



# Summer Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

July 2015

## Rector's Message

I am pleased to report that this has been a very busy year which has seen the school engage with the second diet of National awards and the first diet of the new Higher exams. As well as this the staff have been working hard to develop the materials and expertise required to deliver the new Advanced Highers next session. We have also seen a change in our school week; a change from 35 periods to 25 periods with an increase in period teaching time from 45 minutes to 64 minutes (or 62 in Kilrymont) and the introduction of registration Form Time to start the day.

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## CLIC Sargent



Dedicated fundraisers, Brynja Duthie, Bradley Jackson, Ellie Clayton and Katrina Tough, donned brightly coloured wigs in order to raise money for CLIC Sargent. This charity provides support for the families of children with cancer; both at home and in hospital. Charmaine Duthie from Janetta's commented, "Madras pupils were pillars of the community today and embraced the challenge wholeheartedly, raising £151.31 for 'CLIC Sargent's Wig Wednesday' fundraiser. They are a credit to Madras College and should stand proud".

## Donald Dewar Scottish Debating Challenge



The grand final of the *Donald Dewar Scottish Debating Challenge* took place in the Debating Chambers in the Scottish Parliament on Thursday 4th June 2015. The motion that Madras College was proposing: "This house believes we should restrict Media coverage of Terrorist attacks". To get to this final, they had to beat a staggering 122 other schools. The pupils representing Madras were Ewan Redpath and Jamie MacLeod, Madras Head Boy. They won the trophy and £1000 for their debating team. Most of Madras College's Debating Club also attended to support the boys.

This tremendous win is an excellent accolade to add to the many titles gained over the years by Madras College and a real testimony to the dedication and commitment of Coach Dorothy Comber.

### Lost Property

Pupil Services Staff hold a number of items of lost property, such as house keys, glasses, outdoor coats etc. If unclaimed, all lost property will be disposed of after Friday 21st August 2015.

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I know how hard everyone has worked to engage with these changes and that includes the time given to support our improved Easter School study provision, which saw over 600 attendances from our pupils, all eager to work hard to improve their grades. We all now look forward to August to see how well our pupils have achieved in their exams and overall awards.

This session we changed our management information system from e1 to SEEMiS and we changed from the STACS exam analysis to INSIGHT analysis – a new system which will take a bit of time to fully engage with, but one where all parents/carers can view the front page data (known as the dashboard) of every school in Scotland, including Madras College.

This final term has, of course, flown by, starting with the SQA exams and our support of the pupils through this, followed by the new timetable (which Mr Hugh Watson very ably created and delivered on time – his first full timetable). The smooth delivery of the new timetable was the result of a great deal of hard work and preparation by Mr Watson and the office staff. This was also the first time that Fife timetables had been delivered through the SEEMiS system – which went relatively smoothly in Madras College. Well done our team.

Our main priorities for next session will be linked to attainment, positive ethos, reviewing our tracking and monitoring systems to engage with SEEMiS, further develop our support systems, continue to develop our CfE (courses and provision of opportunity) and links with business and employability.

Our drive on uniform, pride in the school and positive image is still a main priority and I would like to remind all parents/carers and pupils of our standards of dress. It is the same for all pupils S1 – S6 and consists of school blazer, white (or pale blue) shirt/blouse, school tie, black trousers/skirt, dark shoes, school jumper/cardigan or black jumper/cardigan.

We have also strengthened and reorganised our guidance and support teams for next session. As of the start of term next session our teams will be:

**S1/2 Year Team**

Mrs Clark, Mr Grewar, Miss Montador, Mr Ross

**S3 Year Team**

Mr Jones, Miss Massie

**S4 Year Team**

Miss Cowan, Mrs Smith

**S5/6 Year Team**

Miss Basillious, Mrs Little, Ms O'Donnell

**South Street Support Team**

Mr Hepburn, Mr Inglis, Mr Munn

In September 2014 we were of course inspected and I am truly delighted to say that the inspection went very well.

Indeed, last summer, HMI published a new set of inspection measures for schools – called "The Increased Expectations" and we were the first school in Scotland, one month into the new session, to be measured against the increased measures, and we were given the 2nd highest grading – VG – for pupil attainment and for pupil experience.

Throughout the rest of the academic year, 22 secondary schools were reported on, no state school received higher than VG, and in these combined measures only 6 of the 22 were awarded the VG grade.

I would like to thank everyone for their huge support and energy throughout the session. It has been a tiring, sometimes bruising, but always very rewarding experience. Our pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard and enjoyed success at the very highest level on more than one occasion. I wish all our senior pupils the very best with their exam results and wish all of you a pleasant and relaxing summer break.

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## *Staff Moving On*

We have said goodbye and congratulations to Mr Swift who leaves our Social Subjects Department to take up the post of PTC at Buckhaven High School. Mr Lawrenson, from the same department, is also moving on to pastures new.

Off to enjoy what we hope is a happy, healthy retirement are Mr Paton (Biology) and Mrs Liggat (Support for Learning).

Also leaving us are T Pollock (PE) and L Tunibua and S Urquhart (PSA's).

We wish them all well and thank them for their contributions to Madras College.

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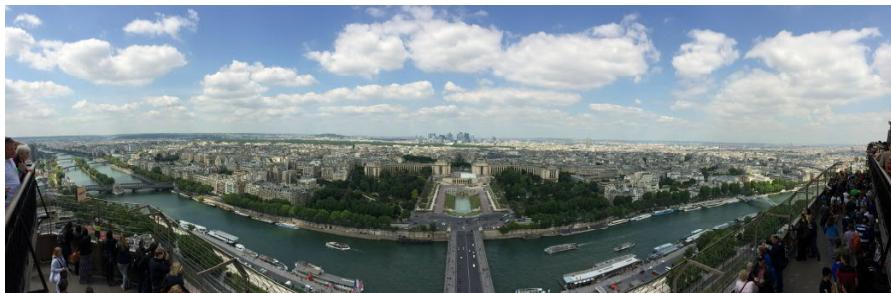
## *Promotions and New Appointments*

Congratulations to Mr Clark on his appointment to PT of Social Subjects. We also welcome Mr Gibson who will be teaching Modern Studies.

The following teaching staff will join us in August: S Miller (Classics/Latin), F Cowan (English/Guidance), N Cunnison (English) and F High (French).

Probationers who will be joining us this year are: A Anderson (PE), I Ballantyne (Geography), J Hughes (Business Education), C Robbie (Home Economics) and C Young (Biology).

# Cultural Trip to Paris

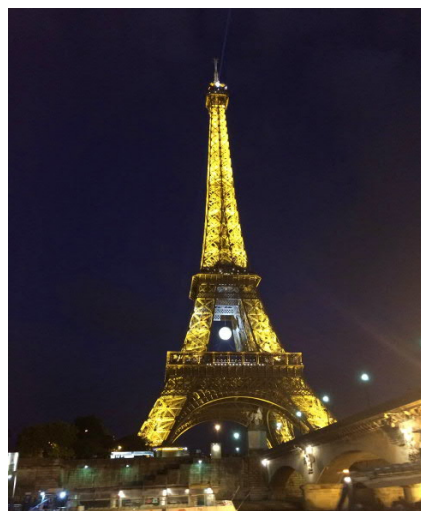


On 25th May 2015, fifty-three S3 pupils and five members of staff from Madras College went on a 6-day cultural trip to Paris. The pupils travelled by coach to Hull and then boarded a ferry that took them overnight across the North Sea to Amsterdam and then on to Paris. On arrival in Paris everyone enjoyed a Bateau Mouche evening trip along the River Seine where they passed some of the most beautiful scenery in central Paris.

On day two in Paris the pupils went to the iconic Eiffel tower and then were given some free time to explore the vast array of shops along the Champs Elysees. In the evening the pupils headed to the Louvre to catch a sneak peak at one of the world's most well-known paintings – the Mona Lisa and other magnificent artefacts.

The next day was the penultimate day in Paris and was spent at Disneyland Paris. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their time here, particularly the different rides and attractions.

On the last day in Paris everyone visited the Sacre Coeur and Montmartre area and enjoyed seeing the lovely buildings and quaint Parisian shops surrounding it before finally heading north to catch the ferry at Zeebrugge and head back home to friends and family in Scotland to share all their fantastic experiences of their trip to Paris.



## Youth Philanthropy Initiative

After seven weeks of intensive preparation, groups of Junior pupils gathered in Kilrymont Library to present their case to Maggie Clark, a representative from the Youth Philanthropy Initiative, and a group of judges comprised of Mrs Higgins (Librarian), Stella Fraser (Library Assistant), Bruce Robertson PTC Social Subjects and Olav Darge, Depute Rector. Their aim: to convince the judges of the validity of their charity and to win £3,000 for their chosen charity. After the presentations, the group entitled "Burning Bright" who pitched for "Tayside Children with Cancer and Leukaemia" (TCCL) were the overall Madras winners. The group was made up of S2 pupils: Megan Milner, Isla Bell, Lisa Weir and Emily Milne.

After the judging, Maggie Clark congratulated the Madras pupils on their exemplary behaviour, commenting favourably upon how well the pupils encouraged and supported each other. She described their team spirit as "outstanding".

Tomorrow, the winning team will visit Perth theatre to enjoy a day in celebration of YPI. Highlights will include music from X Factor Winner, Matt Cardle and a keynote speech from award winning social entrepreneur, Josh Littlejohn.

## NPA Computer Games Development

Former pupil of Madras College, David Hamilton, now Managing Director and Owner of Ninja Kiwi returned to the school in May to gift a new Trophy for the National Progression Award in Computer Games Development. The David Hamilton Controller, Madras College, Computer Games Developer Award was presented to Euan Gaul for attainment in the NPA Computer Games Development.



# Musical Notes

## • Play Day

In May the music department organised a play day at Kilrymont for all P6/7 pupils receiving instrumental lessons in school. The primary pupils along with S1/2/3 musicians participated in the Clarsach Group, String Orchestra, Wind Band and Piano Ensemble. The highlight for many was the Samba workshop from Daniel Dugan. An audience of Madras pupils and staff were entertained by a final performance from the 120 pupils involved.

## • Music Exam Success

Well done to all pupils who sat instrumental exams this term. Results so far:

- S1 Joseph Mackie was awarded a pass for his Grade 5 clarinet exam.
- S2 Eugene Ritchie was awarded a distinction for his Grade 3 piano exam.
- S4 Micah Scott was awarded a merit for his Grade 7 tuba exam.
- S5 Rosemary Fettes was awarded a distinction for her Grade 7 saxophone exam.

We would like to thank Mrs MacLeod, Mr Milton, Mrs Mair, Miss Russell and Mr Higgins for all their hard work throughout the session.

## • St Andrews Preservation Trust

In April Joanna Stark (S6), Sophie Pettegree and Claire O'Donnell (S5) performed at the opening ceremony of the Preservation Trust's new building in North Street. The pupils performed a Scottish programme and were rewarded with wonderful home baking treats.

## • Junior Conservatoire of Scotland Success

Congratulations to Micah Scott who has been awarded a place at the Junior Conservatoire. Micah will start in August where he will receive specialist and advanced training on the Tuba.

## • Success at the National Burns Competition

Congratulations to Joanna Stark who got 2nd place in the Scottish S5/6 Instrumental Section at the National final.

# Leaflet Design For P7s

As part of the Transition Programme, all current S1 pupils in English were invited to design a leaflet for the new intake of P7s. The leaflets, addressing some of the real questions asked by P7s were judged by the S1 Year team. Hope Kennedy was the overall winner, with a neatly designed leaflet which was both reassuring and informative.



The Drama department have had a very busy start of term.

S4, S5 and S6 Drama and English pupils went to see *Great Expectations* at the Dundee Rep theatre; a wonderful production of high specifications within the theatre arts. Charles Dickens' tale brilliantly stage-managed, inspiring pupils to understand the process of intricate set design, lighting effects, props, costume and pyrotechnics for the burning of Miss Haversham's home, a spectacular scene. Our drama students were mesmerised and ready to use their imaginations for Productions Skills in Nationals, Higher and Advanced Higher.



# Drama News



Our new S3 drama and music pupils went to see *Moana – The Rising of the Sea*, at the Byre Theatre. The pupils were truly awestruck by this brilliant production with 32 Fijian performers telling the story of destruction in our environment, using poetry, song and music. The story of Moana, in collaboration with the University of St Andrews Pacific Studies and MUSA (Museum of the University of St Andrews) told this sad tale of rising oceans and disintegration of land with hope in their hearts as they are witness to plastics by the ton being washed up on their distant shores. This show was very enlightening and informative for our pupils to think of themselves as world-wide responsible citizens. Afterwards the actors invited our pupils to join in with a workshop which they did with gusto.

Two other trips took place during the last week of term to *The Woman in Black* at The Alhambra in Dunfermline and *Yer Granny* at Dundee Rep!

# Sculpture Workshop

Where better to enjoy an introduction to sculpture than at historic Kellie Castle, the former home of famous Scottish sculptor Hew Lorimer.



Over the last 14 years, Kellie Castle and gardens has played host to 'one day clay sculpture workshops' led by well respected Scottish sculptor Kenny Munroe, and on 4th June S3 students from Madras College relished the opportunity to work closely with the professional sculptor and educator to produce their own life-sized head creations.



Anna Malcomson's portrait head of the legendary Fife golfer, Mr Tom Morris, was chosen to be cast and put on display in the grounds of the castle.

Thanks must go to "The National Trust for Scotland" for their ongoing support in funding this unique and valued event and to Kenny for his driving passion for sculpture, his patience, encouragement and wealth of knowledge. (More photos - Page 9.)

# 'Curious About Copper' Poster Competition

The Copper Development Association asked UK students to design an educational poster, which would appeal to their peers, explaining particular applications of copper and the properties that make it essential to modern living.

Within the age group 14-16 a winner and a runner up were selected, and students were expected to address the questions, although innovative explorations of each subject were also welcomed. Chi Vo chose to answer the Health and Medicine question of – We need copper in our diets to stay healthy, and its inherent germ-killing ability makes it the ultimate hygienic material. Why is it essential to our health? How can it contribute to safer hospitals?

Chi was 2nd in her category which was entered by students from Scotland, England, Northern Ireland and Wales. The judges were impressed by the unique approach this poster took to addressing the topic, and felt it deserved recognition for its originality and beautiful design. "Chi's poster presents interesting and detailed information and uses a range of information sources going beyond those used in most other posters".

Congratulations goes to Chi for her creativity and to her for entering this competition, gaining both herself and Madras College a financial prize from The Copper Development Association.



# ESU Public Speaking Competition

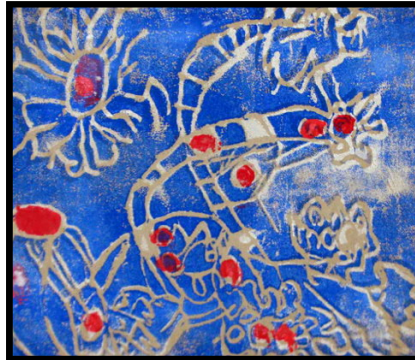
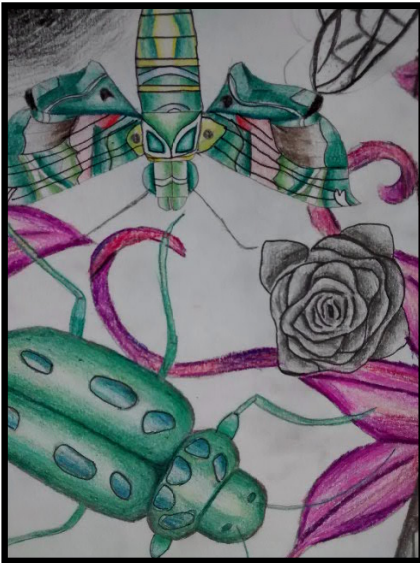


Madras College second year pupil Soha Nabi took first place in the ESU Public Speaking Competition on 11th June. The English Speaking Union (ESU) are an organisation who have been encouraging young children to debate and speak for a number of years, holding many competitions around Scotland.

Soha previously won the semi-finals in Broughty Ferry against several schools across Tayside and Fife. From there she went on to triumph in the first Junior Final, coming out as one of the top speakers overall.

The finals, held in Fettes College, Edinburgh involved thirteen speakers in all: seven junior and six senior.

# National 5 Design Research



Chloe Hutchison - Category F: 2nd Prize

The human body has been one of the key subjects depicted by artists for millennia, from primitive cave paintings to modern day sculpture. Artists have also played an important role in helping us understand how our bodies work. 'Brilliant Bodies' was therefore the perfect subject for this year's theme for the MUSA young artist award. A total of 903 entries were submitted and a record-breaking 1274 pupils from schools across Fife took part in fun, interactive workshops with museum staff.

Entries were judged by Dr Susan Whiten, Lecturer in Anatomy at the University of St Andrews School of Medicine, Dr Karen Brown from the School of Art History and Matthew Jarron, Curator at the University of Dundee.

Winners were chosen on the basis of: Originality and creativity, Confident handling of materials, Boldness and impact, and an obvious link to collections at MUSA. The judges were impressed by the standard of the artworks and awarded Special Merits to 13 additional pupils.

Madras College Art department had four entries gaining an award this year, and the pupils who were successful are: Category F: 2nd Prize, Additional Support Schools/Units - Chloe Hutchison. Category E: 3rd Prize - Hazel Irons. Special Merit - S1 to S3, Baran Talajooy and Mollie Craven-Mallett. Winning entries are displayed at the Gateway Galleries between 6th June and 22nd August.

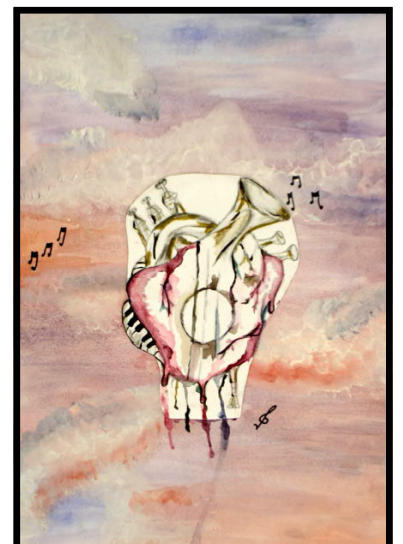
# MUSA Young Artist Award



Hazel Irons - Category E: 3rd Prize



Baran Talajooy - Category E: Special Merit



Mollie Craven-Mallett - Category E: Special Merit



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award group has had a mixed year. The successes have kept up the pace of recent years with 11 bronze, 11 silvers and 5 golds. It also included the fastest gold achievement with Amy Boxer (S6) completing hers by the end of August (the previous record was mid October.) Well done Amy.

The active groups this year have had quite a few problems, the bronzes joined up but then were presented with the dilemma of Paris, the numbers dropped significantly as the temptation of escargot was too high. The ones who continued worked hard and included a participant who has managed to get her bronze before the summer holidays – a record.

The silver group worked well and were very lucky on their qualifying expedition with some amazing weather in which to enjoy the Cairngorms. The golds in contrast started strongly (with a full group of 7) but the pressure of exams and medical concerns meant that in the end the expeditions had to be cancelled (too few to be considered safe). Hopefully all will go on and complete the award at university or college.

Once again the award group has had fantastic support from a few dedicated staff. Special thanks goes out to Mr Kerrigan for running the bronze group and Mr Kay for running the silver group. Thanks also to Mr Robertson and Mr Paton for assisting out in the wilds of Scotland. Good luck to Mr Paton too as he retires this year, we hope to see him out on the hills again as he has now qualified to assess our pupils so removing one added complication to organising the trips.

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## Scottish Space School

Having been selected by a rigorous application scheme, Sophia Zomerdijk-Russell and Eilidh Smyth travelled to Strathclyde University on 15th June for the week-long first round on the Space school competition. They had a really enjoyable time doing rocket workshops and other space related activities. Eilidh was selected to go through to the second round on Wednesday 24th June and we have just heard that she has been successful in winning a place on the all expenses paid trip to the Lyndon B Johnson Space Centre in Houston USA in October. There she will work with other pupils and NASA astronauts on all aspects of a trip into Space. She will have a chance to participate in simulated journeys into outer space in the same simulators the astronauts actually use. There will be plenty of time for socialising with everyone from astronauts to ambassadors! Eilidh did very well to be chosen as one of the final 10 to go to the USA from over 2000 applicants. Previous participants all say it is the trip of a lifetime.

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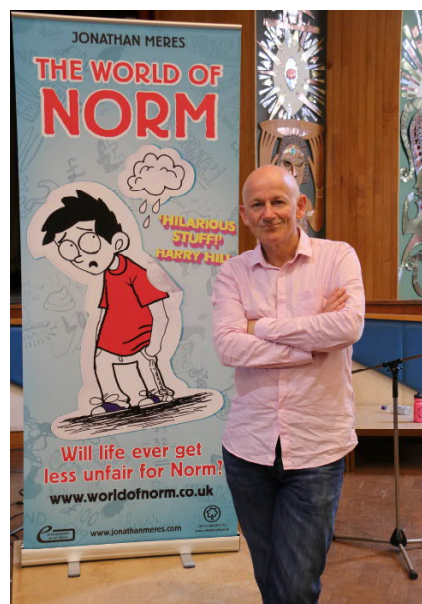
## Nuffield Science

Charlie Irons was selected by the University of St Andrews Physics and Astronomy department to develop outreach material over the summer holidays under the above scheme. He will also be conducting outreach/science communication for them at Science fairs over the holidays.

## Madras College Library

- **Author visit**

The pupils of S2 were treated to an entertaining visit and talk by author Jonathan Meres on Friday 12th June, organised by the Library in conjunction with Waterstones bookshop, St Andrews.



Jonathan is the author of the popular 'World of Norm' series. His background experience as a stand-up comedian was evident as he worked the audience to identify with his books' hero amidst lots of laughter. Pupils were able to ask their own questions at the end of the talk, just before Jonathan took out his guitar to give a performance of a new song he had written about Norm. Pupils who wished to buy copies of the latest book in the series were able to come away with personalised autographed copies. The series is available in the school library – we are sure it will be very popular!

We look forward to welcoming other authors in the coming session.

- **Book donation**

The Library is grateful to Betterworld Books, Dunfermline, for their donation of 43 books to add to our fiction library.

# Mathematics Department

## Summer 2015 News

It has once again been a very busy summer term for the pupils and staff of the Maths department. The start of the term saw the department busy with senior pupils preparing for final SQA exams and making use of the many additional support sessions being offered by teachers. The final exam papers threw up a mixed bag of questions this year (including 'that' Higher exam paper that made national headlines!) but fingers are crossed that Madras pupils will once again excel when the final results come out in August.

Since the senior pupils' returned to school and the timetable change in June, the delivery of new courses has begun in earnest. This session the Maths department are delivering the new CfE courses in Higher Maths, Advanced Higher Maths, Advanced Higher Mathematics of Mechanics, as well as offering some pupils the option of studying Maths as a sixth Higher 'out of column'. Another new course is the Higher Statistics unit which will support pupils studying other subjects which involve analysis and interpretation of data. The variety of courses on offer to senior pupils is testament to the commitment of the staff and the enthusiasm of Madras pupils for Mathematics in all its glorious forms.

Our pupils continue to excel in the many National Maths competitions they are given the opportunity to participate in. In the recent junior UKMT Maths Challenge our S1 and S2 pupils achieved 16 bronze, 10 silver and 1 gold certificate between them. Liam Anderson (S2) achieved the "Best In School" award and Lisa Weir achieved the "Best In Year" award for S1. Pupils from S4 attended the Mathematiques Sans Frontieres prize-giving at Heriot-Watt University after once again achieving a national top 10 finish. In the SMC Maths Challenge competition our Gold and Silver certificate winners were invited to a prize-giving ceremony and Maths lecture at the University of St Andrews. The picture opposite shows the Madras pupils with their certificates.



Back Row (L to R): Jack Hao, Robbie Knight, Gregory Dritschel, Thomas Stewart

Front Row (L to R): Mandy Jackson, Baran Talajooy

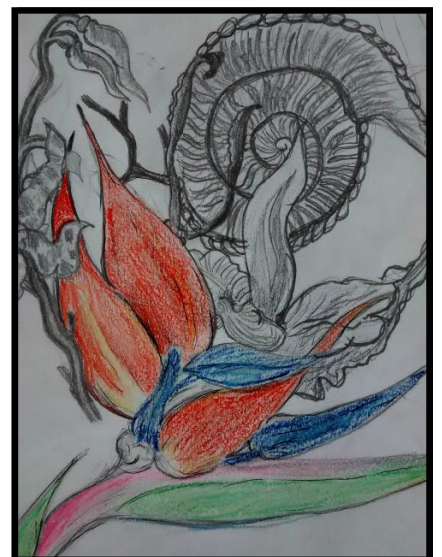
This term also saw the P7 transition days take place and activities in the department saw the pupils organising sheep for a Mathematical Shepherd, working out how big 'Chloe the Caterpillar' could grow and taking part in a form of Mathematical Speed Dating that required the pupils to find their fraction friend, decimal date and percentage pal! The transition days were the culmination of a very successful Primary/Secondary Partnership Programme that has taken place this year between the Maths department and all our cluster primary schools. The partnership has seen more than 30 visits take place throughout the year with maths staff visiting their allocated cluster primary and primary colleagues visiting Madras to observe S1 lessons. In addition to classroom visits, primary and secondary teachers have attended INSET and twilight sessions together, participated in professional dialogue together and every P7 pupil has completed a Numeracy Transition Booklet to ensure a smooth progression in their learning as they make the move to Madras College. This partnership has been of huge benefit to all involved and plans are already in place to continue, and improve upon, this sessions work next year.

# M and Ds Fun Park



In May, after a year spent collecting Reward Stamps for the four Ps: being Punctual, Prepared, Polite and Participating in all classes, S1 and S2 pupils who had reached Gold Standard or better were given the opportunity of attending a day trip to M and Ds Fun Park or to Livingston Designer Outlets and the cinema. Around 300 pupils in total took part and all agreed that the trips were great fun. "It's nice to be rewarded for being good" said one S1 pupil. "I've been to M and Ds before, but this time was way better. I loved being with all of my friends" said another.

P7s on the transition visits were also awarded stamps for the four Ps, gaining a certificate if they gained six or more stamps; rewarding them for their effort, attitude and behaviour during the visit.



National 5 Design Research



# Great Adventure with a Purpose



It has been another busy term for the Geography department. Outdoor learning plays a crucial role in our curriculum and our young geographers have had a variety of opportunities to explore classroom theory on a range of field-trips. We have continued to develop our geographical links with the University of St Andrews and widen the range of opportunities available to our geographers. Our junior class completed an 'outdoor journey' programme around the school grounds and more recently we took part in the university's BioBlitz 2015 initiative, contributing data on our local biodiversity which is recorded on a national database for further study. This is of particular interest to our department as analysis of the changing frequency and type of species recorded links directly to climate change and the impact it is having locally. We also ran our annual trips to Edinburgh back in March and May. The Higher class explored the urban environment of Edinburgh, studying the transport system and housing structure of the city. We also returned to Our Dynamic Earth with our S2/S3 Geography class where Earth forces formed the focus of the 'dome show' and interactive workshop. Our senior geographers can look forward to a busy September as we return to the Yorkshire Dales with our Higher and Advanced Higher class, and our National class collect data for their course assignment on the Highland field-trip.

## Dates for Your Diary

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

*(all dates inclusive)*

Monday 6 July to Friday 14 August 2015

Monday 12 October to Friday 23 October 2015

Monday 21 December 2015 to Friday 1 January 2016

### INSERVICE

Monday and Tuesday 17 and 18 August 2015

Friday 13 November 2015

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## Kellie Castle Sculpture Workshop



# Sports News

## • ATHLETICS

An early start on Thursday 28th May saw 12 Madras athletes set off for Pitreavie to compete in the pentathlon competitions in Dunfermline. Quite a few had been involved in the previous day's S1 Tournament and there was great dismay when the day started with blustery showers. Fortunately these abated and the rest of the competition was relatively dry. The day proved to be most successful as the group came away with 3 Gold Medals, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze. The winners were Emma Malcolm (S4) - Gold; Isobel Olsen (S2) - Gold; Robert Sparks (S2) - Gold; Abbie Hendry (S4) - Silver; Taylor Baldie (S2) - Silver and Tsen Day-Beaver (S2) - Bronze.



## • TRACK AND FIELD

Isobel Olsen and Robert Sparks took part in the Scottish Track and Field at Grangemouth Stadium on 11th and 12th June. On the Friday Issy, taking part in the Group D High Jump, won with an outstanding jump of 1.53 m. She beat the school athletic club record by 18 cm, which had been held since 1965. Robert competed in the 800 m, finishing 3rd in his heat and therefore did not qualify for the final. He did, however, beat his personal best at this distance achieving a time of 2.13.38. The winning time in the final was 2.10.29, which I am sure he can achieve before the athletic season is finished.

On the Saturday Robert returned to Grangemouth and this time competed in the longer distance of 1500 m, his preferred distance. He finished 7th in the final, recording a time of 3.32.8 just outside former pupil and international runner Andrew Lemoncello. The club record Andrew has held since 1997 was almost broken by Robert (3.31.9).

## • SPORTS DAY HEATS

Courtney Lau (S5) who began her studies at Madras in June, having moved from Hong Kong, took part in the Senior Girls Sports Heats in June. She broke the shot putt record which had been held since 1987 with a throw of 8.74 m. In the afternoon, after qualifying for the final of the discus, she broke yet another long standing record with each of her three throws, but it was her final throw of 29.68 which made it into Madras College Sports Day records, replacing the 2003 one.

Records continued to tumble on Sports Day, which was postponed for a day due to a very poor weather forecast. The

Thursday, 25th June meeting, saw better weather and a great turn-out of athletes and spectators. Isobel Olsen (S2) reached the dizzy heights of 1.46 m in the High Jump beating the 1.37 m jump from 1985 and Sophie Pettegree (Senior) threw an impressive 26.38 m in the Javelin to better the 1983 record by 12 cms.

A big thank you to all staff who officiated and contributed in various ways to make this delayed day a great success.

Madras College is one of the few schools who continue to provide their pupils with a full Sports Day experience - it can only happen with the help and support of all staff, so I am very grateful for all their co-operation.

## • TRIATHLON

The Championships were held at the end of April, with three pupils representing Madras College. The S1/S2 pupils were faced with a 300 m swim followed by a 2 km run in very cold and windy conditions. Although Robert did not finish on the medal podium on this occasion, he had a very enjoyable day.

Guillermo Zamora (S6) and Eilidh Smyth (S5) competed in the S5/S6 race. The event consisted of a very challenging 500 m swim and a 4 km run. Eilidh finished in a respectable 3rd place in the girls' competition, (26:55) winning a bronze medal, to claim a well earned podium place.

## Sports Day

### Individual Champions 2015

S1 Boys	Craig Sloan
S1 Girls	Audrey Wood
S2 Boys	Robert Sparks/Ben Urban
S2 Girls	Tsen Day-Beaver
S3 Boys	Struan Christie
S3 Girls	Abbie Coote
Senior Boys	Cameron Gray
Senior Girls	Abbie Hendry

### Adam Scott High Jump Cup

Josh Stewart

### Sports Cup

Overall Champions Castle