

Head's delight at a warm welcome

WITH head teacher Graham McCarthy at the helm for the first time, Rogart Primary School held its annual prize-giving in the company of parents, relations and guests of the school.

In his address, Mr McCarthy expressed his delight at his recent appointment and the warm welcome he had received. He stressed how impressed he had been with the children, the staff and the strong sense of community within the school and beyond.

He also shared his vision of a thriving school where achievement, attainment and success in every sphere are to the fore - a message which received strong support from everyone.

The Nursery children opened the proceedings with an action song - to great applause - and the primary children sang two hilarious songs to the amusement of all.

Their friends had made up a highly imaginative song and dance routine by way of a farewell to departing P7 pupils, Lee Ross and Oonagh Gillott. A lovely touch and a great "Goodbye".

The Nursery children received their certificates and books first, including prospective P1 pupils, Stephen and Georgie, who were delighted with their "Graduation from Nursery" certificates. All the children received certificates and a book - with the promise of a hard-reading summer ahead!

The traditional trophies were then awarded. The school was delighted to welcome Mike O'Reilly, a local member of the British Legion, to present the British Legion Cup for "Due Diligence". To her great delight, this was awarded to Kirsty Ross-Baker.

The other trophy winners were:

The William Davie Memorial Cup (Sports Day winning team

captains) - Lee Ross and Eilidh Mackay (Rhilochan)

The Gordon Trophy (swimming)

Lee Ross and Oonagh Gillot

The General Knowledge Cup - Oonagh Gillot

The Slorach Cup (Expressive Arts) - Lee Ross

The Dunbar Cup (Maths) - Mackenzie Sinclair

The William Campbell Cup (Language) - May Armstrong

The Thomas Fraser Cup (Excellence) - Poppy Armstrong

Oonagh and Lee also received their very new "Bikeability 2" certificates.

The children bade a sad farewell to P1-3 teacher Lindsay MacDonald, and thanked her for all her hard work.

As thoughts turned towards the summer break and an even more successful session to come, everyone enjoyed refreshments courtesy of the Parents and Teachers' Association.