



Summer Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

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Rector's Note

As the end of session arrives amid the usual scramble of events and deadlines, there is scarcely time to reflect calmly, though it is important to try. What about the big picture?

Just about now (1st July) the Scottish Parliament is opening officially with our staff and pupil representatives, alongside others from every part of the country, in Edinburgh for the event. If the new parliament changes the way we live and work in Scotland it will be as a result of our desire and our determination to make it happen. Perhaps that is just how we should operate in this school and in our communities: finding out what we want or what is best for the common good, then setting out to achieve it. Not so much "do it my way" as "do it our way".

This line of thought leads us, as a school, to be wary of slavishly following the instructions or advice of others, especially when we have not been consulted beforehand. Certainly this is what we as a school have felt about all manner of external targets placed upon us. To paraphrase the slogan of the Boston Tea Party: "No Targets without Representation". That said, we probably now have more targets of our own making than ever before: curricular targets in 5-14 and Higher Still, targets for teaching and learning, targets for study support, working environment targets, personal and social targets, charity targets, targets for pupil involvement, targets for parental involvement, and so on. The difference is that these are ours.

Pupil involvement has been a feature of Madras for many years, perhaps for ever, and this will continue, based on good practice in S3 volunteer systems and S6 peer tutoring. One particular development next session will involve the new first year pupils, whose experimental diary system should help them to understand and to manage the new expectations and ways of learning they will be meeting. Pupil Councils are becoming a prominent feature of S5 and S6, and other pupil groupings, such as

for bus monitoring, are being actively considered.

Parental involvement is always crucial to the health of a school. Much national discussion is presently being focused on the way parents can assist pupils' learning, not just by constant encouragement but also by informed advice. Thus for next session both the School Board and the Parent Teacher Association have decided to carry out some joint work on this whole area of "study support". Interested parents are invited to contact their representatives on these two bodies.

More down to earth are the various projects to tackle the matters of buildings, safety and equipment, all of which have been high on our agenda this session. Pressure will be kept up next session to ignore what we have described as "the learning and teaching environment" which covers everything from roof repairs and new floors to providing information and communication technology, from decent chairs in the Kilrymont foyer to a lick of paint here or there to brighten the place up.

In all of these areas of interest or targets for action, there is a common element to bear in mind, which is our school Statement of Aims. This statement covers the provision of good learning opportunities for each pupil, a caring environment in which to work, and an awareness of the school as part of the wide community.

May I on behalf of all staff at Madras thank parents for helping us to achieve our aims by your continued support to the school, and may I wish you a very pleasant summer.

School Begins

Tuesday 24th August 1999

Amnesty International

The Amnesty International Club has been involved in several campaigns over the last six months.

The "Children in War Campaign" has been a focus and club members have been busy writing letters to authorities in India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan. Their aim was to alert governments to the concern which Amnesty International feels regarding the predicament of children who are forced to fight in wars or who become innocent victims of war. Pupils from S6 and S2 addressed assemblies to raise the awareness of pupils in S1-S3 and explain to them about the petition, for which signatures were collected during June.

In May, a letter-writing campaign to local newspapers was mounted, aimed at raising awareness of the plight of refugees from Kosovo. The British Government was appealed to on the issue of accepting refugees into Britain. In June, members organised an opportunity for pupils in school to sign the Wang Dan Global petition, which calls on the Chinese government to bring to justice those responsible for the human rights violations committed on 4th June 1989 in Tianamen Square and for the release of Chinese prisoners of conscience.

Club members also participated in workshops co-ordinated by St Andrews University Amnesty International Club, giving them the opportunity to join in discussion with students on the rights of children around the world.

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Staff Notes

Compared with the hectic pace of staff changes earlier this session it has been a quiet term. Next term Mr Lyden takes up the post of Assistant Principal Teacher of Science vacated by the departure of Dr Rutherford. Mr Robb's departure has created a part-time vacancy in Drama and Miss Johnstone's a part-time vacancy in Business Education. Mr Clark has been appointed to the Geography vacancy and takes up his post in August. We are most grateful to Mrs Marks for holding the fort for much of the session. The end of this session sees the retirement of two colleagues in Modern Languages, Mr Wito and Mr Macgregor.

Miss Doig has been appointed to the new post of Library Assistant. There were also several maternity arrangements this session, Mr Matheson for Mrs Soares, Mrs Jones for Mrs Dunlop, Miss Brown for Mrs Dobie and Mr Hamilton for Mrs Ingledew.

There are posts to be filled for Assistant Principal Teacher of Modern Languages, for acting Principal Teacher of Learning Support (Mrs Nicol having been elected as Vice President of the EIS for next session), for English/History and for Physics, as well as some part-time temporary posts.

• **Mr Macgregor, Principal Teacher of German**

Mr Macgregor's service to Madras has been exceptional. His career with us, beginning in 1963 at a time when Madras College and the Burgh School were separate institutions, spans the entire era of comprehensive schooling in St Andrews. The energy and vitality he has always given his work is perhaps down to his career as a marathon runner for Scotland and Britain, during which he gained many distinctions such as 7th place in the Munich Olympics in 1972.

In his middle years, when most others were content to slow down, he kept up his highest possible standard, winning world 10k and marathon titles in 1979 and 1980. An athletic role followed in "Chariots of Fire" which was partly filmed in St Andrews. With Mr Macgregor nothing was done by halves. For example, he has participated in 25 exchanges with a famous school in Kiel, an exchange which is itself the longest running in the whole country, going back to 1957. A prolific writer of courses and textbooks, he has helped many colleagues and pupils in Madras and far beyond to benefit from his knowledge, his enthusiasm and his skills. As if this was not enough, he has also served his civic and university community in various councils and committees down the years.

All pupils and staff, past and present, join in thanking Donald Macgregor for a sparkling contribution to Madras College, its work and its traditions. We wish him happiness, a richly deserved break from the rigours of teaching, and we avoid using the word retirement because we suspect that, as in his whole career, he will cheerfully ignore all usual conventions.

ART & DESIGN

The Sixth Year Studies Art and Design class exhibited their work in the South Street Hall on 16th and 17th June. At the evening Private Viewing on Wednesday, prizes donated and awarded by the St Andrews Art Society were presented to Ishbel Neat and Gillian Allison.

In a national competition run by the charity IFAW which attracted over 1200 entries, Callum Gilmour (S1) was a runner up. His illustration of an elephant has been reproduced as a poster for the charity.

Gillian wins trip to Spain

Gillian Beaton (S6) has won a top prize in an art competition sponsored by the European Commission and promoted by the European International Office of Fife Council Community Services: a trip to Spain.

The theme of the competition was "What is Europe for You?" Gillian produced a mixed-media work based on the form of mediaeval religious icons. The image depicted various aspects of European culture and society, religious, political and artistic.

VISIT TO FRANCE

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EASTER 1999

Mr C Jessop writes—

This year's S3 visit was the best to date. Everyone enjoyed it. By 9 am on the first morning, we were visiting the Vimy Ridge World War I battlefield and the hectic pace continued. Once we had found the hostel in Paris, we set off on foot to the Père Lachaise cemetery to find the tombstones of many famous people, including those of Chopin, Edith Piaf and Jim Morrison. The Sunday tour round Paris, the visits to the Château de Vincennes, the Eiffel Tower, the boat trip on the Seine, the Sacré Coeur and Montmartre, the walk down the Champs-Élysées, the crowded rush hour métro followed by the traditional bus tour of Paris by night: what more could we have done?

The long journey out to Brittany was broken by our visit to the magnificence of the cathedral in Chartres and a quick stop to see the old town centre of Le Mans. The hotel owners in Saint-Cast were their usual welcoming selves, the Mont Saint Michel's tourist shops were ransacked the next morning and the oyster stalls at Cancale left with nothing to sell by the time we left. For many, the best time was the chance to do some shopping at the market in Dinan and then in Saint-Malo - after the compulsory tramp round the ramparts.

The last day came too quickly. A short picnic stop at Utah Beach provided an idea of what the 1944 invasion of France must have been like. Travel fatigue departed mysteriously at the sight of the Hypermarché Continent in Cherbourg and if anyone had any French francs left, they soon went. Then it was "Au revoir" to France, on to the ferry to Portsmouth and the long journey back to St Andrews - and everyone wants to go again.

Which they will be able to do once they get to S6, because we are trying to arrange an exchange with St Andrews' twin town, Loches. If this goes according to plan, the first party from Madras will go to Loches for a week in September and will come back with their exchange partners for a further week in Scotland.

The prizes for the best diaries went to Mark Husband, Susan Field and Monique Campbell.

Mathematics

The UK Junior Maths Challenge Contest took place on 27th April. 67 pupils from S1/2 competed with 13,000 others from all over the UK, once again achieving record-breaking results: 16 Gold, 20 Silver and 17 Bronze Awards. The Gold winners are Neil Porter, Hamish Finlay, Iain Brodie, Andrew Moir, Natalie Jackson and Euan Forbes (S1) and Joe Neilson, Liam Campbell, Dominic Esler, Dorothy Winn, David Turvey, James Milne, Cinde Lau, Catherine Aitken, Ross Craig and Rachel Roberts (S2). Special congratulations go to Neil Porter, who achieved the highest score and the "Best in the School" Award.

The Scottish Maths Council organises the Maths Challenge on a regional basis with Madras competing in Region 2, which consists of Tayside, Fife and the (old) Central Regions. Across the three age groups, Madras won 5 Gold, 9 Silver and 8 Bronze Awards, a total exceeded only by Dollar Academy. The Gold Award winners were: in the Senior Division Gordon McLachlan and Alan Riddell (S6) and in the Middle Section, Jack Edwards-Fox (S4) and David Stephens and Toby Gilbertson (S3). Gold and Silver prize winners received their awards at St Andrews University on 1st June.

For the second year, Su Liu (S4) competed in the International Invitational Intermediate Maths Challenge, gaining 1st place in Scotland and 36th in the UK. In addition to her prize, she has been invited to attend a Maths Summer School at Queen's College, Birmingham.

Maths on the Internet

The Madras College Maths Web Site continues to expand, providing activities and resources supplemented by a mixture of news, puzzles and fun for secondary school students and teachers. The Site is averaging 10-15 visits each day and has so far attracted contributions not only from within the UK but also from Singapore, USA and Russia.

One important resource is the Nrich Site, which is the result of a collaboration between Cambridge University and the Royal Institute. One of the site's main aims is to provide enrichment activities for young people who like Maths. The "On-Line Maths Club" now has over 1200 members from 37 different countries. Madras College has been a regular contributor and has been awarded the "Top School for 1999" Award, in recognition of the outstanding quality of our pupils' contributions.

3-Day Activities

The highlight of third year for the pupils comes at the end of May, when their regular timetable is suspended and replaced by a wide range of opportunities to travel, gain new experiences and test themselves out in new situations: the Three Day Activities. Staff as well as pupils enjoy the opportunity to interact in more relaxed but often very demanding situations. This year these included trips to London, a number of venues in the Highlands, Alton Towers, York and Glasgow. Some activities were strenuous and outdoor: climbing mountains in the rain, canoeing, abseiling, riding, mountain-biking. Some were cultural, visiting museums and art galleries. Others took place in school, with pupils preparing a play in a day, then going to see a live production in the evening, or "raising the dough" or exploring cyberspace.

Without much extra enthusiasm and commitment from staff, who offer their out of school expertise and extend their hours of work to three continuous days, or make early-morning starts to return late, none of this would have been possible. On the other hand, the excellent behaviour and evident enjoyment of the pupils taking part underlines how worthwhile a feature of the annual calendar this event is. As the overall organisers, special thanks should go to Mr J Urquhart, Mrs M Welsh and Miss M Jack for the many hours of overtime put in on the administrative complexities of coordinating so many different activities for 350 pupils and attendant staff.

Kiel Exchange

This long-running example of European co-operation is now in its 43rd year. On the biennial cycle, the current group of pupils from the Kieler Gelehrtenschule visited their partners in St Andrews between 15th and 30th June. Mr D Macgregor and Herr Hans Werner Suhr, co-organisers since 1982, accompanied the group on excursions to Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Arbroath. A farewell concert and party was also the occasion for thanking Mr Macgregor for all his work and involvement in the exchange, on the occasion of his retirement.

PTA Fun Day

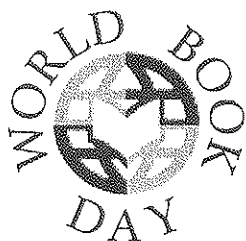
There have been few fine sunny days so far this summer, and Saturday 12th June was not one of them. However, much hard work by the PTA and members of staff, well supported by a large number of third year pupils, resulted in a very successful day which raised a total of £1219.87 for School Funds.

Attractions included Football and Netball Tournaments for Primary 7 pupils who will soon be joining us, displays by the Pipe Band and Drama Department, a range of side shows and stalls, Barbecue and Ice Cream.

Latin Speaking & Projects Competition

As usual, Madras took part in this competition organised jointly by St Andrews University and the Tayside Classical Association, although it is a matter for regret that we are now the only state school participating. All representatives performed well, with congratulations going particularly to Joanna Kay for winning the Intermediate Latin Cup and to Andrew Crome, Felix Davey and James Wowk, who won the Project Shield for their work in setting up the Madras Latin Web Site.

Felix Davey has also achieved national success in a competition organised by the Classical Association, winning the Gilbert Murray Prize for his S4 Standard Grade Latin Investigation entitled "Fishing in Antiquity".



Books, Books Books

World Book Day, April 23rd, once again received an enthusiastic response from pupils and from staff. Parents too took advantage of a Parents' Evening Book Sale that week. Altogether, over half of Madras pupils used their £1 vouchers to help to buy a new book or in straight exchange for the £1 Children's or Grown-Ups' "Book of Books". In particular, many pupils at the start of their Higher Still courses set themselves off on their personal reading programmes with a choice from the "Crate of 50" new books on offer. Our thanks go to the local book shops, John Smiths and J & G Innes who supported the enterprise with supplies of books for sale.

A Book Review Competition was held, with prizes generously donated by the PTA. Prize winners were, in S3, 1st Chris Beaton, 2nd Edmund Halliwell.

Staff earned their annual haloes under the Share-a-Book, contributing books they have enjoyed for senior pupils, while Book Aid International will be receiving a boost from donations made by pupils in S1-S3.

In the International Year of Reading, the English department appreciated the collection of thousands of coupons from Walkers Crisps and selected newspapers, which have helped boost S3 classroom Book Boxes. The Tuckshop under the organisation of Ms D Curnan contributed greatly by counting and processing these coupons.

Another worthwhile way of updating book boxes with the newest popular Teen reads comes through pupils purchasing books from the The Red House Cover-2-Cover leaflets. This company offers the school commission on sales in the form of free books.

In other words, Mrs J Scott of the English Department continues her tireless work to acquire books from all sources to encourage and enrich the reading of pupils!

Music

Mr A McGeoch writes—
Too late for last term's newsletter was the magnificent double for Madras musicians at the annual Bell Baxter Centenary Competition, held this year at Waid Academy on the last evening of term before the Easter Holiday. The winner was Jennifer Lau, soprano (S6) with a mature and artistically satisfying performance. She collected the beautifully inscribed Caithness glass bowl for her efforts. The very worthy runner-up was Lauren Donaldson, flute (S5). The now considerable support of parents, pupils and friends was very much in evidence and contributed greatly to the atmosphere and enjoyment of the evening.

Jennifer continued her success early in this term with a win in her class at the Fife Schools' Burns Singing Competition and this was followed up early this month at the National Schools' Burns Competition in Motherwell Civic Centre. Here she won her class (S5/6) outright and was placed overall best singer of the competition (S1-S6). The last singer to compete on the day, she was awarded a perfect 100 marks by the adjudicator.

Most performing groups in the school continued rehearsals throughout study leave and the depth of their preparation was in evidence at the annual Summer Concert on 21st June when the Music Department played and sang to a full house. A week earlier, the Wind Band under the baton of Mrs Ruth Craib braved

the elements to play a full hour's programme at the Bow Butts Bandstand on the Scores.

After a hard winter of fund raising, the Pipe Band has gone a long way to reach their initial target for new outfits. Grateful acknowledgement is made here of the large donation given from the PTA funds earlier in the session, mentioned in the Easter Newsletter. A stunning new tartan has been designed for the school and the band will soon have this on show in public. However, as funds are raised, so the numbers of good players also increase and the original plan for 30 kilts may soon have to be revised upwards! The band has been very active, playing recently at a street fair in St Andrews, at Bow Butts on the Scores, at the Madras Family Fun Day, the school concert and Ceres Games. At some of these events a delightful addition to the programme has been the Highland dancing of Morven Chisholm (S6) who has contributed so much to the traditional Scottish Arts at Madras - the breadth of her talent also being shown in her third place in the recent National Burns Recitation Competition. Accompanying her dancing was Gordon MacLachlan who now 'retires' after two brilliant years as Pipe Major of the band during which his leadership has been invaluable. This has not only involved leading the band when performing, but also includes all the behind-the-scenes rehearsing where he has helped to shape and hone the skills of the present band.

Charity Donations

In every newsletter, mentions are made of many varied activities in which staff and pupils are involved, which raise money for charity. The Charities Committee, convened by Mr J Bennett, exists not only to coordinate the raising of money, but also to decide how it should be distributed. So far this session, £3,745 had been distributed amongst the following charities: Childline Scotland, Macmillan Fund, Waverley Care Trust, The Big Issue, Leukemia Research, Comic Relief, Hope & Homes for Children, Riding for the Disabled, Children Helping Children, Cruse, RNLI, Mountain Animal Sanctuary, Special Needs at Play, the Scottish Cot Death Trust, Child Advocacy International, the Myelin Project (ME research) and the Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre.

Hadrian's Wall Trip

Another annual institution, the Classics/History trip to Hadrian's Wall, was organised by Mrs Shields, assisted by Mr D Cleland and Mr C Jessop. Four museums, three forts, two wall walks and a temple were fitted into a very active and successful weekend. A group from the party was also given an individual tour of the current excavations by Mr Robin Birley, head of the Vindelandia Trust.

Mock Election

The Modern Studies Department organised a Scottish Schools' Mock Election during the week running up to the Scottish Elections. A teaching pack was prepared which formed the basis of a lesson taught during Social Education. Pupils were introduced to the complexities of the new voting system: the opportunity to vote for a candidate and a political party of their choice.

The S3 candidates: Jamie Bentley, Chris Beaton, Julia Higgins, Laura Gilman and Fiona Woods, supported by their campaign managers, conducted excellent campaigns. They spoke effectively at two lunch-time Hustings to large and attentive audiences. The school results showed a clear win for the Scottish National Party Candidate, Julia Higgins, while the party which attracted the most votes under the proportional

representation system was the Scottish Liberal Democrats.

Thanks go to the Modern Studies Department and in particular to Miss A. Williamson for all the work which went into the organisation of the election. Through it, pupils in S1-3 were given an understanding of the new Scottish Parliament and how to participate in the decision-making process to elect representatives.

All Scottish schools have been invited to send representatives to visit the Scottish Parliament for its ceremonial opening on Thursday 1st July. A group of pupils in S1, accompanied by Miss A. Williamson, have been selected to represent Madras College on this historic day.

DUCATS

DUCATS stands for Dundee University Challenges Academics and Technologists. On June 2nd, a team of S4 pupils travelled with Miss F Jackson to Westpark Centre, Dundee to compete in this event and after a very closely fought contest achieved 3rd place out of 19 teams. This was a particularly fine result since the 1st and 2nd placed teams, who were only ½ mark ahead, were S6 pupils. The Madras Team consisted of Jerome Dilley, Jack Edwards-Fox, Lana Fisher, Adam Greig and Randal McLister.

Third Year Poetry

We are grateful to the St Andrews Writers' Group for reading and judging the entries in this annual competition. The themes covered by the poems entered ranged from the horrors of Kosovo through descriptions of urban and rural landscapes, musings on personal experiences, life, the universe . . . to a light-hearted view of being a Kilrymont "Please Take" Runner. All who

submitted poems are to be congratulated on their efforts. After much deliberation, the judges awarded First Prize to Amy Nicolson, Second Equal to Laura Doidge and Rosie Macmillan and Third to Chris Beaton. The winning poems, along with those who earned Special Commendations, have been on display outside English classrooms for everyone to enjoy.

Great Valley High Exchange

The very successful annual exchange with pupils from Great Valley High School, Philadelphia, is already in place for next session. Peter Sandford (S6) and Stephanie Bunyan (S5) have made contact with their partners in the USA and are preparing to host their visitors from August to December - one of whom is the third member of his family to participate in the exchange. The American pupils will join Madras College for those six months, while in January Peter will fly to Philadelphia and complete the school year there, learning about American family life as well as experiencing a different school system. Stephanie will finish her exchange the following year.

Dates for your Diary

HOLIDAYS

Summer

Monday 5th July 1999
to Friday 20th August 1999

October (Single Day)

Monday 4th October 1999

Autumn

Monday 18th October 1999
to Friday 22nd October 1999

Christmas

Wednesday 22nd December 1999
to Tuesday 4th January 2000

February

Thursday 10th February 2000
and Friday 11th February 2000

Spring

Monday 27th March 2000
to Friday 7th April 2000

Good Friday

Friday 21st April 2000

May Day

Monday 1st May 2000

IN-SERVICE DAYS

Monday 23rd August 1999
Thursday 18th November 1999
Friday 19th November 1999

Public Speaking

The junior competitions in this event were held this term. The Jimmy Thomson Memorial Trophy for Public Speaking was won by Chris Beaton (S3), with Neil Wright as runner-up. In the S1/2 Public Speaking Contest, the winner was Dorothy Winn (S2). The standard was high in the closely-argued speeches of all the contestants, who are to be congratulated on their performances. The groundwork which will lead to further success in inter-school debating and public speaking competitions has evidently already been laid.

Sports Update

Tennis

Twelve pupils represented Madras College at the Under 15 Midland Schools' Championships at Kilgraston School in May. All are to be congratulated on a fine team effort, which resulted in victories for Alison Bell (S3) and Erin Gourlay (S2) in the Girls' event and Ben Andrews (S3) and Johnny Randall (S2) in the Boys'.

The Girls' Tennis team achieved the distinction of reaching the finals of the Scottish Schools' Tennis Championships held at St George's School for Girls in Edinburgh. They defeated George Heriot's School in the semi-final and were eventual runners up to Dollar Academy in the final. All played well, but special commendation for her attitude and effort goes to Alison Bell. The other members of the team were Rachel Hood (S5) Captain, Joanna Baird (S6), Siri MacDonald (S4) and Melanie Christie (S5).

Swimming

Junior Swimming Champions this year are: Boys' - Ashan Jayasekera and Girls' - Helene Oliver.

The following pupils are to be congratulated on completing their Bronze Medallion Life-Saving Award: Laura Steen (S6), Melanie Christie, Kate Thompson, Kimberley Sinclair, Kimberley Scott, Rachel Hood and Fiona Gilmour (S5).

Athletics

At the Fife Track and Field Championships at Pitreavie, Dunfermline, Madras had a very successful day, winning a total of 33 individual medals, 29 relay team medals and 3 trophies.

Gold Medal winners were: Jamie Watson(S3) Group C 100 metres; Andrew Farmer (S3) Group C Discus; Paul Smith (S3) Group C Long Jump; John Silvera (S3) Group B High Jump; Alison Frame (S4) Group B 800 metres; Ben Sturrock (S6) Group A 3000 metres, the D Downie Trophy. The Group C Girls' Relay, the Storrar Cup, was won by the team of Kerry Hill, Sarah Eccles (S2), Alison Bell and Joanne Munro (S3). In the same age group, the Boys' team also won their relay, the Wellesly Cup: Jamie Watson, Paul Smith (S3), David Turvey and David McLean (S2).

A number of pupils subsequently competed at the Fife Multi-Event in June, where Jamie Watson won a Gold Medal and Paul Smith and Joanne Munro both achieved Bronze. Appreciative mention should also be made of the S3 pupils helpers at this competition, especially Alison Bell, Karen Sturrock, Jane Sandford and Susan Field.

Two pupils were selected to represent Scotland. In March, Ben Sturrock competed in a Cross-Country International against the Welsh Over 17 team in Brecon, Wales. Andrew Lemoncello will be a member of the Scottish Schools' team at the Track and Field International against England, Ireland and Wales on 17th June at Carmarthen, Wales.

Sailing

Alasdair Young competed in the Volvo Royal Yachting Association Championships at Graham Water near Cambridge during the Easter holidays. A fleet of over 100 Laser Radial dinghies took part in the ten race event over five days. Alasdair was placed 10th overall, won the Scottish Trophy and a place in the British Youth Team to compete in the World Championships in France in July.

Staff Football

A notable victory for the Auld Crocks was achieved in April when the staff took on the 1st XI and beat them 3:1. With a combined age between the Goalkeeper and back 4 of 224 years, this deserves special mention.

The staff team have also won their pool in the Fife Staff Cup by beating teams from Glenwood and Kirkland and now progress to the semi-finals of the competition.

Sport Day

The annual school sports day was held on the afternoon of Thursday 24th June. An exceptionally fine warm day and Mr T Trewartha's smooth running programme of events led to a very enjoyable and successful afternoon. The prizes were presented by guests of honour Mr and Mrs Brian Prunty. Thanks go to the whole of the PE department and to staff assisting, and congratulations to pupils on some fine performances.