



# Summer Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

July 2018

## Saltire Summit Award



Saltire Awards is the Scottish Governments National Youth Volunteer Awards. They celebrate, recognise and reward the commitment, contribution and achievements of young volunteers in Scotland, aged between 12 and 25.

Young people gain nationally recognised certificates, signed by Scottish Government Ministers, for the different amounts of volunteering they do. As a school, Madras actively encourages pupils to give up their time to help others, and in doing so, their hours are recorded and certificates rewarded when milestones are completed.

On Thursday, 7th June, Brynja Duthie was awarded a Saltire Summit Award in a ceremony held at Rothes Hall in Glenrothes. Brynja was recognised for her outstanding contribution to volunteering, having completed nearly 1000 hours out in the community.

Well done Brynja!

## Rector's Note

Dear Parent/Carer

It seems like no time since I wrote to you in last June's summer newsletter. Like then the summer term has been very busy with SQA exams, study leave, new timetable and the start of lessons for session 2018-2019. Within this, all has been excellent with our pupils well focussed on their exams and their work as well as engaging in the corporate life of the school such as the summer concert, the Kiel exchange, the sports heats (and subsequent Sports Day) and our two Awards ceremonies. During this time we have also welcomed our primary 7 pupils into the school for their 3-day transition event, which was a resounding success.

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Having said this, I am very sad to report that our school Administration team have had to undergo an Education Service managing change review which will see a significant change to the staffing in the team. We are losing 6 very experienced staff who are key to the running of the school and will welcome 4.5 replacements but we have no idea as yet who they will be, which will impact on the running of the school in the short to medium term. As well as this we will see a reduction in our pupil support assistant hours of 52 hours per week, as the allocation of PSA hours is determined by the Education Service from the whole school Free Meal Entitlement uptake.

I am also saddened to report that the school must find a way to reduce our overall costs this coming session by £434,800 which involves a recurring saving of £125,000 (for the past 3 years), a further saving of £115,000 from other budgets (including teaching staff), another £52,000 from CfE and MOD budget allocations, savings of £90,000 from our PSA and administration teams (as mentioned above) and a remaining £52,800 for the coming session. This £52,800 has been taken from the staffing budget as our Devolved School Management budget has already been cut by the Education Service to below a working minimum for the school management. To find the £52,800 I have cut our

teaching staff complement by 3 full-time equivalents for session 2018-2019 which hopefully allows me to move forward with a positive out turn for the next session because: going forward the savings Madras College will have to find will increase to £632,487 in session 2019-2020 and then to a recurring saving of £641,487 in session 2020-2021 and each year thereafter. (All of the above has been mentioned at our Parent Council meeting in May and will be an ongoing item on their agenda.)

Fortunately I do have a workable plan to do all of this without cutting the curriculum that we currently deliver, but I will have to come to you with my plans to do this in the next two sessions, for your consultation. There is no doubt in my mind that Madras College is facing the most difficult challenge it has faced in a long time but I am confident in the plans that I will bring to you, to ensure we continue to deliver a quality education and continue the successes of our very hard working pupils.

Despite all of this I do wish all of you a very good summer break and thank you for your continued support towards the running of this excellent school.

Yours faithfully

D. McClure.

## Physics

On Tuesday, 19th June all pupils in new S3 who study physics attended a lecture sponsored by RAF titled 'Fun with Flight'. Pupils were introduced to the forces: weight, lift, thrust and drag (with actions!).

The 3 presenters demonstrated a Reuben's tube (where flames dance to some hard core beats) but got pupils involved in demonstrating the Bernoulli Effect and a VR headset. The highlight was again the mini jet engines that needed fired out the door and fingers in ears.

Afterwards there was an opportunity to ask the presenters and the RAF personnel attending questions about careers in STEM subjects including modern apprenticeships.

## Scottish Space School

Isla Bonnell, new S6, recently took part in a week long Scottish Space School. She was one of around 100 selected from over 2000 applicants to attend the camp at Strathclyde University. She completed team building exercises, rocket workshops and met NASA astronauts. Following her performance at the camp, she was further selected to be one of around just 30 to go through to the next round, where further exercises and interviews took place on Thursday, 21st June. Unfortunately she was not one of the final 12 pupils selected to go to the Linden B Johnston Space Centre in Houston USA in October but well done for getting so far in the application process.

of £2.50. Jade Milne from Fisher and Donaldson judged the entries and selected three products. The products chosen were Cookie Monsters (Zola Bryan, Emma McCarter, Kianna Halkett), Chocolate Orange Brownies (Courtney Fenton and Kirsten Hendry) and Bru Nuts (Irn Bru Doughnuts) (Alex O'Nions, Iona Thomas, Tom Mackay). The winning groups visited Fisher and Donaldson bakery in Cupar on Thursday, 22nd June, to create their products.

## Fisher & Donaldson Set Challenge to S3 Pupils



Fisher and Donaldson set a challenge to our S3 pupils to help improve their product range by suggesting a new cake to be sold in all Fisher and Donaldson shops. The cake should be suitable for a treat/snack for one person with a maximum selling price

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# Modern Languages

## French Exchange



In March a group of 36, S2 and S3 pupils visited their French partners' homes in Loches in the Loire Valley for the return visit of the French Exchange. The group was accompanied by four members of staff; Miss MacEachen, Miss Sharp, Mr Wotherspoon and Mr McKenzie. During the week-long visit the group attended lessons in Collège Georges Besse and saw how the French classes compared with lessons in Scotland, visited the beautiful city of Tours, the châteaux of Chenonceau and Villandry and Futuroscope - the cinematic theme park. Thanks to the Nouvelle Alliance in Loches we were also given a Civic Reception at the Town Hall and a guided tour of the lovely medieval old town.

It was a most successful and enjoyable trip. All pupils got on very well with their partners and many made friendships that they intend to maintain over the years to come. Isla wrote about the trip: "The exchange was an amazing experience and I feel more independent after going on it. If I was given the opportunity again I would go in a heartbeat". Millie wrote: "I feel like I have made a friend for life. The only bad bit of the trip was having to leave everyone. We were all very emotional".

Thanks to the St Andrews-Loches Alliance and its President Mr John Matthews for their generous donations and also to Mrs Elizabeth Slack of the Franco-Scottish Society for organising a grant from the Alex Gray Fund.

## Languages Day

A group of 15, S5/S6 pupils accompanied by Miss Hoy attended the University of St Andrews Languages day on 15th June. The pupils took part in languages workshops in French, Spanish, German, Persian, Russian, Italian and Arabic as well as attending cultural mini-lectures. During lunchtime they were asked to make assumptions on artefacts in the university museum (MUSA) based on linguistic knowledge. In the afternoon they returned to the Buchanan Lecture Theatre for a question and answer session with academic staff and current students. The day was most informative and the pupils enjoyed it feeling that it enhanced their knowledge of the importance of languages in the world today; the goody bag was an added bonus!

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## Well Connected

Lawrence Brown (S6) and Eugene Ritchie (S6) are to be congratulated for gaining places on two different seminars organised by the UK-German Connection. They fought off stiff competition for a place on these seminars from applicants across the UK and Germany. Both seminars took place in Berlin. Lawrence attended a seminar in conjunction with the Scottish Year of Young People, while Eugene attended a seminar on Cultural Heritage. Both boys were active participants at these events and excellent ambassadors for the school on an international stage.

Miss Orem has been invited to attend the 'Sommerfest der deutschen Sprache' at the German Embassy in London. Unfortunately she is unable to attend on this occasion.

## Kiel Exchange

Twenty-eight S4 and S5 pupils have taken part in the 61st Kiel Exchange visit. The group was led for the first time by Miss MacEachen, accompanied by Mrs Brothers and Mr Irvine. The visit coincided with the world famous 'Kieler Woche' (sailing regatta). In addition to the sailing events, there was a folk festival in the centre of Kiel and a number of live music events were staged throughout the city. World Cup fever also prevailed with the German team gaining a few Scottish supporters.



The pupils attended classes with their exchange partners and also took part in a music lesson where they had the opportunity to learn some traditional German songs. The annual sports competition between the two schools was a popular event on the programme. The pupils enjoyed a ferry trip to the small resort of Laboe. A day trip exploring Schleswig Holstein was to have included a walk through mudflats near Westerhever. However, to the disappointment of the pupils, this much anticipated part of the programme had to be cancelled due to very windy weather. At the weekend the pupils engaged in a number of different activities with their host families. The 'Farewell Evening' on Sunday seemed to come round all too soon after a very busy, enjoyable week. Before departing for the flight home, the group had a little time to explore Hamburg. The S5 pupils have now completed both legs of the exchange. The S4 pupils are looking forward to hosting their partners in 2019 and to recruiting new exchange members from the S3 classes.

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# Social Subjects News

## **BATTLEFIELDS 2018**



Mr Robertson, Mr Swift, Mrs Ham and Mr Jones are currently in Belgium with a group of pupils from across different year groups. It is a great opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of World War I, which sees the 100th anniversary of the end of the conflict in November this year. The school will be taking part in the Last Post Ceremony in Ypres and visiting the graves of former pupils from Madras College.

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## **MUSA COLLABORATION**

*By Charlotte, Daisy, Gregorz,  
Nghi and Rafi (S2)*

We are a group of S3 Madras College pupils who were offered the chance of working with migrants to produce a photography exhibition. We worked on this over the course of S2 and made new friends through this. Over the past few months we have been working on a display showing the experience of migrants moving to Scotland through photography. We will display this exhibition at the Bell Pettigrew Museum from 28th July until the end of August. There will be an opening ceremony at 5:30pm on Friday 27th July.

We worked with ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) students from Fife College, all of them have recently moved to Fife from countries, including Syria, Vietnam and Pakistan, to create the exhibition. Photos were taken by the students to record their lives in their new homes and pictures covered topics such as New and Different, Nature and People. They examined within these peace and war, food, cleanliness and more besides.

## **CURRICULUM NEWS**

This year saw Elizabeth Dyer, Jessica Dyer, Jasmine Winward, and Rowan Cunningham successfully complete their Baccalaureate projects, making links with colleagues at St Andrews and Dundee University. S6 pupils will have the opportunity to undertake this again next session.

The Faculty is offering Higher Environmental Science for the first time next year. Links have already been set up with the University of St Andrews to support the delivery of this course.

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## **STAFFING**

Rachel Warrender will be joining us in August as a Modern Studies probationer.

We worked with the students to develop the themes of the exhibition and produce the interpretative text. We also planned every aspect of the display ourselves, including arranging the layout, managing the budget and designing the marketing. Along the way we developed skills in research, communicating with learners of English as a second language, managing projects, marketing, communication skills, photography and museum-specific tasks. Throughout the project we have enjoyed working with migrants to produce an exhibition that was aimed to spread awareness about migrant's thoughts of life in Scotland. It was a great experience for people our age, and made us realise how much like ourselves migrants are, minus the language barrier and age gap. We were each given a migrant to write about their photos for, and we asked the reason for taking it and how they felt about it.

Overall, it was a great experience and we would like to thank MUSA for the chance to be able to take part in this. We feel we understand more about migrants through this exhibition.

## **SIR MICHAEL MORPURGO**

S4 History classes began their study of The Great War in style with a trip to hear the author Sir Michael Morpurgo speak at the Younger Hall in St Andrews. Organised by The University of St Andrews as a key part of their commemoration of The Home Front 1914-1918, the classes were lucky enough to hear the author speak about the background to his powerful First World War novels, War Horse and Private Peaceful. Hosted by the eminent Historian Sir Hew Strachan the morning's discussion led to thought provoking and considered debate amongst all those attending.

The concluding message was one of gratitude for the peace of our time and to honour the supreme sacrifice made by those who gave their lives.

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## **FOREIGN AFFAIRS**



On Thursday, 10th May, the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee met in St Andrews to discuss the theme of 'Global Britain.' Higher Modern Studies pupils Abigail Brierley and Cameron McLeod attended this event and contributed to a round table discussion led by the Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Tom Tugendhat MP.

This was an interesting event bringing together people from different backgrounds to discuss the place in the world for St Andrews, Scotland and the UK.



# Musical Notes



## Play Day

In May the Music Department hosted another very successful Play Day. Sixty primary instrumentalists came along to Madras and spent the day playing in the Wind Band, the Junior String Orchestra and Piano Ensemble along with some of the Kilrymont pupils. Every pupil also participated in a steel drums and samba workshop.

The day was rounded off by a final performance from each group to an appreciative audience of staff, parents and pupils.

## Regional Music Activities

This year many Madras pupils have taken part in the Fife Youth Orchestra, Fife Concert Band, Fife Sinfonia, Tuesday night Wind Band/String Orchestra and Saturday morning Wind Band/String Orchestra. These activities run throughout the year and provide the pupils with fantastic performing opportunities as well as meeting and playing alongside pupils from other Fife schools. Every ensemble group finishes their busy schedule with a concert.

A special mention must go to Dougal Kennovin (S5), who is a member of the Fife Youth Orchestra, Concert Band and Tuesday night Wind Band. Dougal not only performed at his concerts he also went along and helped out the Saturday morning band by playing at their concert – well done!

## National Burns Competition



After the recent success in the Fife Burns competition, Katie Grieve (S5) has been awarded the Best Overall Fife Competitor. Katie has been participating in this competition since S1 and every year she has won her category.

Six Madras pupils qualified to compete in the singing and instrumental National finals. This year the competition took place in Denny High school, Stirling. Congratulations to the following pupils who received individual awards:

Cailan Duane (S3), 3rd place *Singing*

Zoe Mitcham (S3), 3rd place *Instrumental*

Katie Grieve (S5), 2nd place *Instrumental*

Fife brought home the Instrumental trophy due to the high scores of Holly Bartlett, Zoe Mitcham and Katie Grieve, well done girls.

## Summer Concert

The Summer Concert was held on Tuesday, 19th June. The audience were entertained with superb performances from a variety of groups including the Wind Band, Junior and Senior String Orchestra, Junior Choir, Mixed Choir, Senior Girls' Choir, Staff Choir, Folk Group, Pipe Band and Clarsach Group. Soloists included Katie McGhie (S1) on trumpet and Isobel Grieve (S5) on piano. Niamh Day and Isla Hedley (both S1) played a violin duet, Jack Hao and Ellie Clayton (both S6) played a piano and bagpipes duet and Daniel Dykes, Euan West and Jamie Henderson (all S4) played a trombone trio. Canongate primary school Glee Choir also performed two songs and a special thank you to the pupils, parents and staff who came along. Mrs Miller also paid tribute to the S5/6 pupils leaving and the contribution they had made to the extra-curricular groups. Well done to all the talented pupils who took part and made it such an enjoyable evening.

## Music Exam Success

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

- S1 Clara Downes was awarded a Distinction for her Grade 3 Cello exam.
- S1 Katie McGhie was awarded a Distinction for her Grade 4 Piano exam.
- S2 Maisie Dury was awarded a Distinction for her Grade 5 Singing exam and a Merit for her Grade 4 Cello exam.
- S2 Joanne Mackie was awarded a Distinction for her Grade 5 Piano exam.
- S2 Luisa Miller was awarded a Distinction for her Grade 4 Piano exam.
- S2 Riognach MacFarlance was awarded a Distinction for her Grade 2 Clarsach exam.
- S3 Fin McGhie was awarded a Merit for his Grade 7 Saxophone exam.
- S3 Michael Snodgrass was awarded a Distinction for his Grade 5 Guitar exam.
- S4 Joseph Mackie was awarded a Merit for his Grade 7 Clarinet exam.
- S4 Maisie Payne was awarded a Pass for her Grade 3 Piano exam.
- S5 Eugene Ritchie was awarded a Distinction for his Grade 6 Piano exam.
- S6 Eilidh McGhee was awarded a Distinction for her Grade 7 Clarsach exam.

Thanks to Miss Russell, Mrs Gibson, Miss Pettican and Mrs Shiells for all their hard work.

# National Maths Competitions

This year over 200 Madras pupils participated in the United Kingdom Mathematics Trust challenge papers. Pupils performed well with 57 achieving a bronze award, 26 a silver award and 10 a gold award.

Junior Section (S1-S2): A special mention must go to gold award winners Andrew Armstrong, Laura Mulderry and Katie West who have also qualified for the Junior Kangaroo paper and a very special mention to Vito Wang who has qualified for the Junior Maths Olympiad paper.

Intermediate Section (S3-S4): A special mention goes to gold award winner Joseph Mackie who qualified for the Intermediate Kangaroo paper and achieved a merit in the paper.

In the Senior Challenge paper special mentions go to Lewis Alsop and Weihan Lee who qualified for the Senior Kangaroo and a very special mention to Mandy Jackson who qualified for the British Maths Olympiad paper.

In the Scottish Mathematical Challenge we had over 50 entrants. We achieved 4 bronze, 5 silver and 4 gold awards. Well done to gold award winners Jake Braun, Anna Komendantskaya, Eric Hao and Weihan Lee. The pupils recently attended the University of St Andrews to receive their awards.

## The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



The DofE has had another successful year. Ten bronze awards and 3 silver have been achieved and a group of 4 gold will be attending the garden party. It's worth noting that some of these completions were pupils who had been involved some time ago and finally decided to complete. This is a good reminder that you have until you are 25 years old to complete any level (and with the system being electronic staff in school can still process that completion successfully).

For this year we enrolled a slightly increased number of pupils (though a number have since withdrawn for this year due to the snowy weather increasing academic pressures). There has been a total of 8 expeditions (2 more than last year) and unusually the early expeditions have had the better weather with the rain returning for the June trips. Midges also stayed away till June – YEAH!

All participants are encouraged to get onto eDofE and get evidence uploaded and sections finished as it is easy to let it slide and so miss out on achieving the award you've worked so hard to complete.

## Thank You

A huge thank you must go out to the staff who give up of their time to enable the pupils to have this experience. Mr Ballantyne with the assistance of Dr Woods and Mr McKenzie successfully ran 2 bronze groups (totalling 36 pupils at some points) and Mr Kerrigan with Mr Kay and Mrs McManus have run the silvers. Thank you for all your hard work.

## Sponsored Cycle

*Department of Additional Support*



Nathan Orr, Kieran Beaton, Nathan Lee and Josh Gibson raised almost £200 for the 'Make a Wish Foundation' by completing a 30 kilometre sponsored cycle from St Andrews to Dundee. The route involved cycle paths, minor roads and tracks through Tentsmuir forest.

## Scottish Assault Courses



The Girls Fitness Extra-Curricular Club finished the year with a trip to the Scottish Assault Courses in Dundee. Here they participated in team building games, fitness activities and tackled a range of muddy obstacles around the assault course. The girls worked extremely well as a team and have been attending the fitness club on a weekly basis to work towards this assault course. Great effort from all girls involved!



# Paris Trip 2018



This year, our group left before school even started so that they would be able to make it to the ferry on time. It took a long time to get there including time for toilet breaks and lunch.

On the ferry, one of the crew gave a talk on safety precautions and then we were off! After arriving at Zeebrugge quite early, we had a 2-hour drive to Paris.

The first activity was a tour on the river Seine where we learned a lot of interesting facts about the different bridges and buildings through the centuries.

The next activity was the Arc De Triomphe where the entire group climbed to the top and got a great view of Paris.

The next day we visited what is possibly Paris' most magnificent structure - the Eiffel Tower. A lot of stairs were climbed but the view over the entire city of Paris was totally worth it.

A quick hour of shopping at the Champs Elysees was next before Pizza Hut - very "French"- and a really good meal.

The next stop was The Louvre, where we enjoyed looking at the many amazing paintings such as the famous Mona Lisa (Leonardo da Vinci) and the Wedding Feast at Cana (Paulo Caliari). We also enjoyed seeing many incredible and spectacular sculptures such as the Venus de Milo and The Winged Victory of Samothrace.

The next day: Disneyland! Space Mountain, Tower of Terror, Pirates of the Caribbean and finally the famous Disney Parade did not disappoint.

On the last day, The Sacre Coeur was the attraction; it is a beautiful church in Paris and we really enjoyed looking round it. Then we drove back to Zeebrugge and boarded the ferry for home. The disco on the ferry was greatly enjoyed by all.

The trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

*Ruth Mason (S3)*

## Dates for Your Diary

### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

*(all dates inclusive)*

Monday 2 July  
to Friday 10 August 2018

Monday 8 October  
to Friday 19 October 2018

Monday 24 December 2018  
to Friday 4 January 2019

### INSERVICE

Monday and Tuesday  
13 and 14 August 2018

Friday 16 November 2018

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## Staff News

There will be a few changes to the PE Department for 2018-19 with Mr Liam Fraser taking over as Principal Teacher following Mr Tarvet's temporary post. Mr Fraser is no stranger to Madras as he completed his Probationer year here in 2009 before taking up his permanent post at Bell Baxter. In recent years Liam has assumed the position of Curriculum Leader 3, taking responsibility for the Departments Junior classes and other curriculum areas. We welcome Liam most sincerely to the department.

Leaving however is Mr Aaron Anderson who is taking up a position in Queen Anne High School for a change of environment and challenge. Mr Anderson has been a most effective teacher and facilitator for the Madras College pupils and they will miss his dynamism and enthusiasm. Aaron has led many extra-curricular clubs and trips with the highlight being the Easter Football trip to Lisbon. His achievements in school, with primary colleagues and secondary staff are too numerous to mention and he will leave a huge hole in the lives of many here. We wish him well for the next stage of his career.

Also leaving us is Mr Ross McClung who has had a great impact on the department in his probationer year. The west coaster has delighted his colleagues with his tales and anecdotes but more importantly with his professional approach towards his teaching. Ross has contributed much to all aspects of school and he was delighted when his S1 Basketball team won the inaugural Fife S1 Cup against much more experienced squads. We would have loved to have Ross back with us next year, but budgets and rationalisation will see us drop by one member of staff next session. Good luck in your future career Ross!

## Golf



In April, 7 girls and 4 boys competed in a Kilrymont golf competition over the Strathtyrum course, St Andrews. All golfers enjoyed their round on a glorious sunny afternoon and some excellent golf was played. Credit to all pupils for playing with a friendly, encouraging and positive spirit. In the end Tara Wallace (S1) was crowned girls' winner and Alex North (S2) was the boys' winner. We intend to make this an annual event.

In June, 8 golfers represented Madras at the Fife Schools' Golf Championship played at Kirkcaldy Golf Club. Weather conditions were more challenging over an unfamiliar course, but all golfers enjoyed their day. Congratulations go to our girls' team who were overall handicap champions.

Any golfers interested in representing the school or playing in any school competitions should keep an eye out on the bulletin and make themselves known to Mr Swift or Mrs Ham (Social Subjects).



## 2018 Swimming Champions



### BOYS

- S1 Charlie Gillespie
- S2 George Littler/Finlay Stewart
- S3 Angus McCallum

### JUNIOR CHAMPION

Angus McCallum

### SENIOR CHAMPION

Cameron McMaster

### GIRLS

- S1 Ruby Methven
- S2 Anna Hedley
- S3 Rebecca Spalding

### JUNIOR CHAMPION

Anna Hedley

### SENIOR CHAMPION

Nicole Reynolds



# Sports News

## Sports Day

The weather was not the kindest on Wednesday, 20th June for the Madras Annual Sports Day and an early decision was made to cancel the morning's Softball and Rounders competitions due to the rain. The forecast was for it to clear and be dry by 10.00 am so the Athletics finals went ahead with a smeaery drizzle accompanying the Pipe Band playing another sterling set of fine tunes to get the crowd in the mood.

All events went to plan with only a slight pause in the High Jump finals to allow the take-off area to dry and be safe. The boys' events benefitted from the new landing area which was purchased with a grant from the St Andrews Community Trust making this facility up to national standards. We were delighted to have Irene Morrison from the Trust witness the competitions and present Stuart Binyon (S5) with the Adam Scott Memorial Trophy for the Senior Boys.



The track saw three New Records and one record equalling performance. First to call for the Chief judge Mrs Wallace, was Murray Paterson whose 12 seconds dead in the 75 m Hurdles equalled G Crow's time in

1995. This was particularly impressive considering the damp underfoot conditions. Next up was S2s Anna Hedley who repeated her feat of last year by beating the 800 m record by 9 seconds for a time of 2 m 29.5. That 21 year old record was then followed by the breaking of the 25 year old S2 Boy's 200 m record by Kyle Straith who took the time down to 25.4. The second oldest School record in the programme then took a tumble as S6 Robert Sparks paced himself brilliantly to beat Will Kay's 34 year old 1500 m record by 8 seconds to bring it to an impressive 4 m 16.1.

Mr Harvey Munn was the Guest of Honour presenting the medals and trophies and it was good to see him enjoy the keenly contested competitions. The final presentation

was to Isla Bell who collected the Sports Trophy on behalf of Blackfriars House who were overall winners of all the House Competitions throughout the year.



Thanks as ever goes to all those pupils, staff and parents who made this afternoon a success.

## Individual Champions 2018



### BOYS

S1	Campbell Snodgrass
S2	Jack Shively
S3	Scott Christie
Seniors	Matthew Cuffley

### GIRLS

S1	Lola-Ray Venditozzi
S2	Sian Ritchie
S3	Aoife Dow
Seniors	Isla Bell

Adam Scott High Jump Cup – Stuart Binyon

Sports Cup - Blackfriars

# Sports News

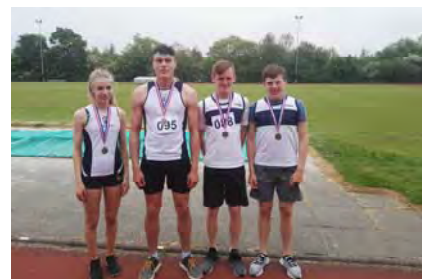
## Basketball Success

On Thursday, 24th May, the S1 Basketball squad attended the first ever S1 Fife Cup Competition at Beath High School and left with the winner's trophy. The team played a 4 v 4 format group stage playing Balwearie, Woodmill 1 and Inverkeithing 2 winning all three matches by rotating this strong squad, then they progressed to the Winners Finals to play Woodmill 2, Balwearie again and the toughest test against Inverkeithing 1. All three teams fielded players from the Dunfermline Reign Club side and it was to Madras's credit that they stuck to the task and squeezed Inverkeithing out by one basket in the final game. Player of the Tournament, Campbell



Snodgrass, was in devastating form, scoring strongly under the basket but he was ably assisted by the core players of Calum Munro, Charlie Gillespie and Katie Kerr. Supporting cast of Larry Chewachong, Marsha Hynd, Phoebe Meldrum, Elliot More, Laura Mulderry and Euan Smyth all contributed to the group stage success which built the platform to bring the trophy back to St Andrews. Congratulations to all players and to coach Mr McClung who has guided this great group of players to this success.

## Multi-Events



Tuesday, 29th May was the date for the Annual Fife Multi-Event Athletics Championships at Pitreavie, Dunfermline. Madras travelled with 12 athletes ready and willing to compete in the 5 events of this Pentathlon. All age groups were well represented except for S3 and Senior Girls but those who went produced some excellent performances. For the S1 Girls Lola-Ray Venditozzi won a Silver Medal with Ruby Methven and Katie McGhie also displaying strong results. The trio of S1 boys Nik Edwards, Campbell Snodgrass and Thomas Russell competed against some very good opposition and just missed out on the podium places. It was a different story with the S2 boys with Jack Shively and Kyle Straith taking the Gold and Silver medals respectively and Fraser Bluff finishing just outside the 3rd place by only a few points! Twins Isla and Lara Manning dominated the 800 m with Lara taking first and Isla second, but the previous 4 events total put them out of medal contention. Dylan Ross (S4) won the Senior Boys with a huge total of 2, 436 points even though the competition was much reduced.

## Speedway Success

It was the final races for the S6 speedway stalwarts Vasilli Hill, Lewis Alsop and James Penny and all three contributed to a successful swansong by winning the Scottish Schools' Cup. As part of the four man 'A' squad competing with Victor Hill they smashed the opposition taking maximum points to bring the cup back to Madras College after Queen Anne's success last year. The racing was held at Fife's premier track at Queen Anne High School on Friday 8th June with the Seniors keen to chase on the event as the S6 Ball was to take place that evening! Racing against the hosts, Braeview Academy and Glenrothes High school, the junior riders led by Harris Alsop, put in some great performances. Hein Og Keating overcame a harsh crash to win his next race and Rory Thiel displayed excellent speed out of the blocks to secure good team points. David Alexander was the final rider in the 'B' team who also contributed by ensuring high finishes placing the team in 3rd position in the final order.



It is indeed the end of an era as the three S6 pupils have competed in all competitions since the establishment of the club in 2012, and helped lead Fife Cycle Speedway to winning ways in the British Championship. We thank them for all their commitment and enthusiasm and wish them all the best in the future.



With such success the minibus driver was forced to detour to the Glenrothes fast food emporium where all batteries were recharged and healthy options abandoned!

# Sports News

## Portugal Trip



Our pupils enjoyed a once in a lifetime football trip to Portugal to train with Portuguese giants SL Benfica. On the trip, pupils trained at Benfica's esteemed Seixal Academy, on a pitch adjacent to the B side and one pitch to the left of the under 19 side who beat FC Barcelona in a UEFA Youth League match 2 weeks prior to our visit. Training was led by UEFA accredited coaches who all worked within the academy set up and had previously coached players such as Bernardo Silva, Ederson Moraes and Nelson Samedo. Such a high level of training led to significant improvements both individually and collectively as each of the 3 sides on the trip; 'A' team, 'B' team and girls' side put on some fantastic displays against local opposition to further emphasise this.

The trip was not all training however as pupils took in a 2-0 Benfica win at the magnificent Estadio da Luz. With a 65,000 sell out which saw Benfica regain top spot in the league, the pupils participated in a carnival atmosphere that will live long in their memories. The following day also saw the group complete the stadium tour of the Luz which included visits to the vast club museum, the home dressing room and the pitchside dugouts. After this, an interesting cultural sightseeing tour of Lisbon was undertaken where we learnt about the history of Portugal, it's capital and famous sightseeing attractions including the 25 de Abril Bridge, the Monsteiro dos Jeronimos and the Belem Tower. This all complemented the weekly Portuguese lessons pupils had taken from Christmas to boost their basic Portuguese language skills.



A fantastic trip that will always be positively remembered due to the organisational skills of Premiership Experience and trip teachers Mr Anderson, Mr Munn, Mrs Baillie and Mrs McManus, and of course the wonderful pupils of Madras College who behaved impeccably and represented our school with great distinction.

Well done all.



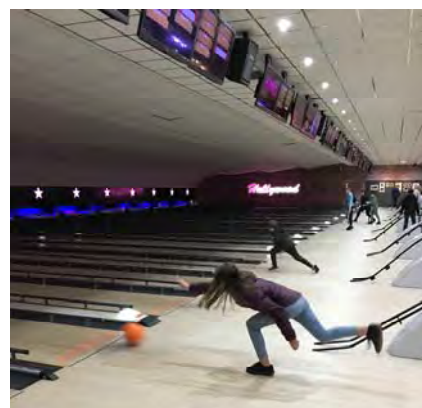
## Fitness Programme

Pupils of Madras College undertook a month's fitness programme with the Fife Sport and Leisure Trust at East Sands Leisure Centre.

This saw Mr Anderson and pupils of all ages participate in a one-hour spinning session and a thirty-minute High Intensity Interval Training class led by instructors at the leisure centre. Pupils attended in fantastic numbers and had great fun being active. This has led to some of our pupils joining the gym and continuing to live a more active lifestyle in recent weeks. Hopefully this will continue as pupils use their new found knowledge to continue exercising at the local gym.

## Premiership Experience

*Madras College  
And  
Newport Primary School*



February saw the pupils of Madras College and Newport Primary School attend an overnight trip with Premiership Experience. During the trip, pupils obtained front row seats to Burnley vs Southampton, took on the teachers in a ten pin bowling tournament (which the teachers won), stayed at the 4-Star Bolton Whites Hotel, toured Manchester City's Etihad Stadium and a trained with Wigan Athletic.

The pupils were a credit to their schools as they behaved exceptionally well and made friendships between the two schools that will help the Newport Primary 7's make a smoother transition into Madras College. They were a joy to work with and we look forward to welcoming them to our school in August.

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## Fife schools' Track and Field

Tuesday 12th June saw 34 pupils travel to Pitrievie Athletics Stadium in Dunfermline to represent Madras at the Fife Schools' Track and Field Championships.

Madras pupils were very regularly on the podium bringing back a haul of medals, doing themselves and the school proud.

Results as follows:

### S1 MEDALLISTS

Cameron Connah	70m Hurdles	Silver
Isla Hedley	800 m	Bronze
Noah McElfratrick	Long Jump	Silver
Freya McLelland	Long Jump	Bronze
Emily Strachan	100 m	Silver
Lola-Ray Venditozzi	200 m	Gold
Lola-Ray Venditozzi	70 m Hurdles	Gold

### S2 MEDALLISTS

Anna Hedley	1500 m	Gold
Grace Holden	75 m Hurdles	Bronze
Sophia Issberner	Discus	Gold
Isla Manning	800 m	Gold
Lara Manning	800 m	Silver
Sam Taganekurukuru	Shot	Bronze
Jack Shively	100 m	Silver
Jack Shively	80m Hurdles	Silver
Jack Shively	Javelin	Gold
Kyle Straith	100 m	Gold
Kyle Straith	200 m	Gold
Kyle Straith	Long Jump	Silver



### S3 MEDALLISTS

Scott Christie	200 m	Bronze
Scott Christie	Long Jump	Silver
Dawid Laska	Javelin	Gold
Patrick Mulderry	High Jump	Silver
Luca Venditozzi	400 m	Bronze
Luca Venditozzi	Shot	Bronze
Luca Venditozzi	100 m Hurdles	Silver
Murray Paterson	80 m Hurdles	Gold

### S4 MEDALLIST

Chloe Ritchie	1500 m	Gold
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### S5 MEDALLIST

Robert Sparks	1500 m	Gold
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# Have a Lovely Summer Break



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