

# ASHFIELD IN FORM

June 2010

Price 30p

**IN THIS  
EDITION  
CENTRE  
PAGE  
PULL OUT ON  
ASHFIELD IN  
THE WORLD  
CUP  
SPECIAL  
REPORT**

# CAPETOWN CALLING

Following on from their trips to the Euros in 2004 and 2008 and the World Cup in 2006, the boys of Ashfield are off again, but this time to the Southern Hemisphere. The boys

are off to Cape Town for 12 days and will be watching 3 games : Italy v Paraguay, England v Algeria and Portugal v North Korea. They will also be playing matches against 3

township teams and are to present the teams with Northern Ireland kits. Lots of trips are planned such as a cable car ride to the top of Table Mountain and Boulder Bay to see

the penguins, but the favourite seems to be the Ratunga Junction Theme Park. It should be quite a trip for the East Belfast school. See all the pictures in our next edition.



The tour party complete their last fund raising walk at Bangor

# LEGEND BOWS OUT

Mr Boyd is retiring after 20 years at Ashfield. The Head of Maths has reached retirement age and is now looking forward to more fishing time. In his time at Ashfield



Mr Boyd has seen many changes but has always tried to keep fun in his teaching. Fishing trips were legendary especially when boys fell off jetties. He really enjoyed his trip to New York with the Seniors pupils last year. But now it's time for mountaineering, swimming and motorcycling.

# TIME UP FOR VP

Mr Russell is taking early retirement in June. The Media man is stepping down as VP and taking a lot of great memories with him. In the ten years he has been in the school he has enjoyed watching it go from strength to strength.

"It's all down to great leadership, super teachers and terrific pupils," said the retiring VP. but don't worry, he still will be helping with the fund raising for New York next year.



Mr Russell in his favourite place - New York - with his favourite senior pupils

# UGANDAN VISITOR IS VERY IMPRESSED

Bernard Massaba, Education Officer to The Fields of Life Charity, visited school last month with retired inspector Mr Manning, his wife and daughter Gail Nixon. Our Ugandan guest enjoyed talking to Mr Duff's first years about his charity and several of the boys are interested in fund raising. Then it was down to Mrs Hill's geography class and Bernard gave a great insight into life in Uganda.



Mr Massaba is presented with a £250 cheque for his charity



in the Geography class



Mr Duff's team of questioners

# NOT ALLERGIC TO GIVING



Maureen Paul of Allergy Northern Ireland found out that Ashfield pupils are very generous, on a recent trip to school. Several of our pupils have allergies especially nut allergies and Maureen told us in assembly about how dangerous this can be. Andrew Chivers, pictured left, help present Maureen with a cheque for £300 raised during a non uniform day last month.

## BASIL BELONGS TO 10S

Noel Beattie, manager of 10S was delighted when his team picked up the 2010 Basil Brush Trophy. Organiser, Miss Taylor, named Austin Graham as player of the tournament, while Brandon Locke and Curtis Hoy were the top players for 8S and Matthew Patterson and Johnny Legge for 9S. Next day, 10S defeated 11S by 5 goals to 2 in the Champions League Final. Another great day for Beattie's Boys.



Captain Justin Frizzell with his squad and the Basil Brush Trophy



Mrs Ashenhurst and Thomas Corrigan hand over the £300 cheque

## BARNARDOS BENEFIT

Another charity to benefit from one of our non uniform days was Barnardos. Maureen Hill called into Junior assembly to tell us how welcome our donation of £300 was to the charity which spends millions each year caring for children in need of some help.

# WHAT A REWARD !

40 final year students from Ashfield Boys' High School have just returned from a week in the Big Apple. The group, who raised the money for the trip through school discos, concerts, special events and ballot sales, had the time of their lives visiting all the usual sites and meeting with media and economics experts. That's what makes this trip so different. The group were hosted by Credit Suisse, one of the biggest investment banking companies in the world, Associated Press and Chromovision, a major media production company.

"Our aim is to let the boys hear careers advice from experts. Americans have a great drive and a completely different outlook on the world of work and it's great to see our boys being stimulated by such people. We don't just get to look at the skyscrapers, we get inside them," said Principal, Andy McMorran.

Naturally it wasn't all about work, it was about seeing the city itself and in a busy schedule the group saw an awful lot! Inside an hour of their arrival they were at the top of the Empire State Building, and then it was up onto the bright lights of Times Square.

Sunday saw the entire party at the Brooklyn Tabernacle, where they thoroughly enjoyed listening to the world famous choir. The afternoon was spent in Central Park and then it was off to the movies where some of the boys met film director Kevin Smith.

After that, it was non stop, as they were introduced to the sights and sounds of the city.

Highlights included The Natural History Museum, The Metropolitan Museum, The Guggenheim, Liberty Island, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Museum of Modern Art and the Circle Line Cruise.

They also sampled the Broadway nightlife, with trips to The Lion King, West Side Story and the Blue Man Group. Some even went to see the Rangers ice hockey team, playing at Madison Square Garden.

Shopping was a major event! Abercrombie and Fitch, American Eagle and Timberland saw their profits soar and in a trip to Woodbury Common the last of the dollars disappeared.

The American Eagle Store, in Times Square, was a great draw because of the added attraction of



on top of the Empire State Building



some of the group on top of the Rockefeller



Sunday in Central Park

getting your picture on the big screen in Times Square if you bought any of their merchandise. Needless to say, there were pictures galore. Even the staff joined in !

In a week, the group walked 108 kilometres ( 67.5 miles ) and got great value out of their metro pass – they certainly got a full taste of the Big Apple !

This is the eighth year Ashfield pupils have been in New York as a result of the reward scheme and with the ever growing success of A Level results in the school, it looks as if it's a scheme that certainly pays big dividends.



Pier 17 and the Brooklyn Bridge



Abercrombie and Fitch fanatics



Rory Coulter and Christopher Blacker on Times Square after the experience of West Side Story



touring the Associated Press offices



the panel of experts at Credit Suisse



Matthew Burns and Dale Lockhart on the East River

# IT'S A LONG WAY TO WESTMINSTER

Before her famous victory in the Westminster election, Naomi Long called in, as Lord Mayor, to do a question and answer session with Life and Work pupils. She gave the boys an hour of her time and gave the boys a great insight into the difficulties of trying to be an Alliance politician in Belfast.



Naomi Long MP at her question and answer session in the library



Naomi also took time out of a rather hectic schedule to call into ABHS yet again last month. This time it was the turn of a number of Year 8s to grill their very own Minister of Parliament. It was all set up by an inspired Jack Thompson who wanted to present issues that he and others in the area were concerned about. He used some contacts, as any self-respecting journalist in the making would do, and the rest is, well, a rap! Watch out for exclusive video footage in the near future.

# SOLIDARITY TOOLS

The latest event in the Life & Work campaign to promote local charity Tools For Solidarity within the school and local community turned out to be a significant success. Craig Calvert, Matthieu Rutherford and James Steed, from Year 12, presented a proposal to the Board of Governors last month for the school to officially endorse the local charity. The expert presentation was received with due admiration and interest by all members of the Board, serving as an example of just what pupils in this school are capable of. The LLW Dept. has a history of working with TFS as is evidenced by the wall mural on the top floor, conceived and produced last year by 5<sup>th</sup> Year GCSE pupils. The organization, co-founded by John Woods and his brother Stephen, has worked hand-in-hand with ABHS for a number of years and now the school will begin promoting the charity in earnest. Check out the following website for further information: [www.toolsforsolidarity.com](http://www.toolsforsolidarity.com)



the boys help load a container



Sam Chiu presents a cheque to organiser John Woods

# SUPER SPORTS DAY



John Motson McKnight

How come we always get good weather on sports day ?  
What a day of sporting brilliance we had with Shorts winning the Junior title for a fourth year in a row. Spencer Crawford, Josh Robinson, Ben McDowell and Reuben Stewart were the outstanding athletes on the day.



for dear sake pull !



over the hurdles Ashfield style



on your marks !



Adam Magill



Charlie Emerson giving it the boot

# WHAT A DAY



Senior winners



Max Henderson and Ross Larmour in the relay



Adam Magill, Justin Bryans, Johnny Connors and Lucas Patterson in the relay



Louis Ingram and Ryan McCaughan sprint



Taylor Robinson battles it out with Joel Ludlow and Nathan Matthews



James Craig going head to head with Jason Carson



Ben McDowell in the lead



Curtis Smyth being helped along in the relay

# SUPER STARS



Ready....Set.....CHARGE.....!!!!



team Shorts - champions again



over and out !



Adam Thompson in the lead



Darren Johnson tackling the high jump



James Mackerel

# NOT JUST A RUN IN THE PARK



Over 100 boys took part in the annual Junior Cross Country Competition held in the Inverary Park. Over the two mile course the boys were well spread out and winner Ben McDowell won by a considerable distance.



Reece Kane and Carter Willis



Peter Mooney and Mark Henderson



1st. Ben McDowell, 2nd. Jack Spence  
and 3rd. Jack Torrens



Winner Ben McDowell

# ASSEMBLY MATTERS



Ethan Martin and Jason Caughey



Guitarist Stephen Hamilton



Jack Thompson , Michael Scott, Ben Wilton and Jordan Given



Brandon Lough and Curtis Hoy



Ryan McNeill, Peter Mooney and Ryan Moore



Josh Stafford, Adam Thompson, Nicholas Dougherty and Reece Williams

# HEALTH CHECK ON YEAR EIGHTS

Two weeks ago every one of Ashfield's first years were put through a rigorous set of fitness tests in an exercise developed through P E Across the Curriculum. The concept is that each pupil is measured on 12 different fitness tests and then they track and discuss their scores in their Maths classes. Boys showing outstanding fitness were Ross Carvill, Reece Carson, Ben McDowell and Bradley Robinson.



## PUPILS ARE TOP IN FANTASY LAND

1st. Jason Grimason and Joel McCartney  
2nd. Mr Tumelty  
3rd. Mr McKeag  
4th. Mrs Kerrigan  
5th. Karl Lines and Joe Clarke

6th. Chris Watts  
7th. Mr McKnight  
8th. Jordan Finley  
9th. Dylan White  
10th. Calum Cammock  
11th. Luke Wilson  
12th. Carter Dawson



Monthly winners : Ethan Campbell, Morgan Stewart, Jack Smith, Garrett Spence, Craig Thompson and Johnny Kane



## IRISH CUP ON SHOW

Paul Leeman and Peter Thompson dropped in to school before the Irish League Quarter Final. They did a question and answer session and then a photo session and of course the boys got to hold the cup.

# BAND PLAY FOR CHRISTIAN AID



Over £180 was raised in one day after the band played at assembly and Christian Aid gave a presentation. After assembly Mrs Simpson sold fudge and Mr McConnell started off making a collection in his class and was so taken by their generosity that some of his pupils decided to go around classes. The final sum raised in a day was £180.



the Junior choir

## EASTER CONCERT A HUGE SUCCESS

This years Easter Concert was another huge success for Mrs Guthrie and her band of musicians. The band played a lot of new material and everyone loved the Abba medley.

The Junior Choir were magnificent - it takes guts to stand up and sing in front of all your mates. Also we had a guest rock band this year and the African Drum Band from St Patricks College. The afternoon, which was attended by some very proud parents and a large group of local pensioners, was enjoyed by everyone. It was Jamie Reid's last performance with the band, we wish him well in his university career.



drummers from St Pats



Jamie Reid bows out

# MASIF TOURNAMENT IS MASSIVE SUCCESS

The Movement Against Sectarianism in Football (established by Matthew Brown and associates 2007) continued this year with even greater momentum. Prior to the fantastic footballing feast - involving 8 schools of various political persuasions but one overriding common interest - the organizing group of 5<sup>th</sup> Year pupils had been busy taking the message into the classrooms of ABHS. Superb presentations and workshops, coupled with guest speakers such as Nigel Worthington, Andrew Waterworth (Glens), Jason Hill (Glens - tournament special guest) and, of course, the IFA's very own Michael Boyd, set the scene with true intent and purpose. The actual football had it all - great goals, nail-biting finishes and hard fought wins. And whilst two matches were running simultaneously, the guys had gotten together a host of activities to keep the rest of the contestants warmed up and entertained. Professionals delivered tutorials on Hurling, top goalies from 5<sup>th</sup> Year ran a Beat the Keep competition, all accompanied by a backdrop of funky vibes and riveting commentary from the resident DJs. It all came down to a final that was absolutely electric. Ashfield Boys' took on the reigning champions, St Pats, in a display of some top notch football, with the home team taking the lead and holding on to it. Well done to the group of organizers (Colin Armstrong, Ryan Bell, Byran Jackson, Nathan Jamison, Stephen McCann, Jonathan Nesbitt and Richard Pollock) - not bad for a bit of coursework!

## WORLD CUP NEW BOY ON FLYING VISIT

England new boy, and Spurs Player of the Season, Michael Dawson called in to school last month for a question and answer session with our soccer players. The big centre half was here on Umbro business and Paul Leaman our Umbro colleague brought him into school. At that time he was hoping for a place in the World Cup squad. Little did we know that he would be called up as a replacement for Rio Ferdinand. Perhaps he will see the Ashfield banner when he plays for England against Algeria in Cape Town.



the opening ceremony



the organisers



Ashfield win it !



David Harrison gets Michael's autograph

# STAFF SHOW THEIR SKILLS AT THE OVAL

In a fund raiser for the big World Cup trip to South Africa, the Ashfield staff team took on a select side from Our Lady and St Pats Knock at the Oval, In front of a crowd of pupils and staff the Ashfield staff put on quite a performance winning by two goals to nil. Goalkeeper, Jonny McCullough put on a great performance while centre backs Beattie and Jones and full backs Spence and Clegg took the sting out of the St Pats attack. John Spence was outstanding, despite the fact that he got a nasty rib injury in the first half. He topped off his performance with a perfectly executed lob to put Ashfield one up early in the second half. In midfield,



Rooney mouth Tumelty and ex schoolboy international, Millar controlled the midfield and Keith Millar hit a superb 25 yard drive to put Ashfield two up. The only downside to the evening was the achilles injury to keeper Lee Rutherford. He will be out of action for three months.



Referee Stevie McAleese and the two captains

## MORE SOCCER TROPHIES



Under 12's win Newtownbreda 5 a sides



This years MASIF winners - Ashfield

# INFORM SPORT

## WAYNE FOR RANGERS

Wayne Drummond has left Millwall and signed a one year contract with Glasgow Rangers with a possibility of a one year extension. The big Under 19 International is certainly making a name for himself.



# LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

## WHAT A SEASON FOR IRVINE'S SUPERSTARS

It has been a tremendous year for Mr Irvine's 4th Year side. Not only did they win the Belfast and Districts League Championship but they are just back from a very successful European tour to Holland where they won both tournaments. Lead by Captain Johnny Kane, the boys played some tremendous football all season. Top goal scorer was Daniel Mackey. "He has been a revelation this year, and is definitely our most improved player," said coach Irvine. Steven McCullough also has to get a mention and certainly if you have been watching the footage from Holland, on The Life Channel you have to be impressed by two of his top class finishes.



The winning squad : Back Row left to right - Manager Mr Irvine, Daniel Todd, Nathan Hamilton, Cormac Payling, Curtis Robinson, Ryan McCaughan, William McKnight, Chris Halliday, Dean Baillie, Steven McCullough, Matthew McNair, Daryl Evans, Dean Martin, Ryan Hobday, Mr McMorran  
Front Row - Ryan Brown, Stephen Storey, Phil McConnell, Johnny Kane, Daniel Mackey, Connor Henry and Bobby Algie.