

St Andrews Burns Club.
A.G.M. Sunday 8th December 2024.
4pm New Golf Club.

Schools Report. Secondary and Fife.

Past Presidents Frank Quinault, David Joy and George McIntosh were invited by Lynne Miller, Head of Music, to attend Madras College on Thursday, November 28th 2024 to judge the Madras Burns competition. Unfortunately, due to a bad fall, David had to call off a few days before. The morning session of singing, saw six S1/2, five S3/4 and five S5/6 participate with some excellent performances from some individual pupils. Because of staff illness, Lynne explained that the quantity and quality of her pupils were less than expected, due to the pressure on extra curricular activities having increased substantially.

The afternoon session of Recitation (Verse) was introduced by Vicki Birmingham from the English dept. Seven S1/2, three S3/4 and two S5/6 pupils took part. Overall the standards were reasonable there were some not good but one or two excellent performances.

At the conclusion of the event Frank and myself had a discussion with Vicki as to how St Andrews Burns Club could help, with time and money, improve the quantity and quality of the pupils entering our schools Madras competition. As usual it is the pressure on staff preparing their pupils in extra curricular time. Perhaps we could sponsor some help here?

Fife Association of Burns Clubs,

St Andrews Burns Club supports quite a few pupils from our own schools competitions to attend the Fife Schools Burns Festival in March and then possibly go onto the Scottish R.B.W.F. National Festivals. Secondary, late March, Primary, early June. Last March, 8 Primary and 7 Secondary from our schools went to the Fife Festival, with 6 of these going to the National Festivals. Plus several members of our own Club judge and act as volunteers at our Fife Festival.

F.A.B.C. want to thank St Andrews Burns Club for their continuous support, both with volunteer help and a financial contribution, Without this help, our young Burnsians, would not be able to participate in our important District and National Festivals.

George McIntosh Secretary.