

## Madras College

Newsletter - October. 1977

School is in full swing again once more with, I am pleased to say, little change in staff. I extend a hearty welcome to Mr Barclay (Business Studies), Miss Johnston (Home Economics), Mrs Gibbs (Biology), Mrs Ryal (Physics), Mr Prothero (R.E.) and Miss Cessford who replaced Mrs Henderson who retired from the Home Economics department in June. Regretfully we have said goodbye to Mr Petrie (English) who has, with great fortitude moved into the world of shellfish where he has become the Director of 'Homlob' (Shellfish Merchants) situated in Crail. Miss McIlwain has nobly stepped into the breach.

Though the results of the Scottish Certificate of Education Examinations seem far in the past by now, I think it is worth noting that they are on the whole very satisfactory. Examinations are not the be-all and end-all of education, but they are important as a measure of the amount of learning that has taken place, and as an entry to a career. This year's results represent a very solid achievement by pupils and no less by staff.

All the sporting activities are well under way - the rugby 1st XV look very promising while the girls' hockey XI seem unbeatable. School clubs are as active as ever and as usual I take this opportunity of thanking all staff who give of their time so selflessly. I congratulate Margaret Blatchford, Heather Fraser and Elaine Makein on being picked for the Midlands Hockey XI; Jimmy Sinclair on being chosen to join the under-18 Fife pool of footballers; Peter Green on becoming Junior Boys East of Scotland Champion over 800 metres. Alan Ayton, David Melville and Ian Kirk have been selected to play for the under-14 Wemyss District School Football Team. During the summer holidays Mr Armstrong and his canoeists had a sponsored paddle and raised £17.00; for club funds; in September the Drama Club had an all day sponsored Shakespeare Reading. A magnificent effort by pupils and staff which raised over £500 for stage equipment. I am sure that Mrs Bridges will not look a pancake in the face for many a long day. The Archaeological Club have visits arranged to Cramond Village and Antonine's Wall; two teams have been entered for the Aer Lingus International Golf Tournament.

I think it is true to say that, in the main, our pupils turn out in school uniform, though some do not live up to the standard set by others. I thank parents for their co-operation in this matter and would assure them that I attach considerable importance to the wearing of uniform.

I always have great difficulty in keeping track of our former pupils but I have news of the following:

David Flin, M.A. (Hons.) Aberdeen, Christine Strachan, M.A. (Hons.) Aberdeen, Tom Donaldson, B.Sc (Psychology) Keele, Victoria Wilson, B.A., Stirling, Sate Songhorabadi, B.Sc., Stirling. Frances Clark, B.A., Kent (History and French), Sheila Smith, M.A. (Classics) Edinburgh, Elizabeth Lucas, B.Sc., Aberdeen, Colin Fisher, B.A. (Architecture), Edinburgh, Angus McLeod, B.Sc., Aberdeen, Jim Wilson, B.Sc., (Hons.) Edinburgh, David Mathers (Ph.D), Nottingham University who will be spending a year at the University of Lund, Sweden and David's younger sister, Susan who graduated B.Sc., (Medical Science) at Edinburgh.

### Coming Events

P.T.A. Thursday, 10th November. Mr J. McIntosh, Principal Lecturer in English, Dundee College of Education on "Language Across the Curriculum".

Carol Concert Monday, 12th December. All school in the Kilrymont Road Building.

School will return on Tuesday, 25th October, 1977.

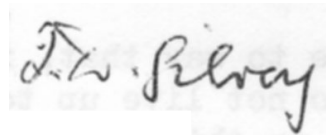
Christmas Holidays      School closes on Wednesday, 21st December, 1977.  
                                 Re-opens on Thursday, 5th January, 1978.

February Holiday:        School closes on Friday, 10th February, 1978.  
                                 Re-opens on Tuesday, 14th February, 1978.

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Parents are sometimes in doubt about the name of the guidance teacher whom they should contact for advice. The following list may be helpful:

	<u>Kilrvmont Road</u>	<u>South Street</u>
SI	Mr J. Noble (Boys) Mrs M. Irving (Girls)	----- -----
SII	Mr D. Wemyss (Boys) Mrs A. Braid (Girls)	Mr A. Mackenzie (Boys) Mrs A. Bridges (Girls)
SIII	Mr P. Close (Boys) Miss S. Young (Girls)	Mr A. Mackenzie (Boys) Mrs A. Bridges (Girls)
SIV	Mr W. McGavin (Boys) Mrs M. Napier (Girls)	Mr A. Mackenzie (Boys) Mrs A. Bridges (Girls)
SV	-----	Miss H. Rain
SVI	-----	Miss A. Cantley



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