller, winner of President's Salver for best exhibit in the domestic section of the Kilsyth Horticultural Society Flower Show.



This year, a group of fifth year pupils were given the challenge in their Enterprise module of setting up and running a small business. To add a sense of realism they had to invest their life savings (an average of 76p, or so we've heard).

The result was Ocean Enterprise, a company selling everything from plant pots to... plant pots. But hey; who needs imagination when you're making a fortune in the business world?



Pictured left are Joanne Ferrie and Kirsty Anderson, who both took part in the Kirkintilloch Speakers Club public speaking competition. Both of them made excellent speeches, and Joanne picked up the runners-up prize in her section, winning £50 for the school.

## **Scotland The Brave!**



After a braw dinner of traditional haggis, neeps and tatties, lassies and lads toasted the Bard, Robert Burns, in a traditional Scottish style at KA's Burns Supper. Mr Denovan surpassed himself yet again in his recital and

immortal memory but what surprised everyone was that Mr Dougan did not indulge in his old whim and turn up as a woman - you were a brilliant chair**person**, sir!







## **Building Bridges**

The Engineering Education Scheme (Scotland) organised a project for schools from throughout Scotland to introduce pupils to the world of Engineering. Kilsyth Academy was represented by Barry Stewart, Laura Miller, Fiona Smelt, Alisdair McDiarmid and Donald Gow who achieved considerable success while gaining useful experience.



"Where's Donald everyone?"



"We're so good!"



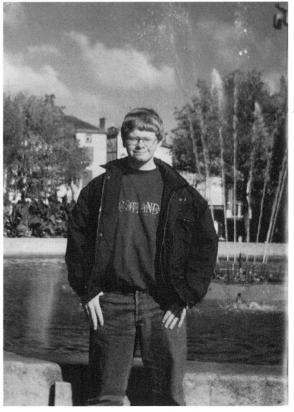
In October '97 three eager beaver 6th years went on a French language immersion trip to Châlons-sur-Marne. To taste a soupçon of the French mode of life, Donald Gow, Laura Miller and Jane Holmes were invited to make a presentation in French about the trip. As well as this, everyone had to hand in written reports in French and Jane netted a prize for hers.





"Diet Coke break - but who are they looking at?"

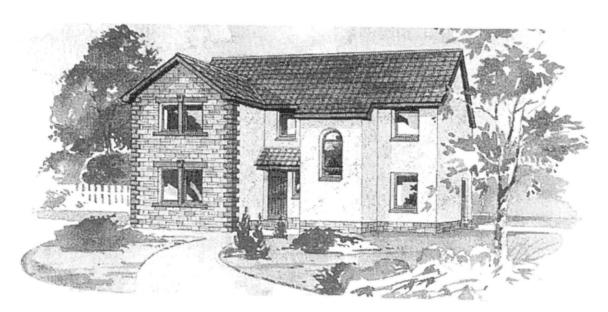




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## It's Only Words...



Pictured above are (Front Row); Sharon Hetherington and Stewart Brand. Also pictured are the 2nd year prize winners Lauren Henderson and Gordon Clark.

#### S1 POETRY COMPETITION

In October S1 and S2 pupils were given the opportunity to become published writers by sending entries into Poetry Now Young Writers' competition. As well as individual prizes for both poets and their schools, all the winning poems will be published in May in a regional anthology entitled "Spellbound". With over 200 entrants, Kilsyth Academy is ever hopeful of future stars in the publishing world.

#### Potion of Death

by Sharon Hetherington, 1S

Magic conjures from a witch's finger, She extends a crooked claw. The odour of the blood shed lingers, Upon dead man rodents gnaw.

Bottomless cauldrons hiss and spit, Screeching on the iron hook. Smoke rising from a fire lit. Experimenting in her recipe book.

The boom of a wizard's fist, Interrupts her potion. Moving through a sea of mist, His presence turns the wheels in motion.

The look of anger upon his face, shaking his head in disapproval, his movement with a hint of grace, he executes her removal.

#### Wife

by Stewart Brand, 1L

Trouble an' strife
She is ma wife,
Sittin' at home cookin',
an' sewin' aw day, but no for aw that
time,
No way!
Ave ieways wonert whit else she does,
maybe she does nothin'
or maybe she sits sewin' things, on ma
shirt,
attachin' a new button.
Ma wife, she does an awfy job,
even goes shoppin' for poor auld Bob.

On Friday nights,
A get a fright.
Cause when a get home she's no there.
Instead she gangs oot galavantin' wi'
her best dress an' fancy hair!,
Trouble an' strife,
She is ma wife.

## Picture This...



#### 2H

Back Row: Scott Brotherton, Laura Downie, Amy Greenlaw, Fiona Campbell, Caroline Reid, Steven Millar, Grant Clark;

**3rd Row:** Katrina Agnew, Gavin Strawhorn, Grant Angus, John MacGregor, Lisa McBride, Craig Wilson, Laura Shephard;

**2nd Row:** Iain Kennedy, Fiona Boyle, Jenna Stewart, Paul Burns, Claire Dunn;

Front Row: Alan Brown, Joanne Bassy, Avin Al-Talabani, Lynsey Tonagh, Fiona Newton, Joanna Gardner, Graeme Hopper;

**Absent:** Stewart Campbell, Barry Gordon.



#### 2K

**Back row:** Paul Henry, Christine Scott, Emma Spencer, Roxanne Lynn, Arlene Nesmith, Vicky Gilfillan, Kevin Chalmers;

Middle Row: Louise Clelland, Lynsay McGregor, Paul Tweedie, David Harper, Christopher McDonald, Ross Kirkland, Steven Starmore, Gordon Clarke, Alana Wilson;

**Front Row:** Neil Stewart, Jennifer Reade, Kirsteen Angus, Becky Boyce, Jenna McCallum, Leanne MacDuff, David Rose:

Absent: Kirsten Keith, John Mackay



#### 2A

Back Row: James Balfour, Scott Morrison, Deborah Bolt, Sarah McGill, Jonathan Gardner, Jennifer Anderson, Kirsty Black, Craig Currie, George Park, Alison Brownlie:

Middle Row: Andrew Kennedy,
Andrew Barrowman, Kyleigh
McCord, Claire McKie, Claire Loan,
Kristine Hughes, Pauline Bell,
Donna Kenny, Alister Fairley;
Front Row: William Taylor, Andrew
Gow, Lee-Ann McLean, Lorraine

Gow, Lee-Ann McLean, Lorraine Boyd, Gillian McEnhill, Scott Ferrie, Niki Sherlock

NIKI SHEHOCK

Absent: John Currie, Sally Pearce

2L

**Back Row:** Lynsey Dowell, Sarah Harvey, Caroline Punton, Kevin Rasdale, Julie Budzynska, Alana Garrity, Claire McGregor;

**3rd Row:** Richard Lowe, Colin Adams, Margaret O'Neill, Peter Clark, Darren Hatfield, Stephen Stewart, Darren Gardner;

**2nd Row:** Stuart Cullen, Jemma Holland, Yvonne Keers, Alison Docherty, Graeme Miller;

**Front Row:** Paul Runciman, James Morton, Karen Whyte, Scott McNicol, David Muir;

**Absent:** Lorna Clelland, Claire McKechnie, Clair McQuillian.



**Back Row:** Victoria Morgan, Duncan MacFarlane, Robert Hardie, Kirsty Robertson, Andrew Whyte, Katie Goodall;

3rd Row: Graham Sutherland, Nicola Paton, Alan Worrall, Kirk Marshall, Charlene McAulay, Robert Gourlay; 2nd Row: James Davidson, Nicola Mears, Peter Lavery, Joanne Ferrie, Jonathan Ross, Mark McReynolds;

**Front Row:** Craig Strachan, Alistair Stewart, Sharon, Simpson, Nicola McIndoe, Linsey MacDonald, Victoria Ross;

**Absent:** Liam Fagan, Lauren Henderson.

#### 2Y

Back Row: Gillian Kerr, Arlene McArthur, Christine Miller, Fiona Templeton, Andrew Meudell, Lisa McCaffer, Laura McBride, Lisa Davidson, Lisa Wright;

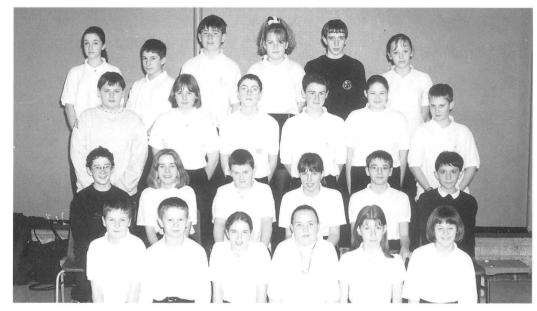
**3rd Row:** Veronica Philip, Donna Clelland, Hugh Johnstone, Jonathan Wright, Andrew Bell, Claire Moir, Claire Walsh;

**2nd Row:** Lorna Drummond, David Hendry, John McPhilemy, Stephen Bett; Hazel Tyson;

**Front Row:** Alan Stirling, Andrew MacFarlane, Louise Martin, Gordon Morrison, James Graham.

Absent: Jennifer Scott.

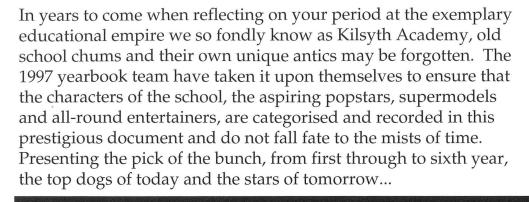






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Most Friendly		
	1st - Šandra Napier	2nd - Claire Haggart
Senior:	1st - Fiona Smelt	2nd - Christine Beattie
<u>Madde</u>		
	1st - Veronica Philip	2nd - Emma Derrick
8	1st - Neil McDonald	2nd - Jane Wilson
<u>Bigges</u>		
	1st - Nikki Kimmet	2nd - Ross Steele
	1st - Lindsey Stewart 4A	2nd - Leigh McDonald
Best Da		
	1st - Lorraine Dick	2nd - Andrew Craigie
	1st - Karin Roud	2nd - Nikki Johnstone
<u>Most Outspoken</u>		
	1st - Gillian Smith	2nd - Amy Workman
	1st - Martina Park	2nd - Lucy Clelland
Most Unusual Haircut		
Junior:	Male 1st - Jamie McKenzie	2nd - John Black
	Female 1st - Louise Reid	2nd - Laura Smith
Senior:	Male 1st - Mick McCombe	2nd - Daniel Gow
	Female 1st - Kerry McKenzie	2nd - Gemma Brady
	ersonality	
Junior: 1st - Mark Inglis		2nd - Lorraine Dick
Senior: 1st - Neil McDonald		2nd - Ross Mathieson
	Inderstanding	
Junior: 1st - Amy Workman		2nd - Amy Greenlaw
Senior: 1st - Jean Richardson		2nd - Christine Beattie
<u>Trendiest</u>		

2nd - Victoria Morgan

2nd - The Cameron Triplets

Junior: 1st - Mark Anderson

Senior: 1st - Andrew MacBeth

# U THINK YOU ARE?

#### **Best Legs** Iunior: Male 1st - Mark Anderson 2nd - Mark Tyrell Female 1st - Emma Mead 2nd - Elaine Clark Senior: Male 1st - Colin Bell 2nd - David Kelly Female 1st - Laura Gourlay 2nd - Lindsey-Ann Barrie Shortest Skirt Iunior: 1st - Nicola Breen 2nd - Claire Loan Senior: 1st - Melisa Brand 2nd - Linda Brown **Best Looking** 1st - Mark Tyrell **Junior:** Male 2nd - Thomas Hopkins Female 1st - Mairi Lang 2nd - Fiona Newton Senior: Male 1st - Graeme Marshall 2nd - Ross McCaffer Female 1st - Jane Holmes 2nd - Jenny Daisley Married With Children Junior: 1st - Karen Dick and Mark Anderson 2nd - Elaine McWhinnie and Leo Shand Senior: 1st - Laura Newton and Graham Bell 2nd - Fiona Smelt and Alan Hawthorne Popstar Iunior: 1st - Nicola Breen 2nd - Anthony Lyons 2nd - David Kerr Senior: 1st - Ronnie Gilmour Millionnaire Junior: 1st - Alex Maginnis 2nd - Alison Stark Senior: 1st - Alisdair McDiarmid 2nd - Fiona Thompson The Prime Minister **Junior: 1st - John Watson** 2nd - Gordon Brown Senior: 1st - Neil McDonald 2nd - Douglas Wright A Supermodel Junior: 1st - Nicholas Watterson 2nd - Lorraine Boyd Senior: 1st - Gael Logan 2nd - Debbie McIntyre A Sporting Hero Junior: Male 1st - Mark Tyrell 2nd - Alex Maginnis Female 1st - Lisa Davidson 2nd - Ashley Smith Senior: Male 1st - Stephen Kane 2nd - Jim Whyte 2nd - Fiona Dunn Female 1st - Katie Paterson The Next Baywatch Babe/Boy Junior: Babe 1st - Lorraine Boyd 2nd - Jennifer Miller

Boy 1st - Scott Kimmet

Boy 1st - Roger Mead

Senior: Babe 1st - Karin Roud

2nd - Jonny Gilmour

2nd - Ruth Whyte 2nd - Simon Smith









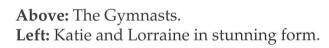


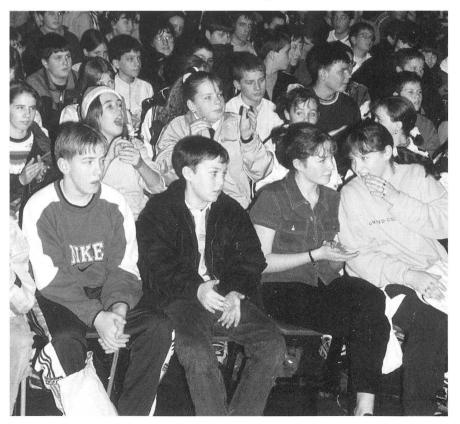
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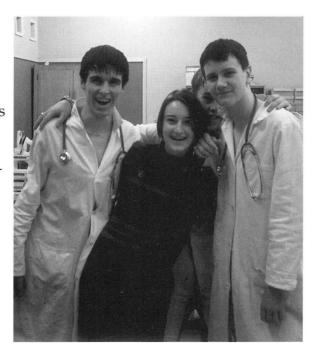


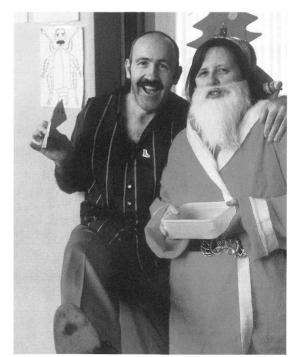




Right: Shona's loving it Far Right: Ho Ho Ho!
Above Right: It's not just Helen that's getting carried away!
Top Right: Concentrate, Claire.







## " Tell Me

Name: Ms Laing.

Date of birth: 12/3/57

Catch phrase: "Liam, stop being a tube!"

Best and worst features: Quite cool but with PSYCHO tendencies.

Most embarrassing teaching moment: Pupil asking me if I used to go out with their dad!

Best teaching moment: 1 pm, last day of June, every year.

First love: Mr Macniven, my first French teacher.

Most memorable date: Leaving Kilsyth Academy in 1970 something!!

With which teacher would you most like to be stuck in a lift?: Mr Macniven, Mr Chesney (or anyone with a carry-out).

What would you do for £1 million?: Buy a yacht to sail to my studio in Kalymnos, Greece.

Last words: "I don't need all this, I am an ARTIST".

Name: John Conley

Date of Birth: 08/05/63

Catch Phrase: "There is no such thing as a bad cake"

Best and worst features: Best: Chins - I have more than anyone else.

Worst: Ears - Although they are useful when hang-gliding

Most embarrassing teaching moment: Tripping over a table following a 50 minute saftey

lecture to my higher secretarial studies class.

Best teaching moment: When the light bulb comes on.

First love: My teddy bear (Which I still have - What an opportunity for a photograph)

Most memorable date: A moonlight stroll along a beach, being cut off by the incoming

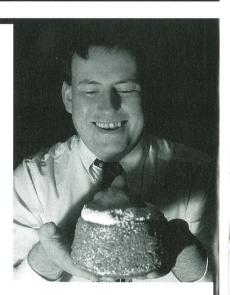
tide, and having to walk miles to get back to where we were.

With which teacher would you most like to be stuck in a lift with?: Miss Mitchell - if anyone would have food, it would be her. OR. Miss Gemmel - as she would have her LEGO set with her.

What would you do for £1 million?: Support Dundee United.

Last words: Buns - what buns?







Name: Karen Scott.

Date of birth: 7/1/71

Catch phrase: "Shut-up!", or "that was crap", or "1, 2, 3, 4"

Best and worst features: Only good features!

Most embarrassing teaching moment: A certain item of clothing came loose during a

primary school concert in 1994!

Best teaching moment: Grease '95!

First love: Gary Barlow.

Most memorable date: Gary Barlow and me up the Eiffel Tower - when he proposed but I said no, because my job is too impor-

With which teacher would you most like to be stuck in a lift?:

Mrs Skelton and her kids - what a Friday night!

What would you do for £1 million?: Anything! - Any "indecent proposal" would be considered.

Last words: Music was my first love, and it certainly ain't my last.

Name: Mr MacInnes.

Date of birth: 1952 - well before Mrs MacInnes was born.

Catch phase: Yes dear, I'll do the dishes.

Best and worst features:

Best: being married to Mrs MacInnes.

Worst: not being married sooner to Mrs MacInnes.

Most embarrassing teaching moment: Having to apologise to Mrs MacInnes in front of a class because I forgot to do the dishes.

Best teaching moment: When Mrs MacInnes was in my room working with a pupil in my

First love: Mrs MacInnes.

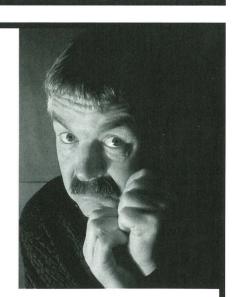
Most memorable date: My marriage to Mrs MacInnes.

With which teacher would you most like to be stuck in a lift?: Mrs MacInnes.

What would you do for £1 million?: Travel the world and tell everybody how wonderful Mrs MacInnes is.

Last words: Yes dear, thanks for letting me do the dishes.





# some might say



Mr Stirling: When I was at Lenzie...

Miss Laing: Here we go again.





Mr Lawrie: You can start any time.

Pupil: Aye, no problem sir...





Mr Gordon: You will die!

Small boy: Aargh!





Miss Kane: Give me two minutes...

Miss Kane (10 minutes later): Give me two minutes...



# Boogie Nights



They're all possessed





**GIRL POWER!!** 

#### **Senior Disco**

The swinging senior disco continued its run of success again in November of this year. The moody melodies and top tunes put everyone in a dancing mood. Seniors boogied the night away - even Mr MacRae and all the teachers were up raving. All dancers were turned out in astounding attire but the lovely lassies stole the show (as usual) and the boys blinded everyone by the shade of their shirts (Ross Mathieson et al.) The dancing divas on the stage harassed the D.J. and quickened everyone's pulse. What made it best of all was that all were determined to have a good time.....and they did.

## Picture This ....



#### 3.1

**Back row:** Andrew Lavery, Ross Maxwell, Alan Cairns, Kirstin Baird, Leigh Anderson, Angela Lennox, Davinder Lota, Johnathan Gilmour, Greg Miller;

**Middle Row:** Anthony Lyons, James Napier, Greig Smith, Dayle Patrick, Ricardo de Freitas, James Till, Robert Smith;

**Front Row:** Shona McKelvie, Kirsty MacKay, Jamie Sharkey, Hazel Miller, Catherine Breton.



#### 3.2

Back Row: Richard Bell, Kenneth Anderson, Susan McManus, Fiona Duncan, Naziah Actar, Kirsty Miller, Ross Kerr, Sam Baird;

Middle Row: John Clelland, Gordon Stewart, Kirsty Stevens, Saralyn Curle, Nicola Breen, Hazel Clelland, Laura Carberry, Catherine Cunningham, Elaine Clarke, Iain Inglis;

Front Row: David McArthur, Emma Mead, Fiona Raybould, David Rankin, Louise Rankin, Graham Amato, Suzanne Johnstone, Julian Smith, John Watson, Paul Alford.



#### 3.3

Back Row: David McCluckie, Billy Matear, Laura Burns, Ross Cunningham, Christopher Cant, Jamie English, Nicola Johnstone, Gemma Muirhead, James Till;

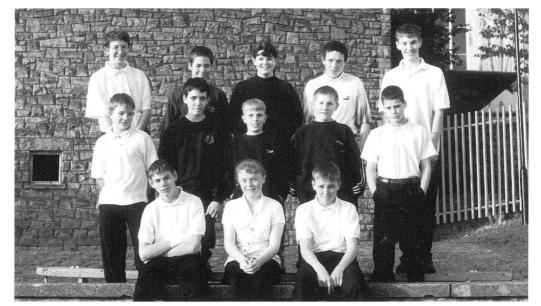
Middle Row: Louise Prentice, Dean Seymour, Fraser MacLure, Claire Fisher, Lousie McAfferty, Laura Smart, Nikki Kimmet, Ilse McDonald;

Front Row: Heather McKenzie, Jenifer Scanlon, Debbie Girvan, Claire Smith, Johnathan Archer, Janet Donaldson, Elaine Dodds, Lisa Singleton. 3.4

**Back Row:** Nicholas Watterson, Graeme Horner, Angela McGuire, Robert Scullion, David Spivey;

**Middle Row:** Ian Morton, Mark Mitchell, Stuart McGilvray, Steven McKinnon, John Ferral;

**Front Row:** Matthew Neill, Emma McGrory, Craig Lowe.



3.5

Back Row: Lorraine Currie, James Findlay, Karen Anderson, Alan Sigurdsson, Emma Derrick, Leo Shand, Colin Lowrie;

Thrid Row: Karen Dick, Elaine McWhinnie, Lynsey Straiton, Maxine Bisland, Sarah McLaren, Kirstine Irvine, Suzanne Duddy;

Second Row: Vicki Slaughter, Rhona Hawthorn, Katie Maginnis, Gemma Cassels, Jennifer Wilson, Claire McDaid;

Front Row: Craig Deans, Michelle McMahon, Zoe Davidson, Mark Tyrell.





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# A Day In



#### **Mrs Burton - School Librarian**

Cast away all the stereotypes of a librarian being dull, dutiful, retiring and speckified with granny glasses. Not at Kilsyth Academy - Mrs Burton or Mrs B as she trendily prefers to be called is KA's librarian and the sixth and sauciest Spice Girl - "Literary Spice". And, what is more her spectacle rims are a cheeky little bubbly blue colour, not the conventional silver-rimmed affairs. Not only is she a librarian but also a careers advisor, a second mum to pupils throughout the school, an extremely skilled reprographics operator (much to her dismay!), a consistent fount of knowledge (phew!) and all round buddy rolled into one.

Although Mrs B is this unconventional angel in human form, that is not to say that there are no things which don't get her goat. Namely: (there follows a great list)

- •General Studies
- •R.P.R. the bane of her life when senior pupils come requesting an appropriate yet preferably thin book
- Ever the perfectionist, she cannot stand to see a bent book
- Hates photocopying , especially teachers sending pupils

up to photocopy for them unattended (you know who you are)

- Take stock Mr Mitchell and co. she's irritated by the size of the library and the "minging" carpet
- •When she just can't live up to her wonder woman reputation at having the answers to life, the universe and everything.

However there also a great many things which she likes about the school and all us pupils and all them teachers:

- The ethos of the school
- The technology "it's great when it works"
- She is fond of the pupils and the new first years are noted as being particularly sweet, endearing and polite (even the boys)
- The teachers.

However, it is certainly not all sweetness and sunshine at the lush library. Mrs B freely admits that she enjoys a good shout to clear the tubes, especially at lunchtime when all the pupils are clamouring for attention.

Her stock phrases are not only angry, however. She has many comments on life:

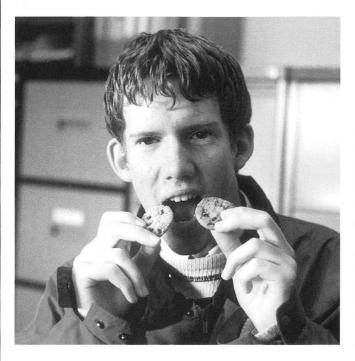
"So many books, so little time"

"Be as young as you feel"

"Don't let the world saunter on ahead of you".

Yes, a phrase which neatly sums up Mrs Burton's approach to life could well be "don't let the world pass you by". She always tries to keep the library up-to-date but importantly she is at the same time worried by young people now turning to computers for all the answers while books are being stuck behind the bookshelves for safekeeping. Her main advice is READ because if you don't then you will really miss out on a lot. Her top tip writer for 1998 is Isla Dewar. But please note that if you do follow this tip, return the book on time. **KEEP IN MRS. BURTON'S GOOD BOOKS - YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!** 

# The Life.



#### **Neil McDonald, Sixth Year**

Neil McDonald, highly profiled vice captain, prefect and all round good time guy in the school kindly found a little time in his busy schedule to shed a little light on Kilsyth Academy. During his five (and a half now) years at the school Neil's days have been funfilled and bursting with adventure and sixth year is certainly no exception. In sixth year he can now eat more, drink more and shout more which only makes school more appealing to Neil.

The day begins with a long lie in bed. Because of this late arrival he has to pick up his late slip from the lovely ladies in the office who dutifully inform him day after day that his granny taught them all to sing. Eventually Neily toddles off to his favourite class, M.I.S, and sits beside a gorgeous fiery-haired lass

from Queenzieburn. Neil's fabulous M.I.S. teacher, Mr Nice Guy Conley, then proceeds to continue his ritual of slagging Neil off about supporting Dundee United. At 10.50 am Neil makes his customary refreshment break which generally consists of 3 rolls and sausage, 1 roll and chips, 2 slices of caramel

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cake, 4 packets of crisps, and then for the ultimate irony - a can of DIET Coke! Satisfied for the meantime, before his ample stomach begins to rumble again, he shimmies on down to his highly entertaining History class taught by the delectable Ms Dick. He spends a period jealously watching the aforementioned teacher dote over David Fairbairn and learns a little bit of history along the way.

Neil's belly beckons again and he has another small snack at lunchtime; the average expenditure for this "snack" is £10.75. To top off the day Neil tries desperately hard to impress Miss Scott with his highly technical and gifted drumming skills. The school then is forced to shut down (3.35 pm or not) because of the cacophony which ensues.

Overall, Neil loves KA and all the people therein and there is a special place in his heart for S6. When asked what would make his school life easier, he suggested an atomic bomb (in jest!).

# Perfect Day

#### **David Reid - Super Jannie**

What do you envisage when you think of janitors? - groaning "Grange Hill" jannies, pupil-hating school helps and grudging ground sweepers? At Kilsyth Academy these misplaced stereotypes are far from reality. In fact we are proud to acknowledge the residency of (wait for it)..........Super Janitor Dave and his janitorial A-team but we are specifically going to focus on Dave as a new face to Kilsyth Academy. He completes any job, any time, anywhere, with no grumble or groan and he also serves as an idol and role model for pupils all over the school.

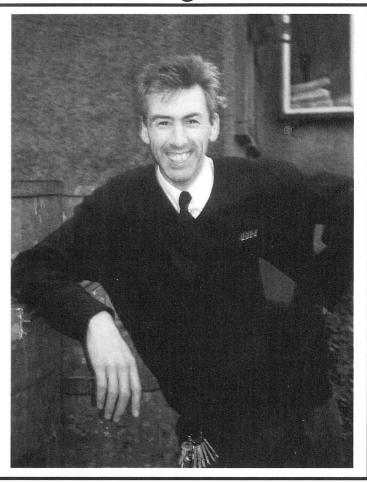
There's more to Superjannie (as we affectionately call him) than meets the eye. His fame and fortune certainly don't halt at helpfulness, a constantly cheery disposition and his ability to keep the school alive and functioning. He is also a local referee, a P.E. extraordinaire, owns more than a penchant for Posh Spice and is an all round jolly nice fellow! Not that Dave would ever want to leave our haven on the hill, but if the dreaded day ever arose, he would like to be a forestry worker. Even if he became a lumberjack we would all still sing his praises. Maybe something like:

"He's a lumberjack And he's O.K."

He is more than O.K. and more than a janitor. So, to end on a philosophical note, Dave's advice to you all is:

"Treat others as you would yourself."

You heard it here first in the immortal words of Super-janitor Dave.



#### Morag Dunn - First Year Pupil

The big change from being a Primary School "Big Wan" to being at the bottom of the Secondary school pile is enough to scare anyone. But somehow brave little first years, like Morag Dunn who kindly took time out to speak to us, soldier on and manage to struggle through the day.

Morag's typical school day dawns when she forgets to pick up her bag from the registration class and then (horror of horrors) she has a history test or some other such terrible occurrence. Nevertheless, the "wee trooper" manages to keep that big smile on her face and still have a good laugh with her friends, test or no test (which is, after all, what school is all about). The bell then signals that break has arrived and somewhere in the sea of people madly rushing to satisfy their rumbling tums (Neil McDonald leads the way as has previously been disclosed) minute Morag gets lost amidst it all. She temporarily misplaces her friends and eventually finds them again in time for a great laugh in PSE (we all thought the class was a bit ao a mystery as well, Morag).

Morag's favourite time of the day is home time (of course!) and her favourite class is P.E. And NO it is not because Mr Dougan is her teacher and constantly subjects her to name-calling like plum, numpty and skelf, it is because there is no writing involved. However Mr D. does hold a special place in her heart, Morag exclusively revealed.

Pucker up!



Show me the way to go home...



I've got a lovely bunch of coconuts.

### Mis-shapes, Mistakes, Misfits.



The Full Monty



Boyz 2 Men (old men)



Butter wouldn't melt in my mouth





Jamiroquoi



Lean on me... I'll be your friend.

## Picture This...







Mr. Gordon's English Class Back Row: Alan Downie, Paul Miller, Stephen Cheape, Barry McGovaney, Jim Whyte, Andrew Menzies, Frances Morrison; Middle Row: Mohammed Ashiq, Diane Mercer, Andrew Wyatt, Lisa Lilley, Gemma Brady, Barry Jarvie, Greg McPhail, Craig Dawson; Front Row: Kelly Budzynska, Mark Stevenson, Steven Gillies, Alexandra Sloan, Jamie Duff, Leanne McDowall, Michael McCoombe, Paul Stevenson, Simon Campbell Absent: Graham Bell, Lindsay Barrie, Lisa Heeps, David Gracie, Naiomi Graham, Angela Black.

#### Mr McGhee's English Class

**Back row:** Grant Forsyth, Sharon Balfour, Duncan MacKay, Gael Logan, Craig Strain, Gordon Campbell, Stuart Dawson

**Middle Row:** Craig Hamilton, Fiona Thomson, Fiona Moir, Ian Miller. Jennifer Daisley, Fraser Angus, Susan Smelt, Chloe Stephen

Front Row: Deborah Moir, Siobhan Fullerton, Gavin Smylie, Jilly MacFarlane, Graham McKean, Leanne Murray, Laura Newton, Ross Morgan.

Absent: Kirsty Anderson, John Anderson, Lindsay Anne Barrie, Victoria Ferrie, Stephen McIlroy, David McMahon, Richard Armstrong.

#### Miss Kane's English Class

Back Row: Christopher Campbell, Alan Fotheringham, Steven McAlpine, Michael Boyle, Mark Raeburn

Middle Row:Colin Sharp, William Fraser, Jacqueline Campbell, Louise Clelland, Helen Naylor, Claire Caldwell

**Front Row:**Christpher Dance, Ian Steele, Nikki Johnston, Christopher Milne, Robert Laing

**Absent:**Fraser Buist, Darren Patrick, Steven Green, Arielle Moffitt.

#### Mrs Dougan's English Class

Back Row: Neil McCormack, Lesley Anderson, Gordon Black, Simon Smith, Stuart Bell, Claire Patrick, Andrew MacBeth

Middle Row: Andrew Boyle, Yvonne Gardner, Karen Bell, Scott Mackay, Lisa Holland, Jamie Orr, Nicola Campbell, Laura Sharkey

Front Row: Eilidh MacDonald, Craig Hutton, Alison Tallo, Donna Stevenson, Sharon Jones, John Muir, Rachel Brown

**Absent:** Russell Boyd, Alan Brander, Ashley Bell, Steven Patrick.



#### Miss Irvine's English Class

Back Row: Daniel Hendry, Gary Coombe, Christopher McGrory, John Semple, Andrew Fleming, John Ross Middle Row: Alan Love, Kerry McArthur, Drew Jarvis, Laura Reid, William Stewart

**Front Row:** Joan Cook, Stuart Tullis, Billy Weldon, David Shepherd, Natasha Patrick

**Absent:** Euan Dickson, Nicola Robinson, Gayle Irvine.



#### Mr McGhee's English Class

Back Row: Peter Gilles, David Kerr, Lyndsay Stewart, Lynda Brown, Melinda Campbell, Sarah Kirkpatrick, Debbie Provan, Alan Taylor, Shona Straiton

**Midle Row:** Carol Wilson, Stephen Boyd, Andrew Ross, Jamie Gibson, Fiona Dunn, Graeme Cobb, Graham Loan, Fraser Campbell, Iain Brown

Front Row: Caroline Whyte, Shona McKechnie, Joy Rafferty, Gillian Murphy, Gary Lamb, Craig Drysdale, Lynsey Davidson Gemma Irvine, Claire Ferrie

**Absent:** Joseph Amato, Fiona Richardson, Karen Sinclair



# **DISCO 2000**



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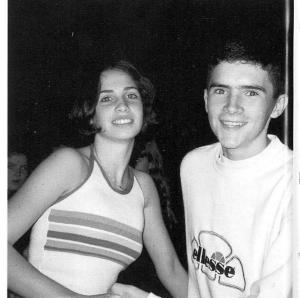
The only things going bump in the night at the junior Hallowe'en disco were those dancing feet and the groovy beat. The hip and trendy S1-S3s showed up in their best glad rags but some older and supposedly wiser sixth years dressed up in Hallowe'en costume. The only supernatural force looming over the evening was the omniscient and omnipotent Mr MacRae, and his teaching staff ensured that the event went with a bang in safety.



He's Mine!







Let's Dance





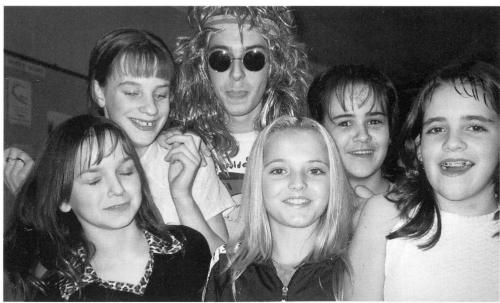
Dancing Queens





Cheese!





Hippy Chick Alex and his adoring fans

# WINTER

## Wonderland



Miss Scott in one of her many compromising situations.



All dressed up and nowhere to ski!





On the 17th of April 1997 a group of pupils and teachers set off for an action packed skiing weekend in Aviemore. After a few hours on the bus we were all looking forward to a rest and a chance to stretch our legs. We stopped at Perth Leisure Centre and almost everyone went in for a swim. Despite the fact that we had to avoid Mr Dougan and his unsuccessful attempts at drowning us, everyone had fun. After an hour or so we were all eager to reach Aviemore so we all piled into the bus and headed up North.

After a day on the slopes we were all shattered but we couldn't refuse a couple of games. We were entertained by Miss Scott, Miss Reilly and Miss Mitchell with a game of "Call My Bluff". This actually proved quite difficult as Miss Scott lies so well (and so often) that it was impossible to tell when she was being sincere. We then had a few embarrasing games of Twister (and we have the photos to prove it) but it didn't take long before we were all worn out and ready for a long sleep before the next day's energetic skiing.

After a few late nights and two days of skiing it was time to head back home, but as a lasting memory some of the pupils were awarded certificates for their effort and achievement.



For four years now the yearbook has lacked and longed for an appreciation of Mr Denovan. Now that time has come when we must stop and take stock of the talents and accomplishments of the occupant of Hut 52. At the Burns' Supper he thrilled all in the audience with his renditions of 'To a Mouse' and 'To a Louse'; his multi-accented Joe the Barman held us all spellbound in 'Calamity Jane'; and he continues to have us in fits of giggles with his wit and wisdom in both classroom and cafe.

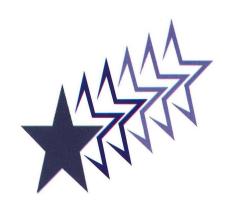
Many a time we have wondered exactly where Mr Denovan is coming from with his off-the-wall logic and surreal comments on life, but his real appeal is his down-to-earth, laid back charm laced with a repertoire of jokes worthy of publication.

#### Resident Jester Mr Denovan's Top Five Quickies:

- 1: 1st man: I started a new job and was given the sack on the first day. 2nd man: What job was that? 1st man: A postman.
- 2: Nurse to Irish patient: Would you like a bed pan? Patient: Don't tell me I've got to cook my own food!
- 3: Teacher: I retired through illness and fatigue. Friend: What was wrong?
  Teacher: The kids were sick and tired of me.
- 4: Man to doctor What's the best thing for a black eye? Doctor A punch in the face, I suppose.
- 5. Doctor What's wrong?
  Paddy You told me to put on a clean pair of socks every day for my foot infection and now I can't get my shoes on!

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Above Left: What do you mean you wouldn't be seen dead with me?

Left: Introducing the original

Gypsy Rose Lee.

Main Picture: The stars of the

show.

Right: Cream puff!

Far Right: I believe I can fly!

Top Right: Boys with attitude.



# People 7

