



Easter Newsletter

Madras College Newsletter

March 2010

Rector's Note

It is always interesting to look back over a term and to take pleasure in the many successes we have enjoyed. Like me, I am sure you will be impressed by the wide range of articles reported in this newsletter. In a recent school review this aspect of Madras College was recognised as a strength by all who were consulted. I am very grateful to all members of staff who volunteer to run these clubs and activities.

Our recently reintroduced prefect system is bedding down and we have an impressive number of applications for the post next session, when we intend to develop this further. The consultation over uniform is now complete and we are in the process of evaluating the data. My thanks to all who responded to the survey.

Senior pupils are about to sit important SQA examinations. In the period up to the examinations it is vital to strike the correct balance between continuing work, revision and leisure. Advice on this is available from the Guidance Team.

Developments on the New Madras are moving ahead with the Business Plan being presented to the Education and Children's Services Committee on 8th April. Assuming the report is accepted we will enter into a consultation phase early next term.

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School Meal Charges

As from Thursday 1st April 2010 a secondary school meal will cost **£1.65** per day. Adult meals will cost **£2.60**.

Over and above the cost of a school meal, milk cartons will be charged at **16 p** per carton.

S6 Prefects 2009-2010



Pictured above are the S6 Prefects. This year saw the reintroduction of Prefects – the previous Madras Prefect structure ended in 1967, at the time of the union of the two schools. They have been involved in duties ranging from Parents' Evenings to running clubs in Kilrymont Road for junior pupils. They have shown leadership qualities throughout and have been excellent role models for junior pupils. We have received many applications for next year's Prefects and look forward to appointing them in the near future.

Talent Show 2010

Thursday 18th March saw the return of the annual school Talent Show. This year we held over 30 auditions over the space of a week and the standard was exceptionally high. Fourteen acts progressed to the show which was held in Kilrymont Assembly Hall. The acts then competed for the trophy and the audience were also entertained by the Senior Management Team and a staff act. I am delighted to announce the winners of the Talent Show 2010 are Kirsty Liggat and Alia Linnegan (S4) and William Johnston (S6).

In addition the charity donation amounted to £1,215 which is a record amount for this event.

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In January we welcomed Mr Barry Millar into post as Depute Head Teacher. Mr Millar is in charge of Priory House. At the end of this term we bid farewell to Dr Gilbert after 22 years at Madras College. Dr Gilbert has given outstanding, loyal service to the school. His logical mind, attention to detail and commitment to the welfare of pupils are hallmarks of his career. His presence around Madras will be missed. Also retiring are Mr N Ronaldson and Mrs A Nicholson. They too have contributed hugely to Madras. Mr Ronaldson's work in PE and extra-curricular sport is well recognised as an excellent example to all.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy Easter and to thank you for your support.



The World's Wife

Linda Marlowe, of National Theatre fame, took time out from the Stanza Poetry Festival to present a dramatisation of some of the characters in Carol Ann Duffy's poetry collection *The World's Wife* to a group of fifth and sixth year pupils on Monday 22nd March.

She performed with only costume props on a bare stage in the South Street Assembly Hall. This was a far cry from the more 'lavish' performance in the Byre Theatre.

However, it worked magnificently with total focus on Linda's interpretations of Mrs Midus, Salome, Mrs Blast, Mrs Quasimo and the Devil's wife to name but a few.

Pupils studying Carol Ann Duffy's poetry were certainly given a 'live' performance to help them in their studies and for pure entertainment it could not be beaten.

Linda, although rushing to get her connection at Edinburgh Airport, spent some time with pupils at the end of the performance to discuss her stage craft.

Musical Notes

Fife Festival of Music

A large number of pupils/groups took part in a wide variety of competitive and non-competitive classes.

The following pupils/groups deserve special congratulations as they received First Place: Piano Duet (Elementary) - Freya Simpson/Rebecca Weir, Piano Duet (Open) - Mairi Grewar/Alice Tavakoli, Secondary School Orchestra - Madras College Senior Orchestra, Clarsach (Introductory) - Abigail Pritchard, Solo Guitar (Intermediate) - James Wright, Cello (Intermediate) - Joanna Stark, Brass Ensemble - Madras College ("Class Brass").

Bell Baxter Competition

This prestigious competition featuring three of the best musicians from each of Madras College, Bell Baxter High School and Waid Academy takes place on Wednesday 31st March in Madras College (Kilrymont) at 7.00 pm. The following S6 pupils representing Madras College are: Ruairidh Tarvet (saxophone), William Johnston (guitar), Erika Bates (flute). Reserve: Mairi Grewar (piano).

Danish Big Band

On Friday 5th March, some 150 pupils from both sites, all of whom participate in certificate music classes or music activities, piled into South Street hall to attend a concert given by the *Pianoforte Big Band* from the Aabenraa Gymnasium, Denmark. Playing a variety of foot-tapping numbers including *Billie Jean* (Michael Jackson), *It's so quiet* (Bjork) and two pieces composed by their conductor Simon Nielsen, *Fancy Freakin Fusion Frickle* and *The Two Chicks in No. 56*, the band gave an assured, impressive performance. Pupils declared the event a great success – a fantastic way to end the week!

Music Theory Club

Pupil from both sites can come along with their theory problems and receive help, or just join in the discussion. Pupils going on to university can gain extra points when they pass some Associated Board theory exams.

Topics covered this term include dodecaphonic music and the harmonic series.

Pipe Band in Demand



Pipe Band at the Burns Supper

The Pipe Band gave a strong performance at the School Burns Supper at the end of January, and soloist, Lauren Galloway, played an excellent Fling and a Lilt for the Scottish dancers on that night. Also, Pipe Band members, Jamie Gillan (S2) and Connor Burgess (S4), each played at Burns Suppers locally. Pipe Major, Edward Marriage (S6), and Connor Burgess, played as a duo at Holy Trinity on the occasion of the new Rotary Club President's visit on 9th March.

The next event, following on from the Spring Concert and the Great Assembly, will be to perform at a champagne reception for guests attending the 30th Anniversary of the Association of International Cancer Research (AICR) at the Fairmont Hotel in the Easter holidays, for which the Band is advertised on their website www.aicrconference2010.co.uk/social.html.



Burns Competitions



SONG

Madras College always celebrates the songs of Burns in style with individual class competitions in S1, S2 and S3, alongside a more formal Song Competition judged by members of St Andrews Burns Club. Some 70 pupils received Certificates of Merit from Mr Millar (Depute Rector) at a special presentation.



Pupils taking part in the Burns Song Competition

The Song Competition attracted a wealth of entries. Congratulations to the following pupils who won their respective competitions:

		First	Second
S1/2	Boys	Cameron Quate	
	Girls	Megan Pettegree	Lucy Hardisty
S3/4	Boys	Rory Lamb	Alex Fyfe
	Girls	Sadie Irving	Katy McGrory
S5/6	Boys	Douglas Latto	
	Girls	Jenni Campbell	Sarah Johnson

Souper Douper

The Home Economics department recently ran a Souper Douper competition; the team tasked their second years to invent and perfect their own souper creation. This gave the pupils the opportunity to show off their cooking talents. After the class heats the participants were whittled down to the best 15 – who then took part in a cook-off, which was judged by Mr Millar and Mrs Kyle. A special congratulation goes to our 2010 winner Sam Johnson, whose soup ‘Sweet Potato And Coconut’ scooped him 1st prize. Our 2nd place went to Freja Connell, and in 3rd place was Kirsty Souter. They, along with all the other finalists received a recipe book.

Thank you and well done to everyone who took part, a great effort by all.

RECITAL

Speakers contributed to the wonderful entertainment at the Burns Supper in January.

There were a record number of entries into the recital competition this year, so special congratulations go to the following winners who will now go on to represent Madras in the Fife Burns Championships: S1 - Jamie MacLeod, S2 - Ashley Thompson, S3 - Geir Darge, S4 - Meghan Brown.

Prizewinners

*The following prizes were awarded by
The St Andrews Burns Club*

S1 – S3

Bert Dawson Bowl – Junior Burns Singing Boys

Alexander Fyfe

Colin Risk Trophy – Junior Burns Singing Girls

Sadie Irving

Maronski Shield – Junior Boys’ Recitation

Jamie MacLeod

The Allan Russell Trophy – Junior Girls’ Recitation

Ashley Thompson

S1 – S6

Jack Pettigrew Vase for Best Recital – Boys

Douglas Latto

Colin Risk Vase for Best Recital – Girls

Jennifer Campbell

A B Paterson Vase for Best Boy – Recitation

Geir Darge

David Joy Vase for Best Girl - Recitation

Meghan Brown

Burns Night

by Mairi Grewar

Dubbed as one of Madras's 'best events', the annual Burns Supper gets better every single year and this year was no exception. As a member of the coveted 'top table' I had the best view of the night, whilst also feeling very important! We also had special guests from the St Andrews Burns Club to judge the best of the Scottish musical talents Madras has to offer. The evening was kicked off with a spirited toast to the haggis and a delicious traditional Burns Night supper, provided by the Kilrymont cooks! All speeches and entertainment was provided by Madras pupils, including a lovely fiddle group to set the atmosphere for the evening.

Earlier in the week, pupils competed in the Burns Singing Competition and the winners performed their songs and poems for us this evening. We were also treated to a group of Scottish dancers in full kilt attire! Speeches were made by 6th year pupils, notably the toast to the lads and lassies which raised a few eyebrows among the opposite sex but also many laughs!

To complete the night, the Madras Pipe Band performed in the hall, showing the versatile talent Madras has to offer. Auld Lang Syne was sung to end the evening in Burns Night Supper tradition.

The night was a true success and event Madras can be proud of. Thanks to all of the teachers, pupils and St Andrews Burns Club who made the night so special!

Purple Pinkie

South Street and Kilrymont Road

Purple Pinkie Week is a nationwide week of fundraising in a last big attempt to eradicate Polio across the world once and for all. Polio has no cure. It is a crippling and potentially fatal disease and children under the age of five are at greatest risk. A vaccine has been created, but in countries of extreme poverty with remote areas it is hard for organisations to access everybody. It takes a huge effort from the charity to manufacture the vaccine, transport it to remote areas and promote the vaccination days. This is one of the world's biggest immunisation programmes and as Polio is 99% eradicated it has already been a huge success.

In April of 2008, 72.9 million children were given the Polio vaccine and over the years more than two billion children have been protected from the disease. Without the vaccine, five million children would have been disabled by the disease and 250,000 children killed. Now, only 1,173 new cases of Polio were reported and in just four countries: Afghanistan, India, Pakistan and Nigeria. Polio is easy to prevent by a vaccination that costs just 50p. When a child is vaccinated, they have a purple stamp put on their little finger – giving them a Purple Pinkie.

Wednesday 24th February saw one of the biggest Bake Sales at Kilrymont Road. Pupils from Home Economics classes, from the 3rd year Prince's Trust Group and from the Charities Committee

joined with some of the staff to sell over 500 cakes at morning break. After 10 minutes there was not a crumb to be seen!! This event raised over £160.

On Friday the 26th of February, Madras College was considerably more purple than the average school day. Pupils from both buildings wore any purple item of clothing they could get their hands on (resulting in some very unique outfits!) all for the sake of charity, in aid of Purple Pinkie day.

At break time, a bake sale was organised at South Street selling an array of cakes and biscuits and drinks, most with a purple/pink theme! But the main event of the day was the Open Mic concert at lunchtime. Living up to its name, there was no set list but the organisers knew we could depend on the wealth of talent in Madras to produce a great show. The Assembly Hall filled up quickly in a sea of purple and pupils went round with buckets collecting donations. We were entertained by rock bands, singers and even a little rapping! A big thank you to all those who sang and played, including, Jamie Harris, David Robertson, Adam Fleming, Adam Marshall, Frazer Stockton, Mike Payne, Liam Vincent-Kilbride, Mr Payton, William Johnston, Kirsty Liggat, Miriam Martindale-Malek, Alice Herrington, Jamie Murphy, Jimmy Wright, Ben Horban, and the host of the event, Luke Driscoll. All the performances were of such a high standard and in good humour and spirit. The bands played seamlessly and the singers wowed the audience with their brilliant vocals. It was definitely an event the school can be proud of and the effort that went into organising all of the events on the day was fantastic.

At the end of the day, £1,700 was raised by the whole school. Considering that £1 can save 2 children from Polio, this is a brilliant contribution and one of the highest totals raised by Madras College.

Many thanks go to the organisers of events, helpers, pupils, staff and parents for making this whole school event so successful.

Staffing Changes

We welcomed four new members to the Teaching Staff at the beginning of this term. Firstly, Mr B Millar, as Depute Headteacher and Physical Education Teacher, Miss R Gray, Physics Teacher and Miss J Braggins and Mrs J Petrie who joined the Art Department on a temporary basis until October 2010.

On the last day of term we say goodbye to Dr J Gilbert, Depute Headteacher and Teacher of History, Mr N Ronaldson, PT Physical Education and Mrs A Nicholson, Teacher in the Learning Support Department. Between the three of them they have worked at Madras College for an impressive 75 years. We thank them for their work and commitment over the years and wish them long and happy retirements.

Our grateful thanks as always to the supply staff who have worked with us throughout the session.

ART DEPARTMENT

'Burns' Competition

Pupils from 1st and 2nd year took part in a very Scottish flavoured competition leading up to the school's Burns day celebrations. They created carefully observed drawings of local villages, and produced bold mono prints of many important, historic landmarks. The varied work from pupils has been on display in the school, and some pieces will go forward for the 'Celebrating Fife' exhibition, at the Open Golf Championships. Well done to all who took part, and especially to the following prize winners:

1st	Louise Flemming (S2)
2nd	Nicole Stephen (S2)
3rd	Hamish Hutcheson (S3)
Special Merit	Julie Ann Kennedy (S2)

See display on page 6.

Sew Arty Exhibition



The Art, Home Economics and Design and Technology Departments have staged a joint exhibition of work this term. A great variety of two and three dimensional work was included in the exhibition, which was held in Kilrymont Hall on 29th and 30th March. More displays on page 6.

An Awfully Big Adventure!

One Standard Grade Drama class had just had that, 'An Awfully Big Adventure'. They performed J M Barries play Peter Pan in the South Street Studio on 10th March to two different audiences, in the afternoon to Leuchars and Greyfriars Primary Schools who were held spellbound, and later in the evening to family and friends, and those curious to see how the class would stage this challenging play involving flying, mermaids, crocodiles, wolves and lagoons etc!

The production was both hilarious and moving and the audiences enjoyed playing their own participating role in the action. The following S3 pupils were magnificent and the Drama Department is proud of them: Chloe Armour, Liam Carson, Imogen Craven-Mallett, Robbie Crow, Abby Donaldson, Maria Lagatskaya, Emily MacDuff, Gemma Martindale-Malek, Ewan Scott, Alan Sunter, Sara Valentine, Rory White and Jessica Williams.

You will find them second on the left and straight on till morning!

Turn The Corner Exhibition



Advanced Higher pupils pictured with artist Tim Fitzpatrick

Advanced Higher Art Department pupils have had the opportunity to experience first hand what is involved in staging an exhibition in the open air. Students from the Practical Curator course at the University of St Andrews gave our pupils a guided tour of their ambitious 'Turn the Corner' exhibition, which ran in conjunction with the Stanza Poetry Festival. Work from talented artists such as, Tim Fitzpatrick, Liz Skuina, Gayle Nelson, Fiona McDonald, Cherie Sullivan, Pat Law and Fanny Lam Christie, were all on display in various venues along South Street, with a calligraphic demonstration by Susie Leiper in the Town Hall on Saturday 20th March.

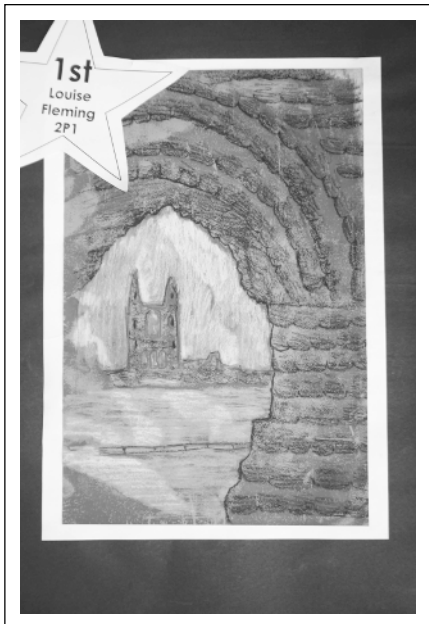
Pi Memorisation Event !!!!!!!!

On 15th and 17th March Kilrymont Road pupils attempted to break the school's Pi memory record - it has stood at 160 decimal places for 11 years. A fantastic effort saw the record broken 4 separate times!! Paul Sinclair (S3) recited 186 digits correctly. Then Amy Boxer (S1) twice broke the record with wonderful memory feats of 210 and 240!

And then.....

Emma Ruskuc (S2) smashed the record with a remarkable accomplishment of 350 digits of Pi correctly remembered!! Other pupils who participated were Daisy Smith, Georgia Gatherum and Aimee Latto (S1). Ryan King and James Primmer (S2). Andrei Ruskuc (S3). All pupils who entered did very well, and Mr Inglis and Mr Grewar wish to thank them for their time and effort.

Burns Art Competition Winners



Sports Relief - 1st Year Football Tournament



Captain of 1B3 receiving the 1st Year World Cup Trophy from Craig Millar

The fourth year Princes Trust XL group organised a 1st year football tournament and a sale of goods to raise money for Sports Relief. The idea for the event was the brainchild of Craig Millar who put a huge amount of effort into making it a success. They raised £650 for Charity from selling Sports Bottles, Phone Socks, Wrist Bands, Socks and entry fees from the players. The football tournament consisted of a team of 10 players from every 1st Year Registration class. Each team had at least two girls in it and every team member played during the 10 minute games. The PE Department organised football pitches, and Senior Sports Leader pupils helped referee and organise the games. The event was played in a fantastic spirit with all participants trying their best to make the final. The final was between 1B3 and 1P3 and cheered on by spectators and footballer with 1B3 winning a hard fought game. The finalists were presented with medals and the winners receiving the 1st Year World Cup Trophy. Well done. Many thanks to the PE Department for their support. 4XL pupils involved were, Alex Proctor, Becky Cowan, Anna Kettles, Craig Millar, Robbie Drummond, Jack Fraser, Calum Woods, Callum Russell and Sam Fletcher.

Sew Arty Exhibition Displays





ECO CLUB

by Catherine Vallis (S3)



A group of pupils from Madras College's Eco Committee and Department of Additional Support treated Councillors to a brief rundown of the work they have been involved in over the last two years. In a specially arranged presentation they were able to tell the members of the Education and Children's Services Committee at Fife House of their achievements to date.

Madras College is one of only a small number of secondary schools in Scotland to have received a green Eco-Schools flag. A massive amount of work has gone into trying to create an ecological ethos at the school. This includes creating two new gardens, an outdoor classroom, planters in the South Street quad, the flower display at Hope Park church, a sponsored walk for Water Aid, all their paper recycling, litter control and the Fair Trade tuck shop.

James Primmer, a second year pupil and chair of the Eco-Committee, said: "We are especially proud of our new gardens. Each garden was designed so that it can be transported to another location when we get our new school. We have worked with teachers from all departments and landscape designers with brilliant results. One of the gardens, which was previously a disused drying green, is right next to the Home Economics department so they can now access fresh herbs, vegetables and even fruit." Robert Carrick (S3) added that they had also revamped a secret garden in South Street too and given it a new lease of life.

Councillors heard how the school is hopeful of receiving a second green flag in May when they will be assessed again. The young people explained how the work towards the Eco Flag has been incorporated into lessons across the school and has involved help from various agencies including, RSPB, Fife Ranger Service and Scottish Native Woods Organisation.

The visit and the presentation was an introduction to a general report on the situation within Fife regarding Eco Schools and Fair Trade.

Councillor Douglas Chapman, Chair of the Education and Children's Services Committee, said: "Out of 186 educational establishments we now have 133 schools with some level of award from the Eco-Schools project and most working towards an award, with five high schools already achieving Green Flag status and two primary schools with permanent Eco status.

"This is a marvellous achievement and shows that Fife is taking huge steps towards our goal of becoming the leading green council while providing the perfect opportunity for fully integrating a Curriculum for Excellence.



Councillor Douglas Chapman pictured with Madras College pupils

"Pester power usually has negative connotations, but it's clear that it is young people who are driving the agenda by taking this issue very seriously, through encouraging their families to be more aware of their energy usage, how they re-cycle and by recognising their impact on the environment."

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The Eco-Schools project embraces the principles of Fair Trade and the Education Service has played a significant role in helping Fife's bid to become a Fair Trade County.

Madras College has helped demonstrate what an Eco-Schools ethos is capable of doing for a school. "The councillors were left in no doubt about the positive impact the pupils have been making to the school. They were so impressed!" said a proud Mr Bennett.

The Eco-Committee are now turning their attentions to realising a state of the art large garden area at the back of the old janitors house (CPD building) in Kilrymont Road. "This is our most ambitious project yet" claims Finlay Williamson (S3). "We've designed it together with our teachers and Lee Aitchison, a landscape artist from Creating Eden in Cupar". The finished area will be wheelchair accessible, contain large raised beds, a decked area and a large pond with a rock garden beside it. "We'll also have a huge shed to keep all our tools in" added said Corinna Rengger (S3) enthusiastically.

Mr Bennett and Mr Fox, who took the group to Glenrothes for the meeting, were extremely pleased with the pupils who represented the school brilliantly.

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Debating

Last year we thought was our finest. Junior teams into the second round of the ESU competition, and our senior team winning the Debating Matters Regional Final to become Scottish winners and head to London for the National Final. They then won a place in the final of the highly prestigious Donald Dewar competition. This year, we have excelled ourselves.

At the time of writing this, our junior team, Emma Ruskuc and Esther Bowman fought well in the second round of the East of Scotland competition against some very strong competition. On Saturday 27th February two junior teams; Leo Gordon and Rory Malcolm, Geir Darge and Gemma Martindale-Malek, took part in the International Competition for Young Debaters held here in Madras. We also managed to make up three 'swing' teams at short notice to help competitors. The juniors have also been invited to a day of debating in Robert Gordon's in Aberdeen on Saturday 22nd May. They are also preparing for their Inter-House debate to be held at the beginning of next term.

Our seniors however are exceeding all expectations. On Friday 5th March, our team of Michael Weir, Miriam Martindale-Malek, Alice Minick, and Ellen Bowman defended and retained their title as the Scottish winners in Debating Matters. They will now head to London at the beginning of July to compete in the National Final at the Medical Research Council. In addition to this, Miriam won an individual prize for speaking and Mike got the prize for overall best speaker in the competition; a decision the judges made very clear was unanimous.

But it doesn't end there. On Tuesday 9th March, Mike and Miriam won their way into the final of the Law Society's Donald Dewar competition in Milngavie. The second year running we have managed this and therefore an enormous achievement. This final will take place on Thursday 17th June in the Scottish Parliament in Edinburgh when we hope to take a full complement of fellow debaters and supporters.

The 10th March saw us compete in the Edinburgh University Schools competition with two teams; Mike and Miriam and Katie O'Donnell and Lindsay Wright. They came a creditable 17th out of 44 teams.

Monday 15th March, in Livingstone, our 'unstoppable force' (quote from a judge) won their way into the semi-finals of the ESU Mace competition. This will be taking place on Saturday 24th April.

On Friday 19th March, a team of 10 competed in the European Youth Parliament debate at George Heriot's in Edinburgh. This included some 'novices' to debating who I am sure benefited and learned from the experience. Some who will hopefully carry the torch for debating into next year.

The senior Inter-House debate takes place on Wednesday 30th April at 6.30 pm. This is supported and judged by St Andrews Rotary and we are very grateful to them for their input and continued interest in this.

Mike and Miriam have had a phenomenal year, impressing other debaters and judges alike. As they move into the next stages, we can only keep our fingers crossed their talented hard work holds.

Canadian Exchange

Scotland was glad to welcome back the Madras College pupils after they had completed their stay in Canada. Having already hosted their partners it was their turn to go and absorb Canada in every way possible. During their three month stay they managed to undertake a vast and varied programme including joining in big celebrations such as Halloween, a visit to Vancouver and an all important snowboarding trip. As well as all of this they participated in everyday life with their partner, attending school and social events alike. On Halloween they truly went to town with their costumes and fitted in perfectly among their Canadian counterparts. In Vancouver they took part on a tourist trail, caught sight of the preparations for the Vancouver Olympics as well as visiting the museum of anthropology following a tour of the University of British Columbia. All were deemed very interesting and gave the students further knowledge of Canada. Most of all, however, the students learned about the culture of Canada first hand by living in their partner's home and getting close with the family members and friends. It is safe to say our Madras pupils will treasure the memories of this trip for a lifetime.

Polly Wright

Chess Challenge

Sixteen senior pupils have been taking part this term in the British Land UK Chess Challenge. This comprises a school tournament played over several weeks leading to qualification for regional and national rounds. The school round of this competition has been won by Robert Woollins (S6) who overtook Ian Johnston on points after beating Lucas Plummer in the final round. Final round matches were also won by Anya Tonne and Paddy Davies meaning that four of our pupils in S6 qualify for the area megafinal in Edinburgh on 23rd May: Robert Woollins, Ian Johnston, Anya Tonne and Paddy Davies. Well played!

Pancake Pandemonium

On Tuesday 16th February, senior pupils of Madras College gathered on the South Street building's front lawn to support their peers and teachers as they took part in a three-legged pancake race. Each team – consisting of three legs, a pan, and of course a pancake – made their way around the square track, stopping at each corner and advancing again after skillfully flipping their pancakes. Mr Grewar and Miss Gillespie came out on top with the best time. The race was sponsored, collecting £61.56 from the crowd in aid of Sue Ryder Care.

Josephine Devine

Work Shadowing Project

Congratulations to Farzana Arshad (S6), runner up in the Fife Chartered Institute of Management Work Shadowing Project.

After submitting her management report Farzana was selected from 36 other pupils from across Fife to give her presentation in front of judges from the world of commerce and industry.



Farzana Arshad pictured with her certificate

It was a rewarding experience and she did herself and the school proud. Well done.

Young Enterprise

Visit to the Scottish Parliament



Pupils outside the Scottish Parliament

A small group of pupils from the Young Enterprise company 'Empressa' were invited to visit the Scottish Parliament to meet MSP's and discuss the Young Enterprise Programme. Throughout the year they have produced pirate and mermaid themed kids' teeth cleaning kits, with a waterproof reward chart, funky timer, toothpaste and brush all in a themed bag they designed and manufactured themselves. Good luck to them at the forthcoming Fife finals.

Business Education Pupils Rise to the Occasion



Area Director of Warburtons Mr A Denton pictured in the South Street Library

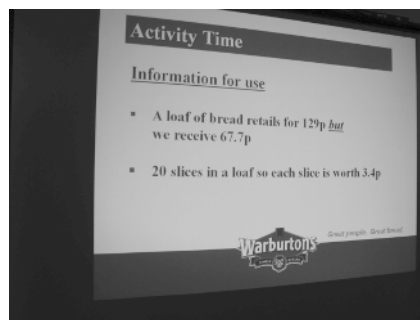
On Tuesday 2nd March Mr Alban Denton, Area Director of Warburtons (who lives in the area and whose children attend Madras College) kindly agreed to spend the day with the Advanced Higher, Higher Business Management and Young Enterprise pupils in the South Street building.

Alban spent the day presenting the day-to-day activities of Warburtons to Business Studies pupils. Pupils learned

about the manufacture, distribution, sales and marketing of Warburtons products. This allowed pupils to relate what they have learned in class to a real-life business situation.



In the above activity pupils are working out the various costs and profit involved in the manufacture and sale of a loaf of bread.



Empressa at Fife Awards



Pupils at the Fife Awards Ceremony

One of the school's Young Enterprise companies, Empressa, dominated the recent Fife Awards Ceremony winning 4 of the 5 available awards. The dedication and entrepreneurial skills of Clare Falls, Megan Chase, Sophie Millar, Katie O'Donnell, Charlotte Watson, Euan Dickson, James Tooze, Lauren Rae and Amy Brett earned them best report, best presentation, most innovative product and overall best company. They now go on to represent Fife at the Scottish finals in June. Dexi and Busy Books were also commended for their high quality presentations.

SPORTING NEWS

Badminton

Almost 30 sports enthusiasts from Madras attended the Fife Schools' Badminton Championships at the Fife Institute in February. It was a successful day for both junior and seniors who came home with the following medals:

U16 Boys

Ross Lamond - Silver

U17 Boys

Andrew Goode - Silver

U19 Boys - Doubles

Andrew Goode and Aidan Flegg - Gold

U14 Girls

Liv Darge - Silver

U14 Girls - Doubles

Liv Darge and Emma Ruskuc – Silver

U19 Girls

Heather Kydd - Silver

Netball

All of the netball teams have been working hard this term, completing fixtures in the Fife League and Scottish Cup.

The S1 team are showing great potential, winning all of their local friendly games and reaching the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup. They are all hoping to do well in the Fife Schools' Championships on 31st March.

The S2 team retained their title as Fife Champions in the tournament on 8th February. They continued their winning form in the Scottish Cup and have reached the Semi-final stage. This is the furthest any Fife Netball Team has reached in this competition. Good luck in the next round.

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: *Happy Easter* :
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Netball Scottish Captain Coaching Session



Lesley MacDonald, Scotland Netball Captain and Captain of Scotland's only super league team came all the way to St Andrews to work with Madras pupils. She took a 2-hour session with select players from S1-3 on Monday 15th March. It was an excellent session teaching the players important skills to improve their attacking and defensive play. Leslie also answered questions from the girls and brought Glasgow Wildcat gifts for them all. It was an honour to work with Scotland's most admired player.

Following the session Leslie has arranged for the girls to receive complimentary tickets to the Glasgow Wildcats game against Celtic Dragons in the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on Monday 29th March which will be live on Sky Sports. Look out for us on TV.

Netball Scotland v Australia

A group of pupils from S1-6 travelled to Glasgow to watch Scotland take on the best team in the world.

Scotland played really well against the giant Australian team but was shown the class that makes them world number one. It was a great experience for players and spectators.

The Madras pupils collected a range of signatures and souvenirs from the event – but their main memory may be about the bus!

Modern Studies

On 26th February, six S6 pupils were invited to attend 'Brian Taylor's Big Debate' held in the University of St Andrews. This is a radio programme which focuses on contemporary issues. Two of the girls were given the opportunity to pose their own questions to the panel of academics and politicians and all six admirably displayed their debating skills by participating in the general discussion following each question. An interesting activity for six young people who will soon be of age to vote!

Dates for Your Diary

HOLIDAYS

Easter

Friday 2nd to Friday 16th April 2010

May Day

Monday 3rd May 2010

June

Monday 7th June 2010

Summer

Monday 5th July
to Friday 13th August 2010

IN-SERVICE DAYS

Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th June 2010

EXAMINATIONS

S3 Exams

Friday 30th April
to Monday 17th May 2010

PARENTS' EVENINGS

S3 Tuesday 25th May 2010

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