

CHECKMATES!

Pupils on board for chess competition

THE Fife primary team chess challenge has proved to be a great success.

The event was held at Glenwood High and all the teams who entered played well, particularly Pitreavie School, who were participating in their first-ever tournament.

With one round to go, Carleton were assured a place in the final, with the main question being who

would they meet.

The choice was between Newcastle and Markinch, who were to play each other in the final round.

The more experienced Newcastle team prevailed and a final was set up between them and Carleton.

The situation was such that a 2-2 draw in the final would have been enough to see Newcastle take home the winners' shields. When the first three games of the final

were decided in Carleton's favour, 2-1, this left Terri Newell and Ross Kerr, both playing in their first ever tournament, playing to decide the match.

Terri, knowing only a victory would be enough to secure first place for Newcastle, did her best to take the full point.

But pieces kept coming off the board making a victory more difficult and Ross held out for a draw, thus securing Carleton the win.

Dean is Newcastle champion

TWO pupils at Newcastle Primary have been making all the right moves.

The school introduced an after school chess club during the 2005-2006 session.

And Dean Sinclair (left) from primary six was named as champion, with Christopher Carey from primary five runner up.

Stuart Blyth of the Tayside and Fife Chess Association was thanked for his expertise and encouragement which helped to ensure the club's success.



The young players are deep in concentration as they make their moves at the contest



Pupils show off their trophies at the end of the contest