

Carrick Academy



Ski Trip

Mr Dunsmuir has organised a ski trip to Austria in 2009. The ski trip will include skiing and snowboarding anyone interested please speak to Mr Dunsmuir.

Biology Stamps

The Eco friendly group are collecting stamps for charity. Their will be at the office to collect the used stamps. All the money made from the stamps will go to charity.



Guess The Smarties!

The girl's rugby team have set up a competition for raising money for the team. All you have to do is guess the Smarties in the jar. The jar can be found in the trophy cabinet at the top of the stair in the new building, all you have to do is ask a any member of the girls rugby team to take your entry. The cost is 10p per guess.

Christmas Dance Tickets



Christmas Dance Tickets are now on sale for a sum of £2.00. Tickets are available for S1/S2/S3 in Mrs Kirkland's Room 03 and Mr Cannon's Room 04 for S4/5/6. Tickets will be sold at break time.

School Show

Rugby Report

Parcels for the elderly

Currently S1 are collecting food parcels for the elderly. If anyone has any food parcels they want to bring in then please take them to Mr Cannon's room. Only certain types of food can be used so please don't bring in any fresh food such as bread, fruit or vegetables but you can bring tins such as soup, tea bags, coffee or packets of biscuits. Please give as much as you can as these parcels will be given out to elderly people within the local community s a Christmas treat.



Christmas Dancing



If any of the S5/6 would like to go and practise their Christmas dancing before the school dance then they are more than welcome to go and join in on Thursday periods one on the 13th and 20th. This will hopefully give them a chance to brush up on their dancing skills so they can show the rest of the school how it's done!

Boys Rugby

Carrick Academy had another busy weekend with three teams playing. The highlight taking place on Sunday afternoon when Carrick managed to field an under 15 and under 18 girls sides in the girls Scottish Cup Round 1. This means that over the past 4 weeks the school have managed to field 7 sides. In the boys section the 1st XV, 2nd XV, Under 15, 14 and 13 have fielded teams and with Carrick being one of few schools in the country that can field two girls sides this means seven sides are now playing out of the school. In total Carrick Academy have now fielded 135 players out of a school roll of 515 this season. If you add to that success Carrick Rugby Club sitting joint top of their league and managing to field an S1/2 club side last Sunday, then the future of Carrick Rugby looks in bright.

Under 15 V Queen Victoria School

On Saturday, the Under 15 boys side hosted Queen Victoria School. The match turned out to be a very well contested match with QVS dominating the early exchanges up front and took a deserved 12-0 lead. However, for the last 10 minutes of the first half Carrick camped just outside the QVS twenty two and can consider themselves unlucky not to score for this period of play. Carrick started the second half the same as the first conceding a try in the first two minutes however Carrick then applied plenty of pressure however unfortunately from a Carrick point of view QVS scored a further two breakaway tries to take the score to 33-0. In the final 5 minutes Carrick worked hard to get a score and they got their reward when Roddy Paterson broke through the excellent QVS defence to score.

Final Score Carrick 5 - 33 QVS

Carrick made QVS work hard for the victory and if this squad continue to apply themselves then there is no reason why they cannot have success in the Ayrshire league knockout stages. Thanks go to Robert Kennedy (CRFC) for refereeing the game, Irvine Rugby Club for hosting us once again and the QVS boys who were a credit to their coaches and school.

Work Shadowing Initiative 2007

This initiative is an academic and business challenge delivered by the partnership of the Ayrshire Branch of the Chartered Management Institute, and Ayrshire Chamber (of commerce and industry).

The Aims of the Initiative are:

- to provide students with practice and skills in CV composition and job interviewing
- to give students the opportunity to see managers managing
- to develop student skills in report writing and making presentations
- to utilise the unique link between Ayrshire business and education establishments delivered by Ayrshire Chamber
- to promote the services available from the Chartered Management Institute.

The initiative has been running for 7 years. Carrick has taken part for the last 5 years winning the Ayrshire Final in 2003 (Terri Wilson) and 2004 (Emma Robinson). In 2006 Linzi Scobie was runner up in the Final and won the South Ayrshire Trophy.

In 2007, after an interview in school, Elizabeth McJannet was chosen to represent the school. Elizabeth shadowed Stuart Telfer from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board for 3 days. She submitted a report on her experiences and was selected as an Ayrshire finalist.

On 3 December 2007 Elizabeth attended Oswald Hall at Auchencruive, along with 5 other finalists, to deliver a presentation on her work shadowing experience to a panel of judges and a number of invited guests.

The standard was, as usual, extremely high. Although very nervous, Elizabeth gave an excellent presentation and answered questions from the judges in a confident manner. After a, seemingly, endless wait, the results were announced. Elizabeth was awarded first place. She was awarded the Ayrshire Work Shadowing Shield and the South Ayrshire Trophy as well as £100.

Many congratulations and well done to Elizabeth for an excellent achievement. Here's hoping that Carrick can continue to perform well in this competition in future years and who knows, perhaps we will have our first male representative!

Girls Rugby

Carrick Girls under 15 5 - 5 Monklands Girls Under 15 (AET)

(Monklands go through as the away team)

This was an excellent match which both teams had chances to win. The big crowd that turned up to watch the match did their best to roar the Carrick Girls on to victory but unfortunately fell just short. The Carrick girls played with great heart and showed that their skill levels are improving by the week.

Carrick Girls under 18 10 - 27 Ayr Rugby Club Girls Under 18

Carrick knew that this would be a difficult game as the Ayr Girls had recently won the last tournament in Glasgow. However, for the first 10 minutes you would have thought that it was Carrick who had won the tournament as they took the game to Ayr. Carrick took the lead after 11 minutes when Rebecca Duffin scored a well worked try. This seemed to kick Ayr into action and with some great support play which would have been the envy of many boys' sides Ayr scored two tries to take a 12-5 half time lead.

In the second half Ayr dominated for long spells and scored a further 3 tries however these girls from Carrick are made from stern stuff and when Sarah Sherry picked up the ball with 15 metres to go she burst through two tackles to score a consolation try.

This was a great afternoon's rugby and Miss Johnstone can be proud of the girl's efforts. What was also great to see was that so many of the parents and boys from the school came to support the girls and this was appreciated by both sides. The Ayr coach said after the game that the Carrick girls had improved hugely since the last time the two teams had met and with more games who knows how good these girls could become.

