

## ALL THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE

**A YOUNG Leven school pupil is bidding to become the king of the chess board at a Scottish final in the capital.**

Seven-year-old Cahm Fraser McDonald has qualified for the national chess final for primary fives and under, to be held at Edinburgh in May.



The P3 pupil from Parkhill Primary School has an accomplished record against players several years his senior, and hopes to give his experience and confidence a further boost by taking part in an adult event soon.

In recent months, Cahm, of Links Road in Leven, has competed in four chess congresses in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Hamilton and Perth.

At the latter event, he finished third and gained an automatic invitation to the prestigious national 32-pupil event.

All the invitees qualified through various heats held throughout the country.

The gifted youngster is coached at home by his dad, Paul, a maths teacher and chess coach at Bell Baxter High School in Cupar, and also a member of Chess Scotland.

Mr McDonald hoped Fife Council would consider promoting chess in schools, to help other young enthusiasts like Cahm, and give them the chance to compete in primary school competitions or leagues. Cahm's family is very proud of his success to date, and he has racked up an impressive sequence of wins against many P5 pupils en route to Edinburgh. He is also hoping he might gain some local sponsorship, to help pay towards travelling costs, competition fees, books and software.