



Christmas Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

December 2007

Rector's Note

The end of this term brings with it a rush of events and activities and represents one of the busiest times in the school calendar. Assessments, prelims, work experience, college and university applications, shows, concerts and festive parties create an end to the term that is hectic and enjoyable. Added to this is the arrival of HMIE in the last week of term to undertake our follow through inspection.

We look forward to this visit with optimism and confidence. The inspection will only last two days and focus on the action points identified in the May 2006 report. It is an opportunity to show the developments that have taken place over the past two years and to reflect on the way in which these changes have affected the life and work of Madras.

The Christmas and the New Year period is a time for reflection, for celebration and for looking forward. This newsletter illustrates some of the many successes that we have enjoyed since the session began. It is an opportunity for us to be proud of what has been achieved and for all of us to share in our many successes. One new and notable feature is our regular Madras Diary page in The Citizen. This is proving to be an effective, popular means of celebrating our achievements, providing information about the school and highlighting forthcoming events. Madras College has a justifiable reputation for the impressive range of opportunities it provides for all its pupils. I am grateful to all the members of staff who devote so much of their time to this very important part of school life. On their behalf may I thank you for your continuing support for all we seek to achieve.

On behalf of the staff and pupils I wish you a happy Christmas and a relaxing holiday in preparation for what I know will be a busy and fulfilling New Year.

Madras-Kiel Exchange 50th Anniversary Highlighted at Event in Berlin



L to R: Lorna MacFarlane, Bruce Lamond, Georgina Patterson and Jonathan Hart

Four S6 pupils (Jonathan Hart, Bruce Lamond, Lorna MacFarlane and Georgina Patterson), accompanied by Miss Orem, travelled to Berlin in the middle of November to attend an event at the Foreign Office. The event highlighted activities supported by the UK-German Connection, main sponsors of the 50th anniversary celebrations of the Madras-Kiel Exchange.

A special poster celebrating the exchange had been created by the UK-German Connection and this was distributed to many of the 200 invited guests. The main speakers at the event were the German and British Ministers of State for Europe. Bruce Lamond, along with five other young people from Germany and the UK, took part in a lively panel discussion about the role of traditional exchanges and the role of new technology in bringing young people together in the future. The British and German ambassadors also contributed to the discussion which was conducted entirely in German and which was chaired by a TV presenter. Bruce is to be commended for his calm performance in front of such a large audience.

The Madras group was joined at the event by their partners from Kiel.

Although it was a short visit, the group managed to fit in some sightseeing. The visits to the Checkpoint Charlie Museum and the new Bundestag (parliament) building were particularly interesting. We were privileged to be given a tour of the parliament by the Kiel MP, who is the father of one of the German exchange pupils.

Thank you once again to the UK-German connection for sponsoring the 50th anniversary celebrations and for the invitation to Berlin.

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Staffing Update

In the last year and a half the Maths department has seen a considerable transformation in its staff with numbers rising from 12 to 16 teachers. Several staff have left to take up posts at other schools – Mr M Barile, Mr P Gray and Dr V Montgomery. In the same relatively short period new staff appointed are: Ms M Murphy, Ms L O'Donnell and Mr P Ross. Recently Mr A Gourlay has been appointed as PT (2nd Post) in the department. We would like to thank Mr G Brown, Mrs C Orr and Mr R Spalding in their capacity as specialist Maths supply staff who have done sterling work in keeping the teaching and learning on track during these many staffing changes.

We have several other new members of teaching staff this session, Mrs E Menelaws and Miss A Gillespie in the English department, Ms V Muir in Business Education and Computing, Mr P Dagleess and Mr P Jones in History, Miss A Burns in Music and Ms J Cura in Home Economics. The following temporary staff have also joined us: Ms N Smith covering for Mr S Forbes who is seconded to Kirkland HS, Mrs E Methven in PE and Mrs J Brittain in Drama who is covering Ms Hyslop's Maternity Leave.

Mr F Gibbons transferred to Waid Academy from the PE department in August and we would like to thank Mr J Stepputat who leaves us at the end of this term having covered Mrs L Harvie's classes in English while she was on Maternity Leave.

We also have six Probationer Teachers for this session: Mr G Scott and Mr S Bayne (English), Miss V McLaughlan (Music), Mr T Inglis (Maths), Ms J McGregor (Design and Technology) and Dr C Taylor (RE).

There are also several changes in our support staff. We welcome back Mrs A Fildes to the Kilrymont Road Office from her secondment at Largoward Primary School and the new appointments of Ms J Graham to the Library and Ms S McCreddie, Mrs E Laing and Mrs A Lumsden to the Support for Learning departments. We say farewell to Mrs D Redpath who is leaving us to spend more time with her grandchildren in Spain and thank her for her work in the Department of Special Education.

Clothes Show Live

A group of pupils from Fashion and Textile Technology, Intermediate 2 and Higher attended the Clothes Show Live in Birmingham on the 9th and 10th December.

As they are studying the Fashion Industry they were able to experience all aspects of a catwalk show. During the day they visited various stands where they saw different marketing techniques. The pupils were also able to chat with young new designers some of whom are working with recycled materials.

Various colleges were represented where the pupils were able to get information about courses that could lead to a career in the fashion industry.

Craft and Design Goes Industrial

On 31st October the third year class studying Standard Grade Craft and Design travelled to Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes to visit two manufacturing companies.

The main visit was to ESA McIntosh who are the UK's leading manufacturer of furniture for educational spaces. After an introduction to the company and the design process we had our eyes opened as to how their products can transform classrooms into modern, bright and useful places to learn. The factory tour demonstrated the complete process from raw materials to finished products with some impressive machines and skilled operators.



Mr Alan Kirkcaldy (ESA McIntosh) with the class in Kirkcaldy

The second visit was to Mongoose Plastics, a small company manufacturing plastic packaging by the process of Vacuum Forming. This process is part of the Craft and Design course and it was useful to see it in a commercial setting. The whole day was a fantastic opportunity to see working factories and learn more about how things are made. This trip was the first of several industrial visits planned to take place over the two years of the course.



Mrs Jean Cameron (Mongoose Plastics) with the class in Glenrothes

Maths Department

The Maths Department has started the session with some great contest results. In the UK Schools' Senior Mathematical Challenge our contestants achieved 4 Gold, 7 Silver and 15 Bronze Awards – an excellent set of results. Two of our contestants – Philip Woollins (S6) and Robert Woollins (S4) gained sufficiently high scores to qualify for the prestigious British Maths Olympiad. In addition, Robert Woollins (in S4 he is younger than the target group of S5 and S6) gained the 'Best in School' award (top score in the school). For his age this was a truly unique achievement. We look forward to his continuing success in the years ahead!

At the very end of November we had a team representing Fife at the National Enterprising Maths Contest held at Strathclyde University. They were: Paddy Davies and Iain Johnstone (S4), and Callum Sinclair and Andrew Whyte (S3). Out of around 60 teams from all over Scotland the Madras College team achieved 9th position overall – a wonderful achievement in the face of some very stiff opposition. They are to be congratulated on this noteworthy success.

A very special award was gained by Philip Woollins in S6. The R M Adams Award is bestowed annually on the candidate in Fife who achieved the top mark in the SQA Higher Mathematics Exam. Philip achieved this remarkable distinction when he sat Higher Maths in May 2007. He will receive his award at a special ceremony in school towards the end of term.

Didn't we have a lovely day . . . at the Scottish Deer Centre

Four S4 pupils had a great day at the Scottish Deer Centre near Cupar on the 19th November. The trip was part of three different Access courses for S4 pupils. The weather was wet and cold but this meant we had the whole deer park to ourselves and the ranger gave us an exclusive tour! It was a fun way to learn and achieve qualifications!

Siobhan Dunn S4



Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme has made a good start to the new season with 30 Bronzes making an enthusiastic beginning to their expedition training. The two navigation day walks eventually went ahead with the Saturday group out successfully on the planned day and the Sunday group out one week later when the bad weather of the planned day had improved.

At the time of writing, Silvers and Golds have also started, but only just.

Geography Fieldwork

The annual round of geographical fieldwork began with a very successful weekend to the Yorkshire Dales in September, with 45 pupils, and Mrs Thomson, Miss Latto, Mr Clark and Mr Aitken. We stayed in the Arside Youth Hostel and did Higher fieldwork in the limestone areas of the Pennines, with a day in the Lake District for the Advanced Higher pupils.

A very special addition to our agenda was the trip to Iceland in the first week of the October holidays. Thirty pupils, Mrs Thomson, Miss Latto and Mr Aitken

took part in what proved to be a truly spectacular and memorable experience which we hope will be offered on an annual basis.

The first weekend after the October break saw Mr Clark, Mrs Thomson and eighteen Higher Travel and Tourism pupils taking part in the now established mini-tour of the Scottish Highlands. Madras is one of very few secondary schools in Scotland offering this course and this latest fieldwork will no doubt add to the great success of this curricular area.

Theatre Visits

The English and Drama departments have been out and about at the theatre.

Thirty pupils drove South to Edinburgh to visit the Lyceum to see one of Shakespeare's problem plays *The Winter's Tale*. It was a fascinating production followed by an impromptu workshop on the Madras bus by *King Leontes*, Liam Brennan.

A week later, 60 pupils visited Dundee Rep to see a production of *Peer Gynt* by Henrik Ibsen. This extraordinary production kept staff and pupils enthralled throughout Dominic Hill's large production and was both a visual and an intellectual experience.

In the pipeline is a move to take 100 pupils to see The National Theatre's production of Gregory Burke's play *Black Watch*. This should take place at the end of March.

Fundraising

Pupils in both buildings have been busy organising fundraising activities this term. In November we had the traditional non-uniform day when the school raised £1,501.86 for Children in Need and Childline Scotland.

Under our Citizenship programme, the school held assemblies for World Aids Day and the pupils responded by contributing nearly £520 for the wearing of the Red Ribbon.

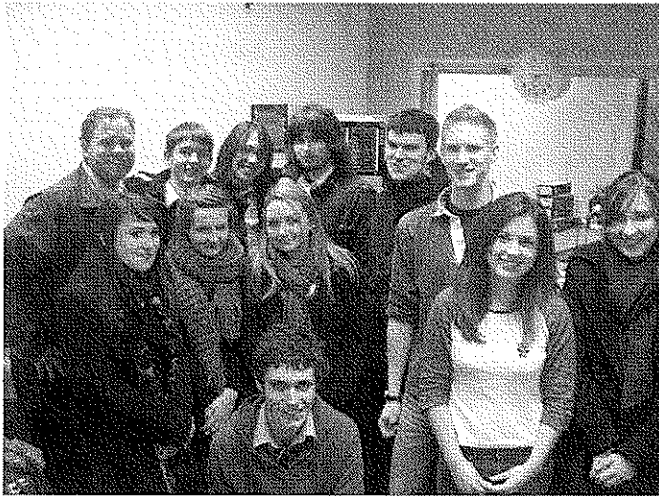
Cake stalls (always a favourite) take place regularly to support local causes.

Next term we look forward to a School Charity Quiz Night organised by sixth years; the S1 Year Council have ideas for a concert for local associations and in March the highly-acclaimed Talent Show will again produce donations for local, national and international organisations.

Journalism Activity Class

- **Star FM**

On the 19th November the Madras College Journalism activity class went on an afternoon trip to the local, student-run radio station, Star FM. There they learnt how radio is produced and broadcast.



Mr Hynes with the Journalism activity class

First they were taken into the recording room where they were shown the various pieces of equipment needed to record the DJ talking and is where interviews take place. The head producer also gave a potted history of the station, which started from humble beginnings in little more than a cloakroom to thrive in their own office that receives the highest budget of all student societies. The producer also offered the pupils the opportunity of one-hour live broadcast time. To hear some of the interview/visit see www.radiowaves.co.uk/MadrasCollegeRadio and click in the Star FM radio podcast.

The pupils were then taken into the production room where the producer makes sure that the DJ isn't boring the audience! The equipment here was highly sophisticated with contraptions such as the compressors that limit the level of sound output that is heard by the listeners. This improves the sound quality insuring that we don't have to endure piercing shrieks from an over-excited interviewee.

The pupils were also given an idea of the colossal amount of organisation needed to run a radio station. The importance of planning was stressed to the pupils, as the listener never enjoys the 'ehs' and 'umms' of the unprepared show.

Overall, it was an enjoyable and interesting experience for all the pupils, most of whom had never seen a working radio station before.

Fraser Lawson

- **Blueprint**

The edition of Blueprint went to press with articles on school issues, images of art and photographs of the pupils that make this school great.

Scottish Space School Competition

It has been yet another successful year for Madras in the Scottish Space School competition run by Careers Scotland. In September 2007 Susie Smart (S6) travelled to Houston, USA, after winning her place in the 2006-07 programme. In the 2007-08 programme Kirsten Holmes (S5) has won a place to travel to Houston in September 2008 and Holly Fleming (S5) will take part in the Space School in Edinburgh in June 2008. The 2008-09 competition programme will start at the end of January 2008 when S4 will be given the opportunity to take part by completing the introductory module. The competition is designed to promote the uptake of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical) subjects, and entrants must be intending to study one or more of these subjects at Higher.

Modern Studies Visits

On Tuesday 13th November a group of six pupils and Mrs Brown were lucky enough to visit Edinburgh's High Court and the Scottish Parliament. The first event on the agenda was the Justice Committee where the pupils were fortunate enough to watch Kenny Mackaskill getting a 'roasting' over police figures. After being 'wined and dined' at the MSP canteen the group proceeded to the High Court where they observed two court cases. The second being the famous 'Fraser' case. On leaving the Court the group were caught on camera – but fortunately only in the background shot of Nat Fraser!

Business Enterprise Calendars 2008

Congratulations to S4 pupils Stephanie Greenhill, Siobhan Dunn, Alice Keillor, Ben Snape, Sarah McRae and Zak Blackman for designing, creating and producing a 2008 calendar themed on 'colour'. The group has produced some very high quality photographs and a professional looking finish and have included information on all the school holidays in 2008. These enterprising pupils organised themselves, assigned tasks and worked together as a team to complete this project in the limited time available! The calendar is being sold in December at the bargain price of £2.50 for an A4 calendar and £4.00 for an A3 calendar.

SQA Art Exhibition

S5 and S6 pupils studying art were provided with a unique experience this term. They visited the National Gallery complex, Edinburgh to see the SQA art exhibition. This provided pupils with the opportunity to see the 100 best examples of 'A' grade material graded by the SQA last session. The pupils were also able to visit the Joan Eardley exhibition.

William Shakespeare's
A Midsummer Night's Dream

A *Midsummer Night's Dream* is quite justly regarded by directors, designers, actors and producers alike as a notoriously difficult play to stage. Actors are forced to switch from prose, to blank verse, to rhyming couplets at the drop of a hat; the action switches from the antics of mismatched lovers to lavish, masque-like fairy balls without warning. It is therefore to the deserved credit of Mrs Esler and the Quad Theatre Company that their recent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* was not only so effortlessly staged and blocked, but acted with consistent conviction and energy.

Played using the traverse mode of staging, with audience sat on either side of the playing space, the production had both a much more intimate as well as a more continuous sense of space than would otherwise be achieved than having the audience sat in front of the playing space. The sense of intimacy and magic is established from the very start of the play with an onstage, living representation of Phoebe the Moon (certainly not the easiest of characters), portrayed by Catherine Johnson who, wearing a white dress, twirls slowly with one arm extended above her. Johnson's Moon, with its connotations of chastity, mystery and a tinge of melancholy complimented Jennifer Kay's Hippolyta perfectly. As she sat gazing at the Moon with her fiancé Theseus (Jamie Reid), one got the impression that she was almost jealous of the Moon, and had more empathy with her than with her future husband. Mr Darge (as a considerably less happy nobleman than he was in *As You Like It*) was a furious and justice-craving Egeus, whose disappointment in and resentment for his daughter (Zoe Fairlamb's forthright and strong-willed Hermia) was tangible. Jamie Reid was a calm, authoritative Theseus, who seemed to be able to manage everything except for his beloved Hippolyta who, delightfully, slaps him across the cheek on exiting the first scene for his not allowing Hermia and Lysander to be allowed to marry without the consent of Egeus.

Bryn Davies was a dreamy, romantic, Keats-like Lysander which, combined with James Rottger's pompous and revengeful Demetrius, made their later antics all the more hilarious. Marissa Wilson's pathetic and coquettish Helena, also made her dogging of Demetrius among the funniest moments of the play. The humour was at its most potent, however, in the scenes involving the Mechanicals, or workhands, who we first encounter casting for a play which they

will eventually present on Hippolyta and Theseus' wedding-day. Jonathan Elmer, as a wonderfully grandiloquent and pseudo-intellectual Bottom, very much made the character his own. Alex Winn was excellently cast as the patient but particular Peter Quince, and Dan Johnston, Ben Aitchison, Kyle Pryke and Sam Chase acted seamlessly together as Snug the Joiner, Snout, Francis Flute and Robin Starveling respectively. On a similar level of co-operation as actors were the fairies, of which there were a total of around ten. Jayde Ritchie, Skye Mudie, Sally Hassall and Eleanor Swingler as Cobweb, Moth, Mustardseed and Peaseblossom were particularly adept in the scenes where the disfigured Bottom is enticed to the bower of Titania. There was also a wonderfully performed dance and lullaby for Titania, in which all the fairies performed. Rory MacLeod and Lillias Dunn as Oberon and Titania interacted wonderfully in their spiteful exchanges, MacLeod's presence as the graceful and omnipotent Oberon never going unfelt, while there was never any question of Dunn's status as queen of the Fairy realm.

It is impossible, of course, to overlook Jordan Stodart's roguish, frenetic Puck,

who rose to the challenges offered by the part unperturbed. His sprightliness and eccentricity was such that one suspected his Puck may have spent a great many of his spare moments eating of some particularly psychedelic species of mushroom deep within the forest . . .

The play would not have been complete, though, without the addition of Mhairi Britton's beautifully ethereal Clarsach playing, which kept the play's sense of magic and mystery tangible throughout. It should also be noted that Mhairi provided the 'music of the spheres', using a mysterious percussion instrument which produced a glassy, ghostly chime which seemed to express the essence of Catherine Johnson's Moon. Praise must also be given to the Technical Team, without whom such effortless and dramatic changes of atmosphere would not be complete. And, of course, we must not forget the consistently fascinating and physical direction of Mrs Esler, which has served to make *A Midsummer Night's Dream* perhaps the most exciting production to be staged at the Quad Theatre.

Review by former pupil

Tom Barbour



Some of the cast

Musical Notes

- Staff and pupils have been very busy this term. Several pupils are members of Fife Youth Orchestra, Fife Youth String Orchestra and Fife Youth Wind Band. These groups hold regular concerts.
- Pupils were involved in the Remembrance Day ceremony at the cathedral.
- Pupils are also rehearsing for the Fife Schools' Rock Band competition.
- The pipe band made an excellent contribution to the Dunhill Golf Tournament.



- Music and Drama were well represented through participation in the St Andrews Day Civic Service in Holy Trinity Parish Church.
- The singing programme continues to produce excellent singers and many participants took part in the performance of 'Messiah' with the St Andrews Chorus in their recent concert.
- Madras was also host to a string workshop/concert with the Alba Quartet. Pupils from Madras, Bell Baxter and Waid Academy attended.

Debating Society

It has been a highly successful Debating Society year for Madras College so far, with a clean sweep for the Junior Debating Club.

This year, three S3 teams were entered into the Courier Debating Competition. The first junior debate was held at St Savior's High School, Dundee. Madras College 'C', Vicky McKay and Eilidh Baxter both debated a difficult motion: 'This House Would Ban All Restrictions on Peaceful Protests', to a high standard and progressed through to the next round. It was a similar success story for Madras College 'A', Lindsay Wright and Fiona Meek, whose debate was 'This House Would Ban the Growing of Genetically Modified Food', held at Inverkeithing High School, and Madras College 'B', Nikki Gordon and Miriam Malek, when they debated 'This House Would Abolish Trial by Jury' at Kinross High School.

There were another two S1 teams who competed in the ASDA, ESU Debating Competition. Emily Wright and Rory Malcolm took part in their debate at Waid Academy and also progressed to the next round. Johnny Watson and Rory White with 'This House Would Legalise Performance Enhancing Drugs in Sport', were put out of the 1st round of the ESU Debate by very tough competition.

The Senior Debating Club has seen similar success, with pupils taking part in a wide range of competitions, and even university days. Jessie Gordon and Ross Sproule (S5) competed in both the ESU Mace and the Debating Matters competition. Rory McLeod and Lewis Atherton (S5) also took part in this competition, and at the time of writing are about to compete in the Donald Dewar Memorial along with David Torrance and Matthew Wright. As well as the various competitions, Jessie Gordon, Ross Sproule, Rory McLeod and Lewis Atherton participated in a university day for debating at Dundee. There is a possibility that another of these university days may be hosted at St Andrews soon.

As you can see, it has been a highly successful year so far. Good luck to all the teams yet to debate, and let's hope that Madras's winning streak continues.

Lindsay Wright



Drama Snippets



- The Drama activities class will be involved in a new project in the new year. Fife Constabulary has arranged a photography exhibition at Kirkcaldy Museum and Art Gallery demonstrating the role of the police today. The drama team will create a performance based on the theme of 'firearms and the police' which will be presented to the public in March at the museum. The pupils will be provided with an overview of the subject by Inspector David McCulloch of Fife Constabulary.
- Several S3 pupils will be involved in Children's Panel Training in January. The school drama department has been involved in this scheme for many years. Pupils take on the roles of children appearing in front of the panel to assist in the training of panel members.
- Intermediate, Higher and Advanced Higher pupils have all been busy this term performing their devised dramas to invited audiences.
- All S1 pupils enjoyed the trip to see 'Wizard of Oz' at the Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh.

SPORTS NEWS

FIFE SCHOOLS' SWIMMING

• 14/15 yrs

Mathew Charnley (S3)
1st 100 m backstroke
1st 100 m butterfly
2nd 200 m butterfly

Ewan Gray (S4)
2nd 100 m breaststroke

• 16 and over

Fraser Clark (S6)
2nd 100 m breaststroke

Scott Ronaldson (S6)
2nd 100 m backstroke
3rd 100 m breaststroke

FOOTBALL

- The U18 football team are through to the quarter final of the Fife Schools' Cup – they meet Bell Baxter.
- James Drummond and Conor Finlay (S6) have been selected for the Fife Schools' U18 football squad (James is Vice-Captain).

GIRLS' HOCKEY

Most Saturdays a 1st XI, 2nd XI, 3rd XI and two 1st year teams have played fixtures with mixed results. On occasional Saturdays the 2nd XI, 3rd year B team and 2nd year B team also have had matches but it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain fixtures for all those teams. However, well done to all the girls who turn out for the school on Saturdays.

Congratulations to the 1st XI and the S2 teams who won their respective Fife Schools' Tournaments and to Catriona Scott (S4) who was selected for the Midlands U16 hockey squad.

NETBALL

The school now has six netball teams – two S1, two S2 and five senior, representing the school in the Fife championships and leagues.

RUGBY

The U15 rugby team have reached the last eight of the Scottish Schools' Cup and will play either Edinburgh Academy or High School of Glasgow.

SENIOR GIRLS' GYM CLUB

The Senior Girls' Gym Club is now filling the fitness suite at the East Sands Leisure Centre, every Monday from 4.00 pm to 5.00 pm. The centre has been very helpful in closing the gym to the general public to allow our group to receive training on the cardio-machines and weights. The response has been very good. We'll hopefully be very fit for Christmas, and beyond!

Lomond Challenge Triathlon

On Saturday 25th August, 18 senior pupils travelled to the Lomond School, Helensburgh to compete in the triathlon, which took place at Firkin Point on the banks of Loch Lomond. The event consisted of a 1.7 km canoe leg, followed by a 1.7 km bike ride and a 3.4 km road run, to complete the triathlon. One hundred and forty-four individual athletes, (72 teams) entered the competition and Madras College finished in second school team place losing out to Heriots School, who won the Team Trophy (Madras won the team trophy in 2004, 2005 and 2006).

The top 3 teams from Madras College, which qualified for second place in the Team Trophy, were Greg Dawson and Conor Finlay (3rd), Dan Tyler and Lucas Peters (9th), and Brendan Seenan and Ian Stewart (14th). Conor Finlay also recorded the third fastest individual time of 47.52 minutes. Conor and Greg also finished in third place in the male team event (48.05 minutes). In 2006 they also finished in third place and this year lost out to the second team by one second. In the female team competition Rachel Callaghan and her sister Fiona took the third team place.

SWIMMING GALA

Three S2 pupils achieved great results representing Fife at the SDS National Swimming Gala in Tollcross, Glasgow on 21st November 2007. Liam Phillips gained a gold medal for the 25 m front crawl and Emma Irons received a bronze medal for her 25 m front crawl. Grant Mills did extremely well to reach the finals of his event against stiff competition.

Well done to all three pupils.

SKI TRIP

Seventy-one pupils signed up for ski trip to Killington, Vermont, USA in 2009.

Tesco Sport for Schools Vouchers

Tesco Sport for Schools and Clubs is now in its third year. In 2005 and 2006 Madras College collected an average of 16,500 vouchers. At present the total vouchers collected stands at 15,600. It is still not too late to hand in the sports vouchers, however any vouchers handed in after January 31st will be banked into next years scheme. By taking part in the scheme, the pupils of Madras College have acquired a wide range of vital new equipment. Over the last two years we have received equipment for the following activities: athletics, badminton, football, hockey, rounders and fitness. Storage bags, netball bibs, team bibs, squeezey whistles and equipment for the special needs pupils were also purchased with vouchers.

Thank you to all pupils, school staff and members of the community, who kindly contributed towards the scheme. Madras College will benefit with the help of new equipment and kit, and in turn will inspire all pupils to be actively involved in sport, have fun and stay fit and healthy.



INFORMATION

Fife Council

School Closure Information for Parents

All parents should have received the Fife Council information leaflet outlining arrangements about school closures.

So when the severe weather starts you should:

- Listen to Kingdom FM (95.2 and 96.1), Radio Forth (97.3), Radio Tay (102.8 and 96.4) or other local radio stations
- Or call the Council's Closure line on 08451 55 11 99
- Or log on to www.fifedirect.org.uk/news
- Or access the information on your Sky or Virgin digital set-top box. See 'Fife Council TV' on the A-Z of Services on www.fifedirect.org.uk, or in the Useful Guide to Council Services

School Office Hours Trial

Proposed school office hours for the spring term (7th January to 28th March) **Monday to Friday: 8.15 am - 4.30 pm**

Outwith these hours, a message can be left on the main telephone in either building and this will be picked up first thing each weekday morning.

HOLIDAYS

Christmas

Monday 24th December 2007 to Friday 4th January 2008

February (two days)

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th February 2008

Good Friday

Friday 21st March 2008

Easter

Monday 31st March to Friday 11th April 2008

May Day

Monday 5th May 2008

June (single day)

Monday 2nd June 2008

Summer

Monday 7th July to Friday 15th August 2008

IN-SERVICE DAYS

Monday 7th January 2008

Wednesday 13th February 2008

Tuesday 6th May 2008

EXAMINATIONS

S5/6 Prelims

Wednesday 16th January to Tuesday 5th February 2008

S3 Exams

Friday 2nd May to Monday 19th May 2008

PARENTS' EVENINGS

S1 Monday 19th May 2008

S2 Wednesday 27th February 2008

S3 Wednesday 4th June 2008

S4 Tuesday 19th February 2008



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