

Carrick Academy

Beekeeping at Carrick Academy

This is a report on 3rd year pupils participating in beekeeping for their skill as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme.



Tony and Phil (two members of Ayr and District Beekeepers Association) came to the school and introduced us to Beekeeping. They showed us a few Power Point presentations about what we were going to learn e.g. what many of the bees looked like, what jobs they do and what procedures are carried out to get honey.

For the first few weeks we have been doing mostly theory work, which started off with an introduction to bees and beekeeping. Next, we learned about the types of bees we have and what jobs they carry out which followed on with an interesting insight to life of a honey bee. We learned about the hive and all the different parts of the hive which was fascinating to many pupils. Theory work was taken to a new level when the pupils had the opportunity to taste different kinds of honey e.g. heather, lime. The pupils also participated in making a brood frame, super frame and hive. In conclusion to the theory work we learned about the beekeeping safety equipment and how to use the equipment effectively.

There are still two more weeks until we go to Ayr and District Beekeeping Association's Club Apiary and we hope to learn about how to work with the bees.

Once we have finished our course we hope the president of the SBA will come to test us on what we have learnt over the summer and if we pass we will be presented a certificate.

As part of the project we will be working with our craft and design department (in the school) to build our own bee hive.

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Girls Rugby



On Saturday 19th April the Girls Rugby teams travelled to Edinburgh where the under 15's, in a combined team with Monklands Girls Rugby Team, came second in the tournament.

The under 18's Girls played Murrayfield Wanderers then participated in a coaching session that was observed by Scottish Talent Scouts. We hope to hear soon if any of the players have been successful in being selected for the performance development squad.

On the day, the players selected as most improved for each team were Sarah Brown and Sam Wallace. Congratulations to both of them.

We are now preparing for the National Youth 7's Tournament on Saturday 31st May at Murrayfield where we hope to have 4 squads entering. An update on how the girls get on will be included in a future Carrick Academy Class-Chat.

Study-Leave

Study-Leave will begin on Tuesday 13th May at 3.30pm for 5th and 6th years. Good Luck to everyone and we hope everyone achieves satisfying results.

We wish all the sixth years all the best for the future as they won't be returning to Carrick Academy. However the new sixth years will begin an induction Day periods one and two on Friday 6th June 2008.

Work Experience

S3 will be starting their work experience on Monday 5th May this will proceed to Monday 12th May.

Pupils will gain the experience of participating in a working environment. They will be shadowing the work of their senior colleague. Many placements will be in local nurseries and schools, local businesses & Ayrshire & Arran NHS Health board.

Computers for Schools

We would like to bring it to your attention that Carrick Academy are collecting the vouchers for new computers which are given when goods are purchases at Tesco's.



Anyone who has collected a number of vouchers, if possible, please deliver them into the school office in the New Building. Every voucher we are given is much appreciated.

School prize giving.



It's nearly Prize giving time again with the main ceremony taking place on June 24th, so put the date in your diary. There will be a practise taking place on the day at 1.30pm with the actual ceremony beginning at 7pm. — Pupils will be able to check if they have to attend by looking on the wall at the side of the office in the day's running up to the prize giving.

Well done to everyone who will be getting awards and full listings of who got what will be given after the event.

S6 Leavers Ceremony.

For a lot of pupils these next few weeks will be there last ever at Carrick so to mark the event of them leaving there will be a ceremony held on Friday 20th June at 3pm.

All pupils who are leaving from 4th to 6th year are invited to attend. We will be very sad to see people leave and we that hope Carrick has given you opportunities and memories to enjoy.

Next week we will have a special mention for all 6th year leavers so watch out for that.

