



# Easter Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

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## Rector's Note

This has been a busy term, punctuated by prelim examinations for senior pupils, assignments, SQA deadlines and course choice. Despite the appropriate emphasis on preparation for forthcoming examinations, we have achieved much in the wider school. The Burns Supper was a great success with excellent speeches and high quality entertainment. It was a good example of departments collaborating to produce a very enjoyable event, showcasing some of our very talented pupils. Our recent Talent Show and Dress as You Please Day raised in excess of £2600 for Comic Relief. The Quad Theatre's performances of 'The Rivals' played to full houses and was very well received by all. Our team of reporters have made good use of the Madras Diary as a regular means of informing the community of our work. As the term ends, we look forward to a successful Easter Concert and SewArty Exhibition.

We are preparing for our annual Great Assembly that takes place in the Holy Trinity Church. The twin themes of the Assembly will be reflection and celebration. We will have the opportunity to look back over the year, to celebrate our successes and to look forward with optimism and confidence to the future. I am very grateful to Rev Rory MacLeod for allowing us the use of the Holy Trinity and for playing an important part in the Assembly.

Our mid-session review of our development plan concludes that we are on track to deliver all our development priorities this session. These are: Attainment, Curriculum for Excellence, Care and Welfare, Improvement through Self-evaluation and Leadership.

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## Burns Night



January 27th saw the return of the annual Burns Supper to Madras College.

The evening included a collection of Burns songs and poems performed flawlessly by prize winning pupils selected by the Burns Federation.

The audience was entertained with performances of "To a Haggis" by Matthew McAnaw, "Loch Lomond" by Cameron Quate, a recitation of "Scots Wha Hae" by Alan Sunter, "Duncan Gray" by Freya Simpson, "The De'ils Awa" sung by Joanna Stark, "Afton Water" by Charlotte Duncan, "Address to Beelzebub" by Courtney Gardiner, "Ma Hert is Sair" by Emily Brodie and "Cornriggs" by Leo Gordon.

Speeches were delivered by the 6th year pupils. Sarah Jonston gave The Selkirk Grace; Iain Watson gave the Address to a Haggis, Lindsay Wright the Toast to Madras and the Vote of Thanks by Rebecca Storer with the evening being chaired by Fiona Meek. The Toast to the Lassies was given by Ciaran Hynd and Andrew Whyte followed by the witty Reply by Emma Sunter and Emily Brodie.

The school's pipe band gave a sensational performance as did the Highland dancers Georgia Gatherum, Shannon McRae and Molly Renton.

The guests enjoyed the traditional Burns Supper of haggis, neeps and tatties with background Scottish music provided by a 4th year music class, a folk group put together by Geir Darge (S4) and some Scottish fiddle duets played by Annie Philpott and Lindsay Wright.

The event would not have been such a success without the staff, and special thanks must go to Mrs Adamson, in particular. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended; no doubt this proud tradition will be continued in the years to come.

Lindsay Wright

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Our focus next term turns to planning for session 2011-12. During the in-service day, time will be spent on gathering information that, along with other evidence, will allow us to identify school development priorities for next year. Time will also be spent discussing the next phase of the introduction of Curriculum for Excellence.

Progress with the New Madras College is moving ahead with detailed, productive negotiations continuing between Fife Council and the University of St Andrews.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish you an enjoyable Easter break.

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## Staffing

This term we welcomed Mr M Swift, teacher of Modern Studies and Mrs M McManus, teacher of Home Economics. We pass on our best wishes to Mrs P McKenzie, teacher of Pupil Support, who retires at the end of this term.

We would also like to thank three members of our Support Staff who have left this term to take up new jobs elsewhere; Miss J Ritchie, Mrs E Carstairs and Mrs B Sloan. They have, between them, provided excellent and professional support to Madras College.

Our grateful thanks are passed to all the supply staff who have worked with us during the last term: Mr D Simpson, Mr N Ronaldson, Mr M Mitchell and Mr G Lappin. Thanks also go to the Readers and Scribes who helped during the S5/S6 Prelim exams.

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# Maths Department

It has been another busy term for Madras' Maths department both for pupils within the classroom and for those taking part in National competitions.

## MATHS AND MUSIC PROJECT

Mr Grewar's 3rd year Maths class was given an open-ended investigation – to research connections between Maths and Music. The results were a wonderful compliment to the pupils! The range of topics chosen was very impressive – a variety of projects are summarised below.

- A crotchet note made from card and its area calculated using composite shapes.
- The 'Mozart effect' suggesting a link with Mozart's music and improved childhood intelligence.
- A tune played with glass bottles using different volumes of liquid to achieve different notes.
- The average length of a music track.
- The ratio connecting piano keys.
- The relationship of areas between different types of drum.
- The mathematical connections with the Brunelleschi Dome in Florence.
- Several art and music compositions – very colourful and creative.

A special mention to Emma Ruskuc (S3) who composed a piece of music using scales involving prime numbers, composite numbers and digits of pi!!!! Congratulations again to all who contributed to an excellent project!

## COMPETITIONS

One hundred and twenty S3 and S4 pupils took part in the The UK Intermediate Maths Challenge. This year a total of 39 certificates were gained. The haul included 6 Gold, 12 Silver, and 21 Bronze certificates. Special congratulations go to S4 pupils Johnny Watson, Paul Sinclair, Jacob Lamb and Andrei Ruskuc who have all gained entry to the 'Pink Kangaroo' competition (a European follow-up paper). Johnny achieved an outstanding 98 out of a possible 135 to win the 'Best in School Award'.

On 21st March we sent a team of 4 students (two S1 and two S2) to the Regional Final of the UKMT 2011 Team Maths Challenge at Informatics Centre, Edinburgh University. The team did extremely well finishing in the top ten. On 22nd March 2 groups, twenty S4 and twenty S5 pupils took part in Mathématiques sans frontières. The groups were given a number of problems to solve, one of which had to be answered in a foreign language. As we await the results, we hope that the teams can emulate the results of the last 12 years with at least one team finishing in the top 10 in Scotland and winning the competition on no less than 3 occasions.

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## Course Choice

by Rachel Wilson

This year at Madras College there have been many new subjects introduced to the curriculum which provide pupils with the opportunity to study a vast range of different subjects. For example, Higher students now have the opportunity to study subjects such as Photography and Musical Theatre. These are a few of many new subjects, with others ranging from Managing Environmental Resources and Computer Gaming.

The school has initiated a 'Subject Convention' for the pupils. Like a careers convention, where pupils can find out information about potential universities, this new idea allows pupils to speak to teachers about the different subjects that they offer before they opt to study them. This gives pupils the chance to find out about the different subject choices before they make their own course choice.

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# Musical Notes

## The Sound of Music

by Lindsay Wright

Madras College certainly has lots of musical talent, and the school decided to put this to good use by organising a concert for local elderly people in the St Andrews area. The residents were bussed through to Kilrymont and helped in by junior pupils who had volunteered their services. They were then treated to half an hour of music-making in the form of solo singers and duets from Katherine Skene, Rachel Hogg, Emily Brodie and some of the junior Burns prize winners, guitar and vocals from Hal Morrissey Gillman as well as piano music by Lindsay Wright. The audience then enjoyed refreshments (kindly provided by the catering staff at Kilrymont) and a chat with the pupils and staff before it was time for them to head home. The feedback from the event was very positive and special thanks have to go to the Charities Committee at Madras and Mr Mackay for making the event a success!

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## Burns Competition

The Fife Schools' Burns competition was held in Rothes Halls on Thursday 17th March. Many of the prizes were awarded to Madras pupils – amongst the winners were Connor Burgess (S5), 1st in senior piping, Lauren Galloway (S3), 2nd in intermediate piping, Jamie Gillan (S3), 3rd in intermediate piping and Ewan Cameron (S2), 1st in junior piping.

In the singing section Katherine Skene (S6) was awarded 2nd place in the senior class, Leo Gordon (S4) was 3rd in the intermediate section and Freya Simpson (S2) was 3rd in the junior section. In the instrumental section Joanna Stark (S2) won the junior section and Megan Pettegree (S3) and Paul Sinclair (S4) were 2nd and 3rd respectively in the intermediate class.

Matthew McAnaw (S2) gained second prize in his age category for his enthusiastic rendition of "Address to A Haggis". Matthew has now been invited to represent Fife at the National Burns competition which will take place in Lockerbie in April.

## Talent Show

Many pupils entered for the preliminary round of the talent show with 12 fantastic acts making it through to an excellent evening's entertainment on Thursday 17th March. Winners from South Street were a unique and original cover version of the Black-Eyed Peas song 'Where is the Love' performed by a group from S5/6. The Kilrymont Road winner was Erin Morrissey Gillman (S2) singing a Jessie J song 'Price Tag'.

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## Fife Festival of Music

In early February many individuals and extra curricular groups took part in Fife Festival of Music held in the Adam Smith Theatre in Kirkcaldy - amongst the winners were Arran Tarvet (S1), Lucy Truong, Freya Simpson and Clodagh Ryan (S2) – Piano Duet Elementary, Liv Darge and Megan Pettegree (S3) – Piano Duet Intermediate. The successful piano duet winners will take part in a Piano Duet Workshop at Rothes Halls on 1st April. The school's Wind Band opened a gala concert for various groups organised by St Andrews Rotary Club in the Younger Hall on Friday 11th February in aid of several charities.

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## Spring Concert

The School spring concert on Wednesday 23rd March provided a platform for all the extra curricular performing groups in the school plus some outstanding soloists.

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## Young Musician Competition

In the annual Bell Baxter Young Musician Competition to be held on 31st March at Waid Academy Lindsay Wright, Katherine Skene (S6), and Liam Vincent-Kilbride (S5) won through the auditions held in school. We wish them well with their performances on the night.

# Fashion Show

A Fashion Show was recently held to help raise funds for the Namibia Volunteering Teaching Programme.

Local clothes shops in St Andrews including Kirk Wynd Highland House kilt hire, Intersport, Joules, New Look, Fat Face, Trespass, M & Co., Shmooz and La Boutique kindly donated outfits for the models to wear. Pupils from First to Sixth year and even a few teachers volunteered to 'strut their stuff' down the catwalk. Singers Katherine Skene and Hal Morrissey Gillman and First Year, Third Year and Senior Dance groups provided fantastic entertainment. Around £600 was raised from this event which is wonderful!

Emma Sunter

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## Drama 'The Rivals'

This term saw the annual return of the Quad Theatre Company with their production of Sheridan's Play 'The Rivals'. This was a mammoth production as Mrs Esler decided that, because the standard of acting at the auditions was so high, she would double cast several roles. This allowed her to use a greater number of talented actors so some performers got to do three performances while others did the full six shows; all within the one week.

This was very much a bringing together of talents with the wonderful backdrop painted by Jacob Scott and Kayleigh-Ann Cull (both S6), the beautiful Act titles drawn by Mrs Jo Braggins, the playing by the newly formed group 'The Kindling Folk Band' and of course the truly excellent acting by the cast.

Mr Peter Adamson took photographs of the production which will appear in his book: 'A Year in the Life of Madras College' which will be a fitting tribute to a memorable show.

Well done to all who were part of 'The Rivals'!

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# Modern Languages

## French Exchange

This year sees the second exchange with Le College F Bloch Serazin in Poitiers. Our French friends will arrive for a week in June to be hosted by pupils in S3 and S4 and our party of 39 pupils and 4 staff will return on 21 September. This time we are flying to Paris and then hiring a French coach to cut down on the long journey. Our pupils will visit some Châteaux in the Loire, La Rochelle, including the aquarium, Poitiers itself, the school and 'Futuroscope', the cinematic theme park. We had a tremendous response and had great difficulty cutting the group back to 39 from the 65 who applied.

## Baccalaureate

Following on last year's successful candidates for the Scottish Languages Baccalaureate where our Modern Languages candidates were 2 of only 19 in Scotland to be awarded the Scottish Languages Baccalaureate, we are happy to say that we have 4 Languages Baccalaureate candidates this year. We wish them well as they complete their Interdisciplinary Projects.

## Euroscola

Individual distinctions include those of Katie O'Donnell and Alice Stewart. Both S6 girls were selected by interview to represent the school in the European Parliament in Strasbourg as part of the Euroscola programme, generously sponsored by the Rotary Club. Both girls participated fully in all the activities and Katie was selected to address the group in the parliament in French as 'porte-parole' (or spokesperson) for the Scottish group.

Katie has also just heard that she has been selected as one of six pupils in Fife to go to China in July. There she will take part in a full programme of Chinese language and culture.

## Kiel Exchange

Our German friends from the Kieler Gelehnten Schule arrive in Scotland in June as well and a full programme of visits awaits them, including the famous 'Abschiedsabend' or Farewell Evening with which the visit is always concluded.

# Manga club

*by Mark Nicoll*

Manga is a style of drawing which is mostly seen in Japanese cartoon programmes. A Manga club has recently begun which involves drawing Japanese characters in a comic strip style. Mr Kerrigan takes the club in room 005 in Kilrymont Road at 1.50 pm every Friday. They have been designing a comic book about the school which will be available after Easter.

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# Enterprising Primary Schools

*by Lindsay Wright*

Enterprising young Primary School pupils were given the chance to learn about business by taking part in the Fife Enterprise Competition. Primary six pupils from all areas of Fife competed at Anstruther Primary. Each Primary School team had a High School pupil to help them and this is where the Madras pupils got involved.

The competition was certainly challenging; each team was given a set amount of money, and they had to buy their own materials, such as paper and glue and from this they had to make certain items, for example castles and cards.

As if making the products wasn't enough hard work, the teams then had to pitch their products to the "Dragons" and persuade them to invest so that they could make a profit.

The day was educational for all with the seniors learning as much as the juniors about business enterprise. Largoward and New Gilston, headed by Katherine Skene won the event, with Olivia Cannon's team Wormit earning runners' up places.

This meant both teams progressed to the Fife final at Cluny Clays near Kirkcaldy. This event was similar, but the teams had the added challenge of completing problem-solving tasks on top of making and selling products. Unfortunately the teams didn't progress further, but the event was enjoyed by all. Soon we might have a new generation of business entrepreneurs on our hands!

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# \*SEWARTY\* AT MADRAS

Creative arts students from Madras College are to present their work to the public. Their exhibition will contain a selection of works from the Art, Home Economics and Graphic Communication departments of the school.

The "SewArty" exhibition is a showcase of art, craft and design produced by the students and will be held in the school's Kilrymont Road Hall.

On the evening of Tuesday 29th March, between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm, invited guests will have a private view of the work and the privilege of listening to high quality renditions by students representing the music department.

All members of the public are invited to come along on Wednesday 30th March, between 4.00 pm and 8.00 pm, to enjoy the results of the pupils' hard work and celebrate the wealth of talent within the school.

# Eco Club



Members of the Madras College and Waid Academy Eco-Clubs were invited to attend the Scottish Eco-Schools Conference which took place in the Scottish Parliament buildings on Friday 28th January 2011.



L to R James Primmer, Maud Woolf, Fiona Powrie, Corinna Renger, Rebecca Smith, Laura Wilson, Jilly Paterson and Nicole Petrie

James Primmer, Maud Woolf, Fiona Powrie, Corinna Renger, Rebecca Smith, Laura Wilson, Jilly Paterson and Nicole Petrie were chosen to represent their schools at this prestigious event which lasted the whole day. Involving experts from across the country, pupils participated in presentations, practical activities and various workshops to help give them ideas about what they could do in their own schools. The main theme of the day was 'Food and the Environment', a new topic about to be introduced into the Secondary Schools Eco-Schools programme.

Questions designed by the pupils were put to a panel of experts including representatives from SCIAF, the Marine Stewardship Council, Keep Scotland Beautiful and two MSPs; many of which caused some very lively and interesting debate among all the participants. "The pupils thought that it was very rewarding to be able to ask questions and discuss such important issues, especially in our Scottish Parliament" said Mrs Alice Pearson the Eco-Schools Co-ordinator at Waid Academy.

Pupils from Hamilton Grammar school dressed up and role-played various soil types as part of a workshop designed by the Macaulay Land Use Research Institute which had been designed to deepen the pupils' knowledge of improving Scottish soil. They provided models, videos and presentations on various scenarios of what might happen to Scotland's farming land in the near to distant future.

Mr Fox, the Eco-Schools Co-ordinator at Madras College added "It was a really great day! The pupils learned so much and it was a fantastic reward for all the good things both our Eco-Clubs have accomplished".

## The Great Eco-School Survey of 2011

Surveys have been put up on the school website <<http://www.madras.fife.sch.uk>> for our Eco-Schools' Inspection at the end of next month.

Pupils, parents and staff have all worked very hard since our last inspection to improve so many aspects of Madras College's green credentials, especially with regards to creating gardens out of disused areas, recycling and addressing litter disposal issues in and around the school.

There are three surveys especially designed for pupils, staff and parents (another possibility for parents to participate in a slightly altered questionnaire). Each survey is eleven questions long and will only take about five minutes to complete. Our findings will be put on the school website once our Eco-Clubs have processed all the data generated.

Your participation would be greatly appreciated and will help us greatly towards acquiring the prestigious Second Green Flag Award from Keep Scotland Beautiful. Thank you so much in advance.

## St Andrews Young Citizen of the Year

*by Emma Sunter*

Congratulations to Finlay Williamson, a Fourth Year for receiving the St Andrews Young Citizen of the Year Award on behalf of The Madras College Eco Club. Finlay is a member of the Eco Club and participates in many of the Eco Club's activities such as planting bulbs, studying ponds and helping to develop the Green Map App on Ipods.

## READ International

*by Thea Blackadder*

Madras College was recently contacted by the Read Book Project and asked to take part in its work providing books for African schools. The student-led organisation collects unused, high quality textbooks and fiction books from schools around the UK and sends them to Tanzania and Uganda for use in Primary and Secondary schools. In these countries it costs £11 to buy a book whereas it costs only 50 p to send a book from the UK. The charity has already delivered over 850,000 books to East Africa and aims this year to collect over 40,000 more. To achieve this goal the organisation requires the support of Madras and the local community. Please hand in any unwanted books for donation to Madras College. All books are welcome as long as they are not older than the 80's and have an ISBN. These books will help to further READ International's work promoting literacy and learning in Africa.

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## Debating Matters

by Lindsay Wright

With the start of the debating season finally here, Madras College debaters were back into the swing of things with the Debating Matters Competition.

The qualifying round for Fife and Stirling was held at Wallace High School.

There were three issues being debated: We should not expect our online activities to remain private; Extremist religious and political groups should be banned from university campuses and Financial incentives provide the best solution to the crisis of organ and tissue donation.

Among the debaters were Katie O'Donnell, Lindsay Wright, Miriam Malek and Zak Maas.

Unfortunately, Katie and Lindsay failed to make it through the first debate which meant Miriam and Zak did not get the chance to debate. The team were beaten by Balwearie High School who will go forward to the Regional Rounds of the Scotland and Northern Ireland section.

It was an unexpected blow to the debaters who had earned the title of Scottish Champions every year since first entering the competition, but with many more debates to look forward to, including a debate against a Canadian team and a short preparation debate at the University of St Andrews, it certainly hasn't affected the debaters spirits!

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## Junior Debating

The junior debating club has enjoyed a hugely successful season so far. Special congratulations must go to the S3 team of Emma Ruskuc and Aine Dodman who won the central Dundee and Fife regional final of the East of Scotland Debater earlier in March. They impressed the judges with their opposition of the motion "This house believes that prison should only be used for those who have committed violent offences". They will now progress to the grand final where they will argue it out with the best teams from Angus, Perthshire and Aberdeenshire.

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## Shakespeare Talk

by Rachel Wilson

In preparation for the Prelim, Dr Rebecca Brown came in to talk to the Advanced Higher English about the plays by Shakespeare they were studying – 'Antony and Cleopatra' and 'Othello'. A renowned Shakespeare scholar, Dr Brown was certainly a great asset to their understanding of the plays. The class explored many new and different ideas that no-one had thought about before. Many of the pupils agreed that it certainly helped them in their revision and believe that it helped them greatly in writing their prelim essay.

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## World Book Day

by Rachel Wilson

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 4th March, four S1 classes visited Greyfriars and Lawhead Primaries. Each Madras pupil took a favourite story from their own primary days to read to the children. They also took along World Book Day vouchers to explain to the primary children how to use them. After sharing the story with their new "buddies", the Primary 1s drew a picture from the story for the S1s to take back to Madras. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, although the walk from Kilrymont to Lawhead took a little longer than anticipated! In the senior school, fifth years visited Kingsbarns, Leuchars, Wormit and Newport Primary schools. Madras pupils were impressed by the enthusiasm of the children, by their interest in and love of reading and by the warm welcome they were given. It is hoped that we can build on these links and extend the scheme still further next year.

### Winner of Stanza Competition

#### If Only

If only I could rewind time,  
And change everything I regret.

If only I could freeze time,  
And take in the world so I don't forget.

If only I could go to the future,  
To see what's happened to me.

If only I could go to ancient times,  
To see how living would be.

If only I could set the clocks,  
To whatever time I'd like.

If only I could make bedtime,  
Much later on at night.

If only I could pause things,  
And put them on hold.

If only I could remember good times,  
Even when I'm old.

Sophie Duncan

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## Warhammer - by Andrew Johnston

The school's Warhammer Club has been excelling of late and has even qualified for the final competition in Nottingham. For those who are unfamiliar with Warhammer, it is a tabletop miniature game of war set in a fantasy universe. Players can assemble and paint figurines and can move them across the board with the roll of a dice. This interesting and unusual game has captured the imagination of many. Good luck to the Warhammer Club in the upcoming tournament.

## Cross Country

The Fife School's Cross Country Championships were held on 1st March, at Beveridge Park, Kirkcaldy. Eve Primmer (S1) was 2nd place individual in a field of 50 S1 girls.

The S1 girls were also successful in winning the 1st Team Place. Eve Primmer (2nd), Eilidh Smyth (5th), Ellenor Waddell (8th) and Jade McLaren (14th).

The S1 Boys and S2/3 Boys' Teams finished in 2nd Team Place. The S2/3 Girls and the Senior Boys' Teams came home with bronze medals, finishing in 3rd Team Place.

## Hockey

Ruth Reid and Kirsty Duncan (both S5) represented Midlands in the U18 Scottish District Tournament. The girls played extremely well which is promising for the development of next season's school team.

The third year girl's team won through to the semi-final of the Midlands Outdoor Tournament, narrowly losing to the eventual winners. The success of the team was continued into the Fife Schools' Tournament where they won all their games and therefore the tournament.



Winning Team

Sophie Pettegree (S1) is currently in the Fife U14 development squad attending regular training sessions.

All year groups have fulfilled their programme of Saturday morning fixtures this term, winning a large majority of their matches.

## Rugby

This year has proved to be a successful one on the rugby field with over 120 boys participating in an extensive Saturday morning fixture list. New fixtures versus Glenalmond and Strathallan proved to be very competitive and the matches versus old foes were equally rewarding.

Both the U16 and 1st XV won through to the last 16 of their Scottish Cup Championships (one of only two state schools to achieve this) with the highlights being a narrow 1st XV defeat to Dollar and the U16 performance of the season versus Hutchesons Grammar School in Glasgow. Captain Ciaran Hynd remarked that "the Cup was a season highlight with a tremendous win away to Hawick High School and top performances throughout the Cup".

In the Junior School playing numbers have been excellent and the S3's have proved to have the best win ratio, ably led by stand-out performances from Jon Price, James Picken, Jamie Gillan and Chris Charnley.

S2's have proved to be a very consistent XV with Shaw Palmer, David Hodge and Calum Stewart prominent throughout. Against experienced top private schools, all players impressed with their resilience and tenacity.

The most improved team is certainly the S1 XV. With challenging matches, the experience gained has given them a competitive streak and has developed an

ethos of genuine team work and confidence. Mattia Serrano, Joshua Cummings and Jack Michie in particular have developed into strong attacking threats for the opposition.

A real boost to the rugby at Madras College has been the inaugural season of girls' rugby. Twenty girls have trained and played matches at various cluster tournaments in Fife. The hope is that, next season, the team will be ready to enter the girls' Scottish Cup.

At the time of writing there are 3 tournaments to compete in with the S1 and Senior teams seeking to retain the trophies in the David Garland Glenrothes 10-a-side competition and the Perth 7's respectively. S3 will also represent the school against quality Edinburgh opposition in the Buckhaven Tournament.

As the season closes, there is a heartfelt thank you to all staff, who gave up their time voluntarily, as well as referees and parents who have all contributed to a successful and enjoyable school rugby programme.

## House Matches

*by Andrew Johnston*

For the past few weeks Madras had been holding the annual Inter-House matches. These consisted of rugby, football, hockey and netball for boys and girls.

Each House entered a junior team of First to Third years and a senior team of Fourth to Sixth years, all trying to earn points for their House.

However it is not just teams that can earn points but individuals as well by competing at Sports Day. Castle has won for the past two years but they can't afford to be complacent because at the moment Blackfriars and Priory are in a tied first position with Castle closely behind.

The winning House will be announced after Sports Day.



# INFORMATION

## HOLIDAYS

### Easter

Monday 4th to Friday 15th April 2011

### Good Friday

Friday 22nd April 2011

### Royal Wedding

Friday 29th April 2011

### May Day

Monday 2nd May 2011

### June

Monday 6th June 2011

### Summer

Monday 4th July to Friday 12th August 2011

## IN-SERVICE DAY

Tuesday 7th June 2011

## S3 PARENTS' EVENING

Monday 23rd May 2011

## EXAMINATIONS

### S3 EXAMS

Friday 29th April to Monday 16th May 2011

### SQA EXAMS

#### Standard Grade Art Exams

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th April

### S4 Exams Start

Tuesday 3rd May

### S5/6 Exams Start

Thursday 12th May

## STUDY LEAVE

### S4 Start

Tuesday 3rd May

### S5/6 Start

Monday 9th May

## NEW TIMETABLE STARTS

Wednesday 8th June

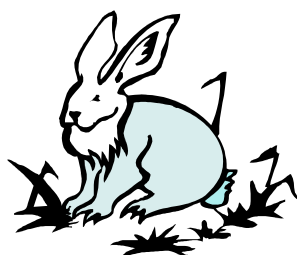
(New S4 pupils report to the South Street building)

## School Meal Charges

As from Friday 1st April 2011 a secondary school meal will cost **£1.70** per day. Adult meals will cost **£2.70**.

Over and above the cost of a school meal, milk cartons will be charged at **17 p** per carton.

We wish  
you all  
a Happy  
Easter



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