



# Summer Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

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## Tennis Aces



Back Row L to R Gregory Weir, Gordon Hill, Hannah Moffat  
Front Row L to R Kirsty Stewart, David Birrell, Lindsay Forbes, Steven Birrell, Lauri Mitchell

Madras College boys' and girls' teams achieved a remarkable 'double' when they won the Scottish Schools' Tennis championships last Thursday at St George's School in Edinburgh. Although both teams have won the event previously, the boys' team in 2004 and the girls' team in 1984, 1993 and 2005, this was the first time both Madras teams were able to celebrate success together.

The competition, which started in August 2005, and is run by Tennis Scotland on a knock-out format throughout the school session, ended with the semi-finals and finals played on the courts at St George's on 22nd June 2006.

In the semi-finals the Madras boys beat George Watson's School, Edinburgh 5-1 while Madras girls beat Balerno High School 4-2.

In the final Madras girls completed an efficient 5-1 win over Craigholme Girls' School with the boys finishing 3-3 with the High School of Glasgow. An exciting 10-point tie-break 'shoot out' followed which resulted in a 2-1 victory for Madras reversing last year's final result.

Mary Jack, who looks after both teams, stated that this was a great achievement for tennis in the area complimenting the team members for their commitment over the school session and the competitive

team spirit, which was apparent in all the matches played. She also commended the high quality of coaching available to the pupils by Mike Aitken and his support of the Madras teams as well as the availability of courts for matches at the University of St Andrews and St Andrews Tennis Club. She added that the tremendous support of parents, the Rector and the staff at Madras College has helped the teams achieve this historic double victory. No school has ever previously won both boys' and girls' championships in the same year.

The Madras boys' team leaves on the 8th July to compete in the British Schools' Finals at Queenswood School in Hertfordshire having qualified for the fourth year running. Sadly the girls' team lost a close fought match in the final qualifying match against Durham Johnston School, just failing to complete another memorable double for Madras College.

## Rector's Note

"Planning for the Future"

The joint council-school response to the HMI report published in May is almost ready. A final meeting takes place in Glenrothes on Wednesday 5th July, following which a summary of the plans will be sent to all parents. As already indicated the key themes of the plan are the accommodation and facilities, meeting pupils' needs, teamwork and self-evaluation.

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## Enterprising Entrepreneurs



Some of our Newport pupils with certificates at the recent Enterprise Activities Experience

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On page 5 you can read a contribution to the debate on accommodation and facilities from Professor Peter McKiernan, chair of the School Board. Many of you will have heard and responded to Peter's plea at the Awards Ceremony on 14th June that the parental and community voice in this matter should be heard before all the possible scenarios have been mapped out by this September. Further debate by parent, pupil and staff members at the School Board on 20th June led to a decision very possibly a historic decision - to back the chairman's vision for a new Madras College to be built at the western edge of St Andrews. His message and mine is the same: read what is proposed and make your views known over the summer. The suggested methods of communicating are given at the end of the chairman's article.

The staff, of course, will take a very active interest in these discussions. Some may even express views for or against the School Board's position. However, while all this is going on our fundamental task is to get on with doing the best we can where we are with what we have. Thus, of the four main HMI action points, the one we can least influence is the first – the accommodation and facilities. Most of our efforts will go into actions to improve the meeting of pupils' needs, the teamwork of staff, and the self-evaluation.

The summer term has gone well. The HMI report went out and some of the press coverage reflected the fairness and balance of the document. SQA and third-year examinations were very well run. The new timetable has started successfully, despite the many staff shortages we currently endure. New staff have been allocated to 12 vacancies and interviews

are taking place right up to the end of term for several long-delayed appointments. Senior pupils in both buildings (S3 in Kilrymont and S6 in South Street) have taken up the challenge of involvement and responsibility with gusto and skill. The big events we still put on at the end of session are in full swing, well-attended and give evidence of the spirit and quality that we strive to maintain. Many team and individual achievements are noted elsewhere, although the feat of the senior girls and boys in winning the national tennis trophies (never before achieved by a Scottish school) deserves special mention.

It has been a very good term, though some batteries will enjoy recharging in the lazy, hazy days of summer ahead. We trust that you, our valued partners in the joint enterprise, also enjoy a pleasant and invigorating summer.

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## ***Staff Retirals***

We have a large group of colleagues who retire this session. This is the moment to record our appreciation to them. Details are given in ascending order of lengths of service to Madras, not seniority of status.

Ms Madge Denwette, who joined the Music department in 1993, retired at Easter after a long struggle against ill-health.

Mrs Fiona Towns, who came as Principal Teacher of Guidance in 1991 and held the post apart from two short spells as Assistant Rector in 1996 and 1997, retires at the end of session.

Mrs Gillian Macfarlane, who joined the English department as assistant Principal Teacher in 1987 (continuing her management input into the department in the McCrone era since 2003) is due to retire at end of session.

Mrs Claire Easingwood, who first joined us in 1985, also as APT English, then went to Kirkcaldy High as Principal Teacher in 1987, before returning as Assistant Rector in 1991 (Depute Rector since 2003), is due to retire at end of session.

Mr Alastair MacCrimmon, who came in 1978 as Teacher of Technical Subjects,

then in 1982 became APT of Resources, a whole-school post, which continued in the McCrone era as PT1, retired in May.

Dr Robin Waterston, who came in 1978 as Teacher of Maths, became PT of Maths in 1981, held the post since then with two spells as acting AHT (in 1990) and acting Depute Rector in 2005-06, retired earlier this month.

Mrs Judith Harding, who came in May 1974 in the time of Dr Thompson, as teacher of Modern Languages, and became Senior Teacher in 1990, a post she demitted after the McCrone changes in 2003, retires at the end of session.

Together these "Magnificent Seven" colleagues have made a huge contribution to this school. Their 173 collective years of service in various roles and remits illustrate well the "long game" that we are playing in Madras. They symbolise the professionalism on which good learning is based, and we should laud them, thank them, and wish them well in their futures.

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## **Staff Changes**

Some terms are quiet for staffing changes, others busy. Then there was this term!

Mrs Molife (Maths) moved to a permanent post in West Lothian at the start of May, and Mrs Smart was appointed acting head of the Special Education Department. In June the main features were: Mr Nisbet was appointed Head of Maths; Mr Latona (Business and Computing) returned from secondment; Mrs McNeill (Modern Studies) who had been on secondment since the autumn was appointed Head of Social Subjects at Kirkland; and Mrs Clark was appointed as PT of Guidance.

We also say farewell to Mr Cowieson (Drama) who completed his probationary year at Madras, to Miss Morison (Biology) who takes up a post in August at Gracemount in Edinburgh, and to Mrs Binnie (Pupil Services) who takes up a post in Cupar after the summer. Mrs LA Brown (Depute) will be on secondment to the Scottish Education Department for 18 months from August, working with a team developing national assessment strategies.

In August a number of new staff will take up post following interviews in the last few days.

# Music News

Here is the potted Music News for session 2005/06.

Last summer seems such a long time ago, but it is enjoyable to look back on the mixture of sun, rain and experiences we encountered on the third amazing Music Department tour organised and led by Ruth Craib. Involving eighty pupils and ten staff this was a superb tour – again – and will be remembered for the things we did and the people we met along the way. The people of Strasbourg deserve a special mention for their kindnesses and instant empathy on the occasion of our visit – on July 7th. That meant a lot to us and underscored the value of maintaining and further developing international accord through music. Something to ponder at this season of the year.

As Monty's buggy bounced down the 18th fairway of the Old Course after his Dunhill win, he overtook the (retreating) Madras College Pipe Band whose honour it was to play out the competition. This put the seal on an incredible season for the band involving school events, conferences, university events, an appearance for charity at the Anstruther Lifeboat Gala (worth going just for the brilliant kipper rolls, but what about the aquanautics, aerobatics and bungee jumping too?), a bandstand event, a high profile birthday party and, by the way, a tour to foreign parts too.

Singers had the opportunity to receive coaching at National level when the Music Department organised a 'Test Drive NYCOS' day. Accuracy and strict attention to detail underlined and reinforced many of the lessons taught in school – lessons which at once demonstrate the high expectations of staff and the ability and desire of pupils to match and exceed these same expectations. Later in the term the school was also fortunate enough to host a visit of the Scottish Ensemble as pupils from across the region gathered for a day of intensive but highly enjoyable string workshops.

November saw the poignant Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service in St Andrews accompanied by

the Brass Ensemble and with calls rendered by our trumpeters. Later that day the same calls soared out over the crisp air at the service held on the ancient hilltop church of Moonzie near Cupar.

Privileged to be invited, the Singers gave a moving rendition of Rutter's Clare Benediction to bring the St Andrews Day Service to a close in Holy Trinity Church.

The Christmas Concert – a sell out involving 245 talented pupils (how can the numbers keep increasing?) with two wind bands, two orchestras, two choirs, three soloists, two chamber groups – 'Blackfriars Quartet' which has truly come of age, the nascent 'Class Brass' and nearly, but not quite, 'a partridge in a pear tree' sums up the level of involvement and commitment of staff and pupils alike. In the words of one singer who showed signs of stage-fright a few weeks earlier: "I thought I would be scared but I got such a buzz. I'd like to do a solo next time, please!" Parental feedback was strong too although there have been no offers of solos so far.

Seasonal extras also involved a concert for Fife Society for the Blind and an appearance of Class Brass at a local supermarket as Old Folks sat down to enjoy festive cheer. As I write bands are active bagpacking and playing to raise much-needed funds for their next venture. It never stops.

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## HOLIDAY DATES (all dates inclusive)

### School Begins

**Tuesday 22nd August 2006**

Monday 16th October 2006  
to Friday 27th October 2006

Monday 25th December 2006  
to Friday 5th January 2007

Thursday 8th February 2007  
and Friday 9th February 2007

Monday 2nd April 2007  
to Friday 13th April 2007

Monday 7th May 2007  
Monday 4th June 2007

# Peer Mediation

## A Brief Outline

At Madras we are constantly looking at ways to develop our support for pupils. The school has a well established tradition of *Peer Tutoring* where S6 pupils are directly involved in helping others. We now look to develop *Peer Mediation*, using trained S3 pupils to support S1. Here is a brief outline to the new support system.

Peer Mediators are trained pupils who can help other pupils to sort out conflicts - arguments, fall-outs, threatening behaviour, and so on. Peer mediators encourage those involved in the conflict to identify solutions and take responsibility for their actions. It is voluntary and works best when there are two clearly identified people involved in the conflict. How does it work? Here's a typical example:

'Abbie' and 'Beth' have fallen out, big time. Having been pals for a while, they are now behaving towards each other in ways that are causing them to be upset and are getting into trouble. Abbie approaches the school's peer mediators for help. Firstly the mediators take time to listen to Abbie's concerns and to decide if mediation is appropriate. With Abbie's agreement they approach Beth and explain that there is a problem and that mediation may be a useful way to sort it out. Beth puts her side of the story and then, if both girls agree, they meet with the mediators. The mediation process aims to allow each to say how she feels, to avoid looking backwards and accusations, and to work towards a mutually agreed solution.

Peer Mediation has been shown to help reduce pupil-pupil conflict and to reduce the demands on staff to deal with low-level incidents. It encourages responsibility-taking and shows pupils that the solution to their problems often lies in their own hands.

## INSERVICE DAYS

Monday 21st August 2006  
Friday 17th November 2006  
Monday 8th January 2007  
Wednesday 7 February 2007  
Tuesday 8th May 2007

The Class, School, Regional and National Burns Competitions came and went, with the maintenance of gratifyingly high levels of participation and performance and the most pleasing success attendant at all levels. The Burns Supper was a great success too. Many parents and guests wrote to commend the performers and organisers of another memorable event.

Double success for Orchestra and Wind Band at February's Fife Festival as well as many, many individual successes for Madras pupils at all ages and stages. In this respect, the work of local private teachers deserves praise indeed, giving, as it does, a tremendous enhancement to and enrichment of musical skill and opportunity for young people in the Madras catchment area. Success also at the keenly-contested Bell Baxter Centenary Music Competition, for Ruth Davidson, violin, who is shortly to attend the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester as an undergraduate.

Spring Concert and assemblies were well-furnished with musical items given by groups and soloists – obviously 'up for it' because there is no shortage of willing volunteers and, after all, at the Great Assembly in Holy Trinity Church you are only playing for 1100 of your peers so 'no pressure'!

The summer term has also afforded opportunities for pianists to attend a masterclass with Richard Meyrick and wind band players to enjoy a festival at Rothes Halls with like-minded players.

The Summer Concert was a brilliant success, the expertise of the various groups and individuals perfectly complemented by the positive atmosphere of the event. Nor did the tropical temperatures upset the poise of the performers or the pitch of their instruments! A great last event of a memorable musical year.

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## Fun Day Out

On 14th June a group of pupils (S1-S4) enjoyed a 'Fun Day Out' at Craigtoun Park courtesy of the St Andrews Rotary Club. They were joined by schools from all over Fife and participated in the variety of activities that the park offers.

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## Drama News

- Philip Hodson and Jodie Anderson (S5) have succeeded in becoming members of the National Youth Theatre this summer. They will participate in the summer school in London.
- Twenty-five S3 pupils took part in the National Theatre of Scotland *Crucible* project. The pupils worked with theatre/arts/music/dance professionals and contributed several components of the NTS production of *The Crucible* at the Byre Theatre in May. Several pupils were in the production. Art and drama work was displayed in the foyer area and multi-media work was presented on the in-house TV screens. Pupils interested in dance performed before the show each day in the Byre grounds. Pupils benefited from work geared towards their interests during the ten-week project.
- Senior Drama pupils and staff have enjoyed participating in 'Lighting' workshops run by Alasdair McRennie this term. Alasdair runs his own lighting company specialising in theatre and outside venue lighting. Participants were introduced to various types of lighting and provided hands-on experience of lighting acting extracts. They were also shown a Powerpoint

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## UK Junior Maths Challenge

- This year's UK Junior Maths Challenge took place in April with over 240,000 pupils from throughout UK schools taking part. Again, our pupils (180 of them), from the 'old' S1 and S2, acquitted themselves excellently: 19 won Gold certificates, 33 won Silver and 54 won Bronze. Tremendous results and a big 'thank you and well done' to all participants.
- Gaining excellent marks in the UK Junior Maths Challenge, two S2 pupils won through to the Junior Maths Olympiad. Ian Johnston and Robert Woollins sat this very demanding 2-hour paper on 13th June. We eagerly await the results. Well done, boys!

presentation on lighting techniques. Pupils will now be able to try out some of the ideas during timetabled classes.

- The drama activities class will be involved in the Children's Panel National School in November. They will be developing a performance highlighting teenage health issues.
- The successful school production of *Liar* by Gregory Burke transferred to the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh at the start of June as part of the Shell Connections/National Theatre Scottish Showcase. The production was directed by Mr Dewar and was very well received by an audience of approximately 500. The production was unusual in being a production in which all participants were members of the same drama activities class.

A bus-load of staff and pupils attended the show. Congratulations to all involved in a superb high-quality performance.

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## Madras Business Enterprise Group

Members of the Madras Business Enterprise group (S3) have recently begun a series of outdoor activity sessions at Lochore Meadows. The group has been running the Fairtrade tuck shop at Kilrymont Road and has used some of the profits from that enterprise to fund registration to Fife's Natural Connections scheme.

The award has 6 components all based within the outdoor environment and aims to challenge pupils in the areas of caring for nature, working together, adventure skills, finding your way, journeying, helping others and finally, making connections.

The pupils have been working at adventure skills this term that have included sessions kayaking and open canoeing. They will also sail, bike and take part in archery before looking at other sections of the award after the summer holidays.

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# New School Options for Madras College

*by Peter McKiernan, Chairman of the School Board*

For five years, the Madras School Board has led a campaign to improve the building fabric of our school. It has held numerous forums, taken soundings from parents and pupils, consulted widely in the local community, commissioned original research, made presentations to interested stakeholder groups and liaised continuously with agents of Fife Council. This fruitful work led to the generation of several options including the status quo, refurbishment of one or both sites of the college in the town of St Andrews, a refurbishment of one site in St Andrews and a new build in the bridgehead area and a new build on the western approaches of St Andrews.

For the last few years, the Board has occupied a neutral position on these options, preferring instead to sustain its lobbying to achieve action of any kind. In May 2005, the Council announced its decision 'to redesign and relocate Madras College on one site'. In May 2006, following an HMI report on the school that was highly critical of the negative impact of the 'dispersed accommodation' on various aspects of school life, Fife Council officers began to examine the options in a systematic manner with a view to reporting to the Head of Education in September 2006.

In order to encourage a broader public dialogue, the Board has chosen to declare its preference for a new-build, single-site school on the western approaches. Its reasons are threefold. First, through a partnership approach (e.g., the University, SportScotland, local developer, local merchants), this option is more **cost** effective than any competing option and avoids the peculiarities and complications of a Public-Private Partnership (PPP). Second, the **demographic** projections suggest a dramatic fall in primary school rolls over the medium term. The projected roll for Madras over the medium term is about 1400. Neither of the existing sites would be adequate for a school of this size, and if both were involved it would still leave the school as a split site. The only 'clean' solution is a new build on a larger green-field site.

Finally, a new build to the west of the town would enhance the **community** aspects of the project in several ways. A partnership approach would deliver services greater than those available through any individual project. For instance, sports facilities could be shared with the University and the community, so bringing a 50 metre pool, 6 indoor tennis courts, two large sports halls, acres of playing fields-both natural and all-weather, floodlit facilities and specialised coaching. Sensitive development in the west could include a relief road that brings traffic directly to the school entrance, cutting journey times and avoiding the environmental pollution and erosion of road surfaces associated with large buses navigating the small streets within the town. The western location would also make far better sense given that 65% of the school roll arrives daily by bus from the west and north of the catchment. A new school could be state of the art in terms of ecological, environmental and renewable components. Additionally, new food halls with healthy organic fare could provide employment for local

merchants and their suppliers. The release of the Kilrymont site could also assist Fife Council to meet its targets for the building of affordable housing in St Andrews.

The Board welcomes responses to this statement. Please send your views to: [www.madras.fife.sch.uk/schoolboard](http://www.madras.fife.sch.uk/schoolboard) or [madrascollege.enquiries@fife.gov.uk](mailto:madrascollege.enquiries@fife.gov.uk)

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## PTA

### PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Pupils at the Kilrymont Road Building have been making good use of the new lockers now since their installation in the summer of 2005. Members of the PTA committee are pictured in front of the lockers handing over a cheque to Mr Matheson for £12,000 towards their purchase. Thank you to everyone who supported us at our various fundraisers and helped to hasten the provision of this much needed and long-awaited facility.

This year the PTA also managed to secure a grant from "Awards for All, Scotland" for the purchase of satellite mobile phones. These have been invaluable on occasions when pupils have been on expeditions or trips in remote areas where network coverage for conventional mobile phones is poor or non-existent.

We have also made our usual contribution towards the Burns Night, and have helped the relatively newly-formed boys' hockey club to purchase safety equipment for the goalkeepers.

We now look forward to another successful year and your continuing support, so look out for the blue Programme Card at the beginning of next term.



Pictured are members of the PTA Committee handing over the cheque for £12,000

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## Visit to Samye Ling

Once again, 14 Higher RMPS pupils spent the weekend at Samye Ling Buddhist Monastery in Eskdalemuir with Mrs Matheson and Mrs Wilson. The group had a tour of the Tibetan Temple and attended pujas, with a few pupils even getting out of bed for the 6.00 am prayers. One of the monks, Choden, gave a talk on meditation and the essentials of Buddhism, then answered all the



Tibetan Temple

group's many questions. The visit contributed greatly to the pupils' studies on Buddhism and the cakes and hot chocolate served in the tearoom contributed to our waistlines!

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## Pipe Band News

In some seventeen years, the Pipe Band has come a long way from that group of four pipers who first played on the lawn at Kilrymont before a summer's evening concert. In those days there were no drums and the kilts of a scratchy ancient wool in the dark colours of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders came up well beyond young waists. Now, however, with a band of twenty-five players, including a strong drum corps, and more ready to join in August, you are lucky to get one of the bright new Madras College tartan kilts at all – in any size. Success breeds – well, more fund raising, but gifts are always welcome.

Since the dark, cold days of winter, the band has been honoured to play for the installation of the new Chancellor of the University of St Andrews, Sir Menzies Campbell, QC. More recently, the band has also turned out smartly to play the Retreat for the University Alumni Reunion weekend and is preparing to play at our own Summer Concert and then at Bow Butts Bandstand on July 2nd. The band is booked to lead the parade at the annual Anstruther Lifeboat Gala Day on Saturday 29th July – doing our bit for charity, but really enjoying an excellent day out too. With bookings stretching into July 2007, the band is ever busy. With success, however, comes the responsibility for maintaining high standards of turn-out, discipline and performance and, through team work, developing these vigorously.

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## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

It has been a record-breaking year for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award group. We had the largest number in recent memory participating, a total of 66 pupils were actively involved in actually going out on expedition this term.

There were also an amazing number of certificates awarded. Since last June there have been 21 pupils given their Bronze award, 18 the Silver, and a cool 3 the Gold level.

Scotland has continued to test the pupils' determination and perseverance. At the date of writing four of the five expeditions have been completed. In that time we've had heat waves, torrential rain and sleet. Fortunately no flash flooding this season through some rivers were challenging.

A massive thanks must go to the staff involved, without whom the award just would not run. Their hard work and perseverance is much appreciated especially in rising to the ever-present challenge of 'the paperwork'.

Well done to all our expeditioners and a reminder to all Bronze and Silver level participants that their current level must be finished/completed by the start of the October holiday to be able to continue on to the next level.

## Geographical Fieldwork

Session 2005-2006 has seen a significant increase in Geographical fieldwork. S1 has benefited from a new course involving pupils in fieldwork in and around the Kilrymont Road building. S3 took part yet again (with approximately 120 pupils, 6 members of staff and 3 Moffat and Williamson coaches!) in the Highland fieldwork day, which is an essential part of Standard Grade Geography. S5 and S6 visited the Lake District and Pennines for the annual residential weekend's fieldwork and the Higher Managing Environmental Resources class had another successful weekend in the Cairngorms National Park in April. The urban fieldwork day to Dundee was reinstated for the Higher Geography class and also included a study of the Tentsmuir dune system.

There are, however, other changes afoot. Standard Grade Geography pupils are being offered a week's visit to Iceland during the coming October holiday to study volcanic and glacial landscapes. Higher and Advanced Higher fieldwork is being focussed on the Yorkshire Dales and another new initiative is Higher Travel and Tourism's visit to the Highlands in September to study all aspects of the Scottish tourism industry.

The geography department has also been involved with three-day activities – the 'Highland Adventures' excursion, and with the 'Highland Tour' for the Japanese exchange pupils and their hosts. This year we are going to Aviemore in July to show our visitors the variety and quality of Scottish landscapes and the recreational experiences on offer.

We are considering going into business with our tours. Any offers?

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## Latin Recitation Competition

Lizzie Farnham (S6) was awarded 2nd place in the Classical Recitation Competition, Senior Latin Division. Other schools involved were Harris Academy, Dundee High, Kilgraston, St Margaret's, George Watson's and Glenalmond.

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## Modern Languages

- **German Recitation**

In June, 6 pupils took part in the German Recitation Competition organised by the University of St Andrews. Three pupils reached the finals of their stage, Derek Dishington (S4), Ruth Campbell (S5) and Sarah Leenhouts (S6). Both Derek and Ruth were awarded runners-up prizes. Sarah was third in her category and was awarded £60.

- **Keil Exchange**

The 49th Kiel exchange left on 24th June and returned on 3rd July. Accompanying teachers were Mr Irving and Mrs McCartney (party leader) and 25 pupils from S4 and S5. Next year sees the 50th exchange visit when the Germans return to Scotland. There will be several events organised to celebrate what is one of the longest running exchanges in Scotland, if not the longest! Watch this space!

- **Fife Festival of Languages**

Douglas Latto (2K) won the competition to design a poster for the Fife Festival of Languages which took place in June. He was awarded an individual prize and a prize for the department. Mrs Drylie accompanied 21 pupils to this festival on 27th June.

## What's Going On?

On Thursday 22nd June a substantial group of parents with their children were introduced to Fife's new pilot, "What's Going On?" The 10-period course, which will take place in August and September with groups of S3 pupils, aims to coach assertive behaviour through the following units: What are you like? What are you thinking? Body Language. Talk and Compromise and Negotiation.

The parents were welcomed by Mrs L A Brown and Mr C Mackay (Depute Headteachers) who outlined Fife's plans; the parents then went into classrooms and were offered mini-lessons as tasters to the course (observed by their sons and daughters!!). Mrs E Payne (English) and Miss M Russell (Guidance) enjoyed teaching their new 'pupils'. Educational Psychologists, Mrs R Chalmers and Mrs M Walesby who are overseeing the Pilot Action Plan outlined the evaluation procedures for pupils, parents and staff.

If the pilot proves successful as its primary school partner, "Cool in School" has done, all S3 pupils will be involved in the course. It is hoped that the course could have national implications. There will be an update for you in the next newsletter.

### Freedom of Information

Enquiries during the school holiday  
period until 18th August 2006

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### Mathématiques Sans Frontières

The Prize Giving for this competition was held on Thursday 22nd June at Heriot Watt University. At the ceremony our fifth year team came 3rd overall and our fourth year team came 6th overall - an excellent achievement. Congratulations to the pupils who took part.

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## Photography Club Display

The Madras College Photography Club held an exhibition of work on the 1st June 2006. Pupils from 1st, 2nd and 3rd year showcased their work in the school foyer at Kilrymont and have captured some lovely images of the East Neuk, plants and animals, seascapes and the modern world. They have also created a website for the club.

The pupils involved in staging the exhibition showed real commitment to their work and in learning both about composing and taking good photos as well as using sophisticated photo-editing software. Staff have been impressed with their enthusiasm as well as their care and encouragement of each other. This gentle encouragement is most in evidence when pupils ask for objective suggestions for improvement from their club mates – an important and difficult undertaking!

Thanks to all the pupils who have put their time and creative energy into their enjoyment of photography.



Elliot Parry (S2)



Elliot Parry (S2)



Lee Keegan (S2)

# SPORTS NEWS

## ATHLETICS

Madras athletes have had a very successful season. Starting off with the Fife Multi-Event championships the boys' team won the C and G Shield, Fiona Bracegirdle and Sam Wilson won S3 age group and Katie Simpson the senior age group.

At the Fife Schools' Track and Field Championships a total of 13 Gold, 13 Silver and 11 Bronze medals were won. Alice Morrison (S1) equalled the championship best performance in the High Jump with a jump of 1 m 48 and won the R G Pollock Trophy.

At the Scottish Schools Track and Field Championships Kristopher Whyte (S3) won the Silver medal for the Shot Putt and was 4th in the Discus. Hannah Grant (S4), Keith Simpson (S5) and Alice Morrison were also placed 4th in their respective events of 100 m, 400 m and High Jump. Connor Hill (S5) won Silver medals in the 100 m and 200 m and has been selected to represent Scottish Schools in the U17 International in July.

## FOOTBALL

### • *Madras Under-16's Fife Triumph*

The U16 team was defeated in the quarter final of the Scottish Cup but won the Fife Schools U16 shield beating Dunfermline High School 3-2 (scorers Scott Finlay (2), Grant Manzie).

### • *Fife Under-15's Scottish Triumph*

Jamie Mackie (S3) (scorer of 1st goal and Captain of Fife team) and James Drummond (S4) played for Fife Schools U15 team who defeated East Midlothian Schools U15 3-1 in the National Trophy final – this is the first time the Fife U15 team has won this trophy.

## FIFESCHOOLS' GOLF COMPETITIONS

### • *Junior boys' Team Scratch Winners*

Neil Beattie (S1), Alan Tulleth and Ewan Gray (S2) and James White (S3).

### • *Senior Boys' Team Scratch Winners*

Shaun Clark, Sean Thompson and Daniel Bones (S4) and Iain Finlay (S5).

### • *Junior Boys' Individual Scratch Winner*

Neil Beattie.

## RUGBY - SCOTTISH SCHOOLS' CUP

The Scottish Rugby International Midi Final was held at Murrayfield on 26th March. The S2 team won through to the final and were narrowly beaten by Aberdeen Grammar School FP Club. This was an excellent performance near the end of a fine season for the team. Congratulations to all concerned.

## Yachting

### Scottish National Laser Squad

The school team of David Fisher (7th), Karyn Ingram (11th), Robbie Ingram (17th) and Sam Room (2nd), finished 3rd in the Skandia Brown Cup annual schools' championship at Loch Earn on 13th June. Sam Room (S5) has had an excellent sailing season. Last summer he finished 49th out of 197 in the Laser UK National and Open Championships Radial Class which were held in Wales. He was St Andrews Junior Club champion and finished 3rd in the Scottish Grand Prix series and was re-selected to the RYA Scottish National Laser Squad. After training throughout the winter he was first independent Radial sailor at the RYA Youth Championships and Trials which were held during the Easter Holidays at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy and returned home to move up a class to the Laser Standard. Last weekend he was 3rd in the Scottish Laser Championships and is currently lying 3rd overall in the 2006 Scottish Grand Prix.

## Go Golf Tournament

The 'Go Golf Tournament' at Elmwood Golf Course was promoted, organised and managed by pupils from Madras College, Waid Academy and Bell Baxter High School with profits donated to 'Rachel House' hospice. Ten teams competed for individual and team prizes donated by local businesses. Holes and teams were sponsored and our thanks to the Rufflets Hotels, Golf Hotel, Hazelbank Hotel, Scores Hotel, Headon Developments and the St Andrews and Kilrymont Rotary Clubs for their support. Elmwood College provided expertise and assistance to the organising group Andrew Ford, Ellen Henretty, Storm Hughes, Camilla Tait and Sarah Waters (all S3). Lessons Learned will be used to organise another successful tournament next year, we hope with additional teams entering.

## Sports Day Champions

	Boys	Girls
<b>S1</b>	Fraser Prentice Ryan Stodart	Alice Morrison
<b>S2</b>	Adam Delargy	Catriona Scott
<b>S3</b>	Samuel Wilson	Fiona Bracegirdle
<b>Seniors</b>	Keith Simpson	Rachel Callaghan

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**Boys' Senior High Jump** Frankie Scott

**Inter-House Trophy** Priory