

SCHOOL

Gaelic Book Review Awards

Anna Smith and Cara Thompson from S2 won the 'Braw' Gaelic book review awards in the Royal Mail Awards for Scottish books. They both went to Edinburgh to receive their awards and their prizes. They reviewed 'Roxy's Baby' in Gaelic, and Catherine MacPhail who wrote the book will visit the school after Christmas as part of their prize. Congratulations also to Caroline Smith from S1 who did very well to be Highly Commended. *Perhaps we have some budding writers on our hands, so watch this space!*

Saint Andrew's Day

The school celebrated St Andrew's day with an afternoon ceildh which all the children thoroughly enjoyed and everyone got up for a dance!

Oxfam 'Funusual' Gifts

The school, in conjunction with Oxfam, is encouraging the children to raise money to buy children living in third world countries a 'Funusual' Christmas present.

The children have been raising money and then they can decide what to buy, whether it is a goat, textbooks, chairs, desks and many other things.

If you would like to get involved please ask at your local Oxfam and help someone else have a great Christmas too.

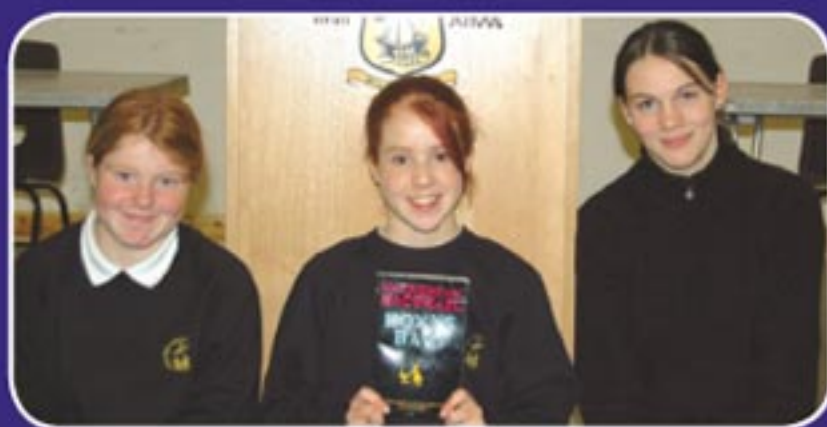
Ruth Cameron Head Girl.

Oban High pupils book success

THREE Oban High School pupils have proved their linguistic prowess after success in a nationwide competition. The Royal Mail award for Scottish Children's Books allowed students in three age groups to vote for their favourite book in the last year from a shortlist. Pupils were then asked to review one of the texts, with a separate category for reviews in Gaelic.

Second-year pupils Cara Thompson and Anna Smith won the 13-16 category for their evaluation of Catherine MacPhail's gripping tale of teenage pregnancy 'Roxy's baby'. First-year Caroline Smith was highly commended for her review of Debi Gliori's novel Deep Water.

The girls travelled to the Scottish storytelling centre in Edinburgh to receive their awards where they met Culture Minister Patricia Ferguson and author Catherine MacPhail. They were presented with a selection of MacPhail's books at the ceremony and, in addition, the author will visit Oban High School to talk to pupils as part of the prize.



From left: Prizewinners from left: Caroline Smith, Anna Smith and Cara Thompson with their novel of choice. T49book01