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Two extra outfield Coaches	Interviewing NOW	Will keep you informed.
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## 'First' Academy Tournament proves massive success

**Scotland Boys Club – Academy of Football** ran their very first Festival of Football at the weekend. It was a well supported event held at St Aloysius College in Stepps. The standard of football was extremely high with the School of Excellence, Park Villa and Airdrie United all managing to lose one game each – and win the rest. The 'senior scouts' were out in force too with **Celtic, Rangers, Hearts, Aberdeen and Motherwell** all represented. There was also a representative from **Bolton Wanderers**.

The weather held out, the tournament ran very smoothly and we managed to make quite a bit of money. Full figures will be released in next week's 'Scottish News'. I honestly can take no credit for this event whatsoever as it was all thoroughly organised by the Fund Raising Committee representing the **School of Excellence and Academy PLUS Groups**.

I would like to thank **ALL the committee for their efforts**, all the helpers working the shops, all the other parents/helpers from all squads who participated in all sorts of 'help' ranging from litter collecting to putting up signs. You were all fantastic. I would like to give a special mention to **Eddie Gibson** who (as the Events Co-ordinator) co-ordinated everything to perfection. Eddie was a stalwart in getting this day up and running...well done mister !!! My thanks also to the Groundsman at St Aloysius College, all the participating teams and to all the Sponsors involved.

**Finally a vote of thanks to St Aloysius College Board who gave us the facility free of charge. It made our day. If I have missed anyone out – I apologise - it is not intentional. We look forward to arranging another festival up there before it closes down next year.**

Well Done everyone.

## Casino Night ....Success Number 2 !!!

I am given (in good authority) a report indicating that Cinderella, Peter Pan and a variety of other wonderfully clad 'romeos and juliets' had an absolutely fantastic Casino Night last Friday. I heard some of the costumes were 'no reel'. My special thanks to **John and Josephine Kane** for making a fantastic effort towards the running of this event. Also to everyone who contributed, gambled, donated prizes for auctions and all the sponsors. Again it was a well organised and fairly well supported evening. The most important thing was that it was **FUN**...and it made a substantial profit. Once again because I have been away all week ....I do not have the exact figures but they will be published in next week's 'Scottish News'. Thanks again to everyone involved and of course the families who went along and spent fortunes !!! Sorry I could not manage along because of 'babysitting issues'. **Any photographs that could be emailed to me would be terrific.**

### FIXTURES STILL TO BE PLAYED TILL DECEMBER

Day	Date	Squad(s)	Scores	Opposition	Venue	Meeting Time	KICK OFF
Sat	4 Nov	1999 Age Group	v	Stewartfield Boys Club	Richmond	8.45	9.30
Sat	4 Nov	Stewartfield Boys Club	v	1998 Improvers	East Kilbride	10.00	10.30
Sat	4 Nov	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	Aston Villa Boys Club	Richmond	10.45	11.00
Sat	11 Nov	Wishaw Wycombe	v	1999 Age Group	Wishaw	tba	tba
Sat	11 Nov	1998 Improvers	v	Baillieston Juniors	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	11 Nov	Moorlands Boys Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Uddingston	tba	tba
Sat	18 Nov	1999 Age Group	v	Blantyre Boys Club	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	18 Nov	Mossend Boys Club	v	1998 Improvers	Mossend	tba	tba
Sat	18 Nov	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	East Kilbride Burgh United	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	25 Nov	East Kilbride Burgh United	v	1999 Age Group	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	25 Nov	1998 Improvers	v	Wolves Boys Club	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	25 Nov	East Kilbride Youth Club	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	2 Dec	Claremont Boys Club	v	1999 Age Group	East Kilbride	tba	tba
Sat	2 Dec	S of E and Academy PLUS	v	1998 Improvers	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	9 Dec	1999 Age Group	v	Edenvale Boys Club	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	9 Dec	1998 Improvers	v	Milton Rovers Boys Club	Richmond	tba	tba
Sat	9 Dec	Wishaw Wycombe	v	S of E and Academy PLUS	Wishaw	tba	tba

The above fixtures are the last official League fixtures for 2006.

### NEW GOALKEEPING COACH (ES)

I am hoping that our new professional Goalkeeping Coach, **Mr Peter Alexiou** (former Greek International Goalkeeper) comes along tonight (Friday) as promised.

The Students are really looking forward to it. This 'goalkeeping' training is for ALL Academy Goalkeepers and they must be kitted out ready to 'dive for their lives'.

This is the breakthrough we have been waiting for. This training will be from **8.00 pm till 9.00 pm**.

Can all goalkeepers please make sure they are **padded up to the hilt with old tracksuits** and the like.

**It will be extremely rough on the old knees and elbows...so plenty padding please.**



# THE ACADEMY... ... LAST WEEK'S RESULTS



## School of Excellence and Academy PLUS

- This time 'we' pulled out of the game that was due to be played against Claremont Boys Club from East Kilbride. The reason we pulled out was because of the 'Casino Night' the night before and the fact that we had to set up St Aloysius for the Sunday tournament.

## 1998 Improvers

- The Improvers this weekend played against Edenvale at Richmond Park and again had fairly competitive matches. They do not get many 'heavy' defeats, but do not produce a lot of wins either. The important thing is that they get tough games every week and will learn from these performances. We managed a draw and three defeats against an unbeaten Edenvale side. They are now settling into their evenly matched squads. All the students are working really hard and just need a few stronger players for them to cope a little better.

## 1999 Age Group

- The 1999's now being jointly operated by Bobby Mc Donald and John Renwick (and assisted by Alistair Whyte and Jim Ruddick) broke into two evenly balanced groups last week and participated in four excellent matches against Mossend. The games were reasonably closely matched but the young Scots still managed four formidable victories.

## Loves' decide to quit Academy

I am very disappointed to have to announce the the Love Brothers have decided to leave the Academy after being there for almost three years. Unfortunately these things happen in football and we have to move on. I wish them all the very best in the future and will follow their progress closely. Jamie will still continue his professional career with Hearts FC ....Glasgow Campus. However, they know the door is always open for their return. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the boys' Mum – Tricia who has worked wonders for this Academy – all voluntarily....from Car Boot Sales, to Tracksuits, to making cakes, to producing photos.....and I could go on and on. We will miss her contribution so much. Tricia ...from everyone ....'Thanks – you were fantastic'.

## Goals getting put up

Last weekend, I asked for parents to come along and help put up the goals for the start of the game. I asked for people to come along early and give a hand. It ended up that Jim Ruddick, me, and Ian Blair along with I think two parents setting up the goals. **This is totally unacceptable.** Jim and I were there because we did not have a game.....what if we had !!! In fact certain students turned up **NINE MINUTES** before kick off time. No time for a warm up, no time for a team talk...nothing. I am naming no names this week but this situation has got to change. When at Richmond Park, parents and students will have to be available 45 minutes before kick off time for the purpose of putting up goals, warm ups, team talks and also after the game ...for dis-assembling the goals and cleaning up the mess. I spent half an hour walking around the park picking up empty Lucozade bottles. Get the students to put them in the bins provided....we have already had a complaint about the mess. It is absolutely imperative that Coaches turn up on time also to set the appropriate example. **This applies to ALL age groups.**

## This Weekend

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 2006</b>
<b>Squads</b>	<b>School of Excellence and Academy PLUS</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Richmond Park</b>
<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>10.45 am</b> <i>(Cameron Carswell will play goals for the S of E until further notice)</i>
<b>Kick Off Time</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Aston Villa Boys Club</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 2006</b>
<b>Squads</b>	<b>1998 Improvers Squads – Navy and White</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Brancumhall, East Kilbride</b>
<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <i>(Paul Chalmers will play for the 'White' Improvers team until further notice).</i>
<b>Kick Off Time</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Stewartfield Boys Club (East Kilbride) U9's</b>

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> October 2006</b>
<b>Squads</b>	<b>1999 – Squads - Navy and White</b>
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Richmond Park</b>
<b>Meeting Time</b>	<b>8.45 am (Can parents please turn up at this time to assist with NETS)</b>
<b>Kick Off Time</b>	<b>9.30 am</b>
<b>Opposition</b>	<b>Stewartfield Boys Club (East Kilbride) U8's</b>

### Director of Football AWOL

I am just about to finish **TWO** long term (two year) personal contracts with Middlesbrough and Leeds and the conclusion to these contracts are 'residential weekends / days' with the kids I am involved in coaching. This will mean me being **AWOL** for a few dates over the next few weeks....and I can only apologise in advance for these missing days. I will of course make them up at the earliest opportunity. The dates are as follows :

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER (THIS WEEKEND)** .... My team on the Saturday will be managed by James Glackin & Chris Jones. James is a Level 3 qualified SFA Coach and knows my players very well and I have full trust in his ability. Chris of course is well known to the students so there should be no issues. **John Renwick and Jim Ruddick** will run their own groups **PLUS the 1999's**, as the games run consecutively at the same venue – so no problems there.

**SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER (THIS WEEKEND)** .....**SUNDAY MORNING TRAINING** will be structured as follows :

1998 IMPROVERS WHITE .....**IAN BLAIR**

1998 IMPROVERS NAVY .....**ROBERT GORMLEY & ROBERT SANDS**

2000/2001 AGE GROUP .....**GORDON BURT, JIM RUDDICK, & LARRY O HARA**

**SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE / ACADEMY PLUS PLAYERS** WHO TRAIN ON A FRIDAY WITH HEARTS FC and anyone else who misses the Friday Training.....**JOHN RENWICK WILL TAKE THESE GROUPS.**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** - **JAMES GLACKIN & CHRIS JONES WILL RUN MY GROUP.** John Renwick and Jim Ruddick will run the 1999's and Derek Mc Donald and Aldo Thomson will run the Academy PLUS.

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** - **JAMES GLACKIN & CHRIS JONES WILL RUN MY GROUP.** John Renwick and Jim Ruddick are on hand to run their own Groups **PLUS the 1999's** as those games that week also run consecutively at the same venue.

## Holidays 2007 - Final Dates - PLEASE READ NOTE BELOW CHART

Squad	Dates	Venue	Total Cost £356	Deposit Of £50 Non Refundable by	Next £100 by	Next £100 by	Final £106 By
School of Excellence	6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Cumbria	£356	November 11th	30 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan
Academy PLUS	6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Cumbria	£356	November 11th	30 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan
1998 Improvers 'Navy'	4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Blackpool	£356	November 11th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
1998 Improvers 'White'	4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Blackpool	£356	November 11th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
1999 Age Group 'A' Squad	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Craig Tara, Ayr	£356	November 11th	30 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan
1999 Age Group 'B' Squad	30 <sup>th</sup> Mar - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Craig Tara, Ayr	£356	November 11th	30 Nov	31 Dec	31 Jan
2000 Age Group 'A' Squad	25 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Great Yarmouth	£356	November 11th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb
2000 Age Group 'B' Squad	25 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Great Yarmouth	£356	November 11th	31 Dec	31 Jan	28 Feb

You will realise that because Training was cancelled, the 'deadlines' have passed. This was the Academy's fault so because of that knee jerk reaction – payment deadlines for the Club has been re-set at NOVEMBER 11<sup>th</sup> 2006 (see above). If you are not going please advise Theresa NOW – even if you have informed me ...let her know too please...as she keeps a note of everything to do with holidays.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE **NOT** GOING..... URGENTLY !!!!!!!

### Changeover of Squads

Due to the departure of the Loves' – John has decided to re-arrange the squads to maintain consistency, evenly matched squads and continuity. The new squads will be announced in **next week's Scottish News**. Below are the squads for the School of Excellence and Academy PLUS groups for **this Saturday's game** against Aston Villa Boys Club..at Richmond Park.

School of Excellence – James Glackin / Chris Jones	
1	Cameron Carswell (GK)
2	Ross Lyon
3	Callum Gibson
4	Regan Glackin
5	Aiden Mc Elhinney
6	Sean Hughes
7	Leon Jones
8	Gary Keenan
9	Ryan Coulter
Academy PLUS – John Renwick / Derek Mc Donald / Aldo Thomson	
1	David Thomson (GK)
2	Samuel Bullough
3	Calum Mc Donald
4	Josh Mac Donald
5	Anthony Ralston
6	Liam Burt
7	Ryan Kane
8	Liam Bowie
9	Lee Roulston
10	Aiden Gray

## The 1999 Squads for this Saturday are as follows :

1999 'Navy Squad' - John Renwick & Alistair Whyte	
1	Angus Carswell (GK)
2	Euan Moodie
3	Josh Mc Fall
4	Aaron Gray
5	Calum Glasgow
6	Craig Butler
7	Anthony Croal
8	Calum Whyte
9	Paul Croal
10	Andrew Mc Lean
1999 'White' Squad - Jim Ruddick	
1	Ross Bordon (GK)
2	Frazer Hood
3	Struan Paton
4	Craig Costello
5	Matthew Innes
6	Jack Stewart
7	Taylor Milligan
8	Sonny Stewart
9	Connor Stewart
10	Ross Henderson
11	Kieran Mc Millan

## Boots for free

I have a number of pairs of boots that have been handed in to me by parents which are available to students for free. One pair is almost brand new – a pair of **Adidas FX – lightweight** – Size 2. If anyone is interested in these boots or any other boots I have - please advise me as soon as possible before I donate them to Barnardos. All correspondence will be kept confidential.

## SBC Tracksuit Top – initials - AM

Someone has left this Tracksuit top at training and I have now got it ....can you please claim it as soon as possible pleas...thanks !!!

## Forms / Photos etc

We have just failed a second 'audit' due to a pile of paperwork not being up to date despite repeated requests to have it forwarded to me. I am now dedicating this task to **Robert Sands** to collate this information in a database, and I will be publishing a spreadsheet of 'missing information' over the next week or two. I have until Xmas to get this 'sorted' otherwise our registration will be withdrawn. There are **Enrolment Forms missing, consent forms missing, photos missing, and copies of birth certificates missing**.....When I say MISSING ...I mean it has not been handed in to me. We must get this situation sorted so I will be talking to Robert about it this weekend...**WATCH THIS SPACE !!!**

## Hearts Friday Brigade

The following players have started a six week trial with Hearts FC (Uddingston Campus) – **Aiden Mc Elhinney, Anthony Ralston, Gary Keenan, Samuel Bullough and Paul O Hara**. Because this Campus is on a Friday night (same training night as ourselves) ...the players will not be around on Fridays ...but they will be required to train on a Sunday morning to make up for the missed activity.

## Callum Gibson get retained at Hearts

**Callum Gibson** from the Hearts FC Academy at Hamilton has been retained following a lengthy trial period. We wish him well. Unfortunately the other two **Academy PLUS players** who were training at that campus were released.

## Rangers snap up two 'School of Excellence' Stars

**Ross Lyon** (School of Excellence Captain) and **Sean Hughes** – School of Excellence midfield player have both been snapped up by Rangers FC following an extensive trial period with the Club. They have both been offered extended contracts. Ross Lyon has also been approached by Celtic FC and I am just negotiating a potential start date for the student – hopefully in the next few weeks. Ryan Coulter (left midfielder with the School of Excellence) has rejected an offer from Rangers, preferring to concentrate his abilities with Hearts.

## Regan retained at Celtic

A similar situation is happening with **Regan Glackin**, midfield player with the School of Excellence. He has been retained by Celtic (currently training with their 1997's) ...but has also been offered training facilities at Murray Park with Rangers...

## Apprentice Week – revisited

Last year, when we had around 30 plus students, I asked if anyone would be interested in attending a **RESIDENTIAL... 'Apprentice Weekend'**. The demand was unbelievable. But due to the increase in numbers **AND** the fact that we had problems with accommodation I put it on the 'back burner'. However now that the Academy has stabilised, I intend running **THREE** of these weekends. Probably between January and the Summer of 2007. Because of the demand, I have set them into **THREE** levels – hence three classes or groups.

**MASTERCLASS** - For School of Excellence, Academy PLUS, and 1999 'exceptional' students.

**INTERMEDIATE** - For remaining 1999 Students and exceptional 2000 students.

**BEGINNER** - For all other students.

Places will be allocated on a **'first come first served basis'**. Any places NOT filled will be offered to the general public / schools.

The weekend will be named **'A Week-end in the Life of an Apprentice Footballer'** and it will involve the youngsters going through 'life' as an Apprentice would. They will be up at the crack of dawn every day, will train doing the exact same duties as an apprentice would, and the same training, will be fed like an apprentice, and will wash and tidy up like an apprentice. They will be given homework, and written classroom work (dependant of age of course.) They will watch and analyse videos, and will of course get lots of practical work and technical coaching. Guest coaches will be brought in from senior clubs and specialist routines will be offered. It will be a busy, busy weekend. They will be in bed early and will be eating proper healthy food. I will do some of the coaching sessions too.

All **SBC coaches** are invited to attend this weekend and will be given **professional coaching lessons** by myself **AND** senior professionals. This will increase their ability as coaches within the Academy.

**Names for these coaching weekends can be given to Theresa now !!! First come first served.**

The approximate cost (all inclusive except for transport) will be **approximately** £125 per person (adult or child) ..... I will be limiting the numbers to 16 students per course ....and as I say 'first come first served' so get your name to Theresa now so not to be disappointed...if these courses go external ...they will go like wildfire. Parents who wish to come along will be 'working parents' and will participate in all sorts of things such as domestic concerns to pitch maintenance. No rest for the wicked. Same charges will apply to adults.

## A New Way of Paying

**A NEW way of paying** .....if you are struggling....we have hundreds of available '80 Team' Hidden Team Cards. If you take one of these cards and sell the 80 teams @ 50 pence per team – you will have collected £40. You give twenty pounds to the winner and twenty pounds to the club. Off that twenty pounds ...ten pounds will go to funds and the other ten pounds will go towards your trip. So sell **TEN CARDS** and you will have donated **£100** towards either your son's Apprentice Weekend OR your Club Easter / May holiday. Now if you were to sell the teams for **ONE POUND** per team....its 40 pounds to the winner, twenty pounds to the Club and twenty pound towards your holiday / residential. **LET US KNOW.**

## Newcastle and Casino night pictures

If anyone has any pictures that they took either at Newcastle or indeed the Casino night ...or even the Halloween Festival ...PLEASE, PLEASE EMAIL THEM TO ME. I need these compilations for a variety of situations ...so please – I would appreciate you emailing them over to me ...thanks for that.

## Some guys not got New Scotland Kit

I notice quite a few players have **STILL not got the NEW Scotland strip**. Can you please arrange to get this now – before Xmas because I have heard that the demand at Xmas in the retail shops (including the Hampden Shop) is going to be such that there will be **NO STRIPS LEFT...AND THEY ARE NOT RE-ORDERING**. This is your last opportunity.

## New Tracksuits etc ...measured up

Has your son been measured up...if not - please get this done this weekend. Speak to Theresa. This is your last opportunity. If you don't...you will need to pay the 'single' price and not the bulk price. If you have **NOT PAID** ...we cannot place your order. So please pay now so that we can get bulk order '2' in.....bulk order '1' is already in.....Thank you !!!!!

## Barnardos

Keep 'hoarding' in the gear for Barnardos. I am getting inundated with bits and bobs...some of it brand new. So get into those lofts asap please. I already have taken over a truck load and I want to make it two truck loads by the end of November...so please get looking. I will accept anything but blows.

**Additional LOTTERY Sheet.** We are starting an additional **LOTTERY SHEET THIS WEEK**. This one will operate by each parent (provided you want to participate) selecting **ONE** or **MORE** lines of **FOUR** numbers (**£1 per line**). I would like you to keep the same four numbers **EACH** week (or more lines if you wish). This will save Theresa collecting different sheets from everyone each week. And it will be easier for her to check. Now if we say sell 60 lines per week (and we would hope that we get a lot more than that)...within the Academy ...**£60 collected.....£30 goes to the Club** and £30 goes to whoever gets the four numbers up. If no one wins ...it gets carried forward.

## **Last week I explained it slightly wrong .....**

IF YOU HAVE FOUR NUMBERS FROM THE SIX DRAWN (NOT INCLUDING THE BONUS BALL) you are a WINNER !!! Once again it will be drawn in the **Wednesday** National Lottery. If the numbers are not won...the prize money gets carried forward. As the prize money goes up and up...you will notice more people will want more lines...so the profit should escalate. So please don't take just **ONE set of four numbers** ...take a few lines. I would encourage the 1999 Squad, the 1998 Improvers, and particularly the 2000 / 2001 squad to participate in this....as only some of them participate in the MAIN lottery draw. The more the merrier.

**Theresa will have the forms with her THIS WEEKEND** ...so **please, please, please** participate. Theresa will bank all of this 'profit' in the central holiday fund bank account and the proceeds will be used to make **holidays cheaper** for all age groups. **Please, please help. The more we get in – the cheaper we can make holidays.**

**IT WOULD BE FANTASTIC...** IF MOST OF YOU COULD PICK MORE THAN ONE LINE BUT IT IS CRUCIAL THAT YOU KEEP THE NUMBERS THE SAME EACH WEEK TO SAVE THERESA A LOT OF HASSLE. A SAMPLE SHEET IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER BUT THERESA HAS THE ORIGINALS. PLEASE CONTRIBUTE.

## Xmas Shutdown

The Academy will **SHUT** down at Xmas on the weekend **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December till Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December** (it **WILL** run that weekend – but that will be the closure). It will re-open for business on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**



## Xmas Party & Xmas Raffle

For the benefit of **NEW STUDENTS** ....We always have for the students and their families a **XMAS PARTY**. The whole family can come along. The date and venue have still to be announced and this will happen in **NEXT WEEK's SCOTTISH NEWS**....Every parent (family) should donate **ONE** Raffle Prize – anything – Bottle of Wine, Box of Chocolates etc ...anything. If every family donates **ONE** prize ...then we will have **90 prizes**. We are of course looking for some donations of 'star prizes' ie portable TV etc ...whatever....**I AM COLLECTING THESE PRIZES AS OF NOW ...PLEASE HAND THEM TO THERESA.....ONE PRIZE PER FAMILY ...PLEASE**. As soon as you can !!!

**The Xmas Raffle tickets** will be available next week hopefully. Once again it is expected that **EACH** student's family sells 50 'books' at £1 per book....(or as many as you can) .....We appreciate your co-operation. **ALL BOOKS MUST BE SOLD AND HANDED IN BY THE XMAS PARTY DATE AS THE DRAW GETS MADE THAT DAY.....**

Last year we purchased goals and equipment with the raffle money and this year we need to be purchasing another two sets of goals and potentially financing the new Indoor Winter Training Facility (Astrograss) which is being built at Hamilton Palace – opening January 2007 (or similar type of facility elsewhere). We aim to have the best indoor Winter training facilities in Lanarkshire. This can only happen if you sell lots and lots of raffle books ...so please do what you can. **ALL students will benefit from this covered facility.**

## Jan 1<sup>st</sup> – Newsletters

From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 - I would like to have everyone on the email 'mailing list' .... for the distribution of Newsletters. For those of you that **do not have an email address or computer** .....I will still be producing 'colour' hard copies but they will be of a **better quality (LASERJET)** and for that purpose alone I will need to charge **£1 per copy** to cover the high cost of the cartridges. So the simple answer is ...get a computer...or give me your work email address, your friends, or your neighbours...doesn't matter to me...and long as they give it to you.

## Snippets

❖ The **BONUS BALL** was won this week by **Alex Keenan** – young Alex's Dad.....

❖ **Kit**

Can those who have not been measured for the **KIT** please do so at the weekend. (**INCLUDING COACHES**) ....and anyone who has not paid must do so as soon as possible. It is absolutely imperative that this is ordered in bulk otherwise the cost of the kit will increase as explained earlier.

❖ **Wee Silver Boot Bag**

On Sunday, I asked the front row (Ian Blair's Group) if anyone recognised a wee silver boot bag which was left behind by a student. It turned out to belong to Paul Chalmers. One of the students said that they knew who it belonged too – took it off me – and ventured to look for Paul. They never came back...and I do not remember who took it. **Can we have this boot bag back** as Paul's new boots were in it. I am sure someone took it in order to give it back to Paul...all we need is it back. Or did the player hand it back to someone when not being able to find Paul...have a chat...ask your son's if they seen it ...or did anyone else see it lying around after the event. Please ask around and let me know (or Paul)...

❖ **Balls !!!!**

Some students are **NOT** bringing footballs to training and it is causing problems. Some **ARE** bringing balls to training and **NOT GETTING THEM** back. Please put your names on the balls with a permanent marker....and parents should check which balls ends up in their house. If it has got someone's name on it ...then please return the ball. There is no need to bring an expensive ball to training. Donnay Sports sell **UMBRO Size 3 & 4 balls for £2.50** .....and they are fine. 2000 / 2001 Age Group should bring a Size 3 and the rest of the Academy should bring a Size 4. **NO ONE SHOULD BRING A SIZE 5 BALL.....Can we get this situation sorted please.**



# SCOTLAND BOYS CLUB

NAME	NUMBERS				NAME	NUMBERS			
Bobby Mc Donald	1	9	18	28					
Bobby Mc Donald	31	28	24	18					
Bobby Mc Donald	9	24	31	18					

**£1 per line**

**Pick FOUR numbers from the SIX DRAW numbers (not including the BONUS BALL) in the WEDNESDAY LOTTERY.**

**In the event of the prize being shared – prize money will be divided equally.**

**Students Name :** \_\_\_\_\_

