

## Class Chat

### By Carrick Academy's Press Pack Team

#### Learning for Life Values Poster Award!

Five pupils from Carrick Academy out of 15,000 were chosen by a panel of judges to receive an award for their outstanding work on Learning for Life. This included identifying and examining the core values and qualities needed for a successful life.

The vision of Learning for Life is to build and strengthen character in the contexts of the family, education and employment through national evidence based research, developmental work and delivery of character education.

The following pupils will receive their awards from the Depute Lord Provost of Glasgow in the City Chambers in Glasgow:

Louise Allan, Shannyn Henderson, Julie Dunabie, Callan Scade, Danielle Horton.

**We will be sorry to say goodbye to Ms Geddes, Mr Clements and Mr Goudie at the end of term. Ms Geddes and Mr Clements are both taking up posts at Prestwick Academy. Mr Goudie leaves us to become Director of Music at Wellington School. We asked them about their time at Carrick:**

#### Ms Geddes - RMPS

##### Have You Enjoyed Your Time Back At Carrick?

Yes, I think there are some very good teachers at Carrick and I have made some very good friends. I will miss them.

##### Are You Sad To Be Leaving?

Very sad but I am looking forward to going to Prestwick Academy to teach Certificated History.

##### What Was The Best Part Of Your Time Back At Carrick?

Developing and involving International Education and Citizenship. Especially when pupils who have worked extremely hard get rewarded with prizes and awards for being the best in Scotland.

##### What Will You Miss Most?

The pupils and staff – and my room of course!

### **Mr Clements – Technical**

#### **Have You Enjoyed Your Time At Carrick?**

“I have really enjoyed my year at Carrick Academy, all of the staff and pupils have made the year a great experience.”

#### **What Have You Enjoyed About Being At Carrick?**

“The staff here have been very friendly and approachable, and the pupils have also been great to teach and a credit to the school.”

#### **What Will You Miss Most?**

“I will miss my pupils most, they have worked hard for me this year and have produces some excellent work.”

#### **Would You Ever Consider Coming Back?**

“If the opportunity ever arose for me to come back tot the department I would definitely take it, it’s a great school which I would love to work in long term.”

### **Mr Goudie -Music**

#### **Have You Enjoyed Your Time At Carrick?**

Yes – three really good years!

#### **Are You Sad To Be Leaving?**

A bit sad - but looking forward to a new challenge.

#### **What Was The Best Part Of Your Time At Carrick?**

Working with some motivated pupils & staff, building school shows & concerts, working alongside excellent staff in the department.

#### **What Will You Miss Most?**

All the pupils and staff!!!

## **Primary 7 Report**

Carrick Academy recently had the new first years up for their three day visit. So our Press Pack Team asked them what they thought of their time at Carrick. This is what some of them said....

### **What Was Your First Impressions On Carrick?**

- "It's cool"
- "It's big and scary"
- "Nerve racking"
- "It's a good school"
- "It's good"

### **What Would You Change About Carrick?**

- "I would change the teachers"
- "The Toilets"
- "I would make it a wee bit smaller"
- "I would put in a theatre"
- "I would change the price of lunch"
- "I would change the corridors"
- "I wouldn't change anything"
- "I would change the colour of the paint on the walls"

### **Do You Prefer Carrick To Primary School?**

None of our primary 7's said they would rather go back to primary school. Which means Carrick must of made a good impression on our new first year's.

### **Who Is Your Favourite Teacher?**

- "Mr Wood because he gives us easy work"
- "Mrs Burrell because she's good at music and I like music"
- "Mrs Cannon, French because I've always liked it"
- "Mrs Normansell"
- "Mr Cannon and Mr Dunsmuir, because they explain everything to us"
- "Mrs Kirkland"
- "Mr Smith because Art is fun"

### **What Was The Best Part At Carrick For You?**

- "Meeting new friends"
- "Getting more than one teacher everyday"
- "Not being stuck in the same classroom all day"
- "The lunches"



## **Carrick Academy first years help choose Royal Society Prizes for Science Books Junior Prize winner 2008**

S1 pupils from Carrick Academy have helped choose the winner of this year's Royal Society Junior Prize for Science Books, one of the world's most prestigious awards for science writing.

The winning book, *The Big Book of Science things to make and Do* was picked from a shortlist chosen with the help of Brainiac's Jon Tickle and Newsround presenter Sonali Gudka.

The young people from Carrick were one of over 120 'junior judging panels', made up of over 1200 young people from across the UK. Children in Uganda, Tanzania, Cameroon, Thailand and Malaysia also took part in the judging process. These panels have sole and final say on which book should win.

They were clearly impressed by this colourfully designed book. It is filled with engaging activities that demonstrate scientific concepts such as surface tension, static electricity and centre of gravity. Projects include 'dangling monkeys' which show seesaw forces and swirly spinner that demonstrates centrifugal force.

The book was written by Rebecca Gilpin and Leonie Pratt and designed and illustrated by Josephine Thompson. It is the fourth time that the publishers Usborne have won the junior prize.

The short list of six books for the young people to choose from was selected by a judging panel chaired by Keith Chambers. He said of *Big Book of Science things to make and do*, "It isn't just a craft book. All the activities are designed to demonstrate fundamental scientific concepts and bring them to life in an interesting way. The book is great fun so I'm not surprised that the young people judging the junior prize loved the book. It will appeal to young people of all ages and abilities. It's colourful, engaging and a really deserving winner."

For the seventh year running, the Royal Society Prizes for Science Books has teamed up with Ecsite-uk, the UK network of science centres and museums, to run the judging process.

The Royal Society Prizes for Science Books Junior Prize celebrate the very best in science writing for children and young adults and previous winners have included the *Can you feel the force?* by Richard Hammond (2007), the Eden Project's book, *The Global Garden* by Kate Petty, Jennie Maizels and Corina Fletcher (2006), *What Makes Me, Me?* by Robert Winston (2005) and *Really Rotten Experiments* by Nick Arnold & Tony De Saulles (2004).

The Prize is worth £10,000 to the winning author and £1,000 to the author of each shortlisted title.

The Royal Society is grateful to the Beecroft Trust for supporting the 2008 Prizes, while the Society seeks longer-term support for the 2009 onwards.

The pupils from Carrick in the judging group were: Fiona Anderson, Katie Forson, Daniel Smith, Kim McCoy, Hazel McDowall, Gordon Gregor, Kirsti Murray, Jade Heath, Connor Cluckie, Louise Martin.

**The other shortlisted books were:**

- *Ask Dr K Fisher about animals* by Claire Llewellyn, illustrated by Kate Sheppard (Macmillan)
- *How the incredible human body works by the Brainwaves*, by Richard Walker and illustrated by Lisa Swerling and Ralph Lazar (Dorling Kindersley)
- *It's elementary! Putting the crackle into chemistry* by Robert Winston (Dorling Kindersley)
- *Serious Survival: How to poo in the Arctic and other essential tips* by Marshall Corwin (HarperCollins)
- *Why is snot green? Science Museum question and answer book*, by Glenn Murphy (Macmillan)

The Royal Society is an independent academy promoting the natural and applied sciences. Founded in 1660, the Society has three roles, as the UK academy of science, as a learned Society, and as a funding agency. It responds to individual demand with selection by merit, not by field. As we prepare for our 350th anniversary in 2010, we are working to achieve five strategic priorities to:

- Invest in future scientific leaders and in innovation
- Influence policymaking with the best scientific advice
- Invigorate science and mathematics education
- Increase access to the best science internationally
- Inspire an interest in the joy, wonder and excitement of scientific discovery

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## **Carrick Girls' Rugby End of Season Report**

For the girls' rugby teams at Carrick, this season was all about building on the excellent start made last year, and participating in the first SWRU girls' youth cup competition. Throughout the season the teams have travelled a total of 1342 miles, including 3 trips to Murrayfield, one to Crieff and another to Melrose.

The under-15 side was very new this year as many of the previous players had moved up the age groups. Recruitment was at the top of the agenda, and player numbers have continued to go up all season, enabling us to enter 2 teams in the National Youth 7's tournament at Murrayfield last month. It was unfortunate that the 2 Carrick teams ended up playing each other in the quarter final of the bowl, and not surprising that the more experienced team progressed through. I missed the match due to Sarah Brown's injury in the previous game, but was very happy to be told by many of the other coaches there, that the senior team had coached the "newbie's" through the game, helping them with positioning and providing constant encouragement. The focus of our Schools of Ambition programme is Leadership at all levels and I can say that every one of the players demonstrated the highest levels of leadership during that game. I was very proud to admit to being their coach! I'm sure the girls' have told everyone in Maybole, if not the whole of Ayrshire, that they won the bowl competition at the 7's. In the final they produced a brilliant demonstration of their skills and abilities, and were definitely the better team on the day.

In the youth cup the under-15's played out a very good draw against Monklands, and beat Nairn, both games here at Carrick. They made it through to the semi-final only to be beaten by a bigger, and more experienced, Murrayfield Wanderers side. This was a great accomplishment, and definitely a strong foundation for next season.

The under-18's team also participated in the youth cup and had a couple of really tough games. Making it through to the quarter-final stage we made a very rough journey to Melrose where the girls' played under floodlights for the first time. It was a very difficult match where the girls were subjected to some, let's say tough, tackles. A measure of their restraint, they didn't lose their cool, and made some hard, but fair, tackles of your own. Despite losing the game, they showed the spirit that people have come to associate with Carrick girls' rugby.

The under-18's also took part in the national 7's and were in a very difficult pool. They came through to the bowl final where they were desperately unlucky to lose to the combined Arran and Cowal team. The majority of the team that played will still be here for next year so, once again, we have a fantastic opportunity to build on this season's achievements.

This week we have been informed that several of the girls have been invited to the Scotland Under-18 Talent Identification day on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June in Perth. They are:

Hannah McCubbin	Sharon Gemmell	Megan Hood
Tazmin Porter	Sarah Sherry	Mhairi Hughes
Sam Wallace.		

I am sure that everyone in Carrick Academy, and Maybole, wish them the best of luck.

Our awards this year have gone to the following players:

Under 15 Player of the Year – Emma Alexander

Winners of the Under-15 National Youth 7's bowl competition – Carrick 'A' team

Under 18 Player of the Year – Sharon Gemmell

Players' Player of the Year – Mhairi Hughes

Looking forward to next season we can't wait to take part in all the tournaments and competitions again. We'll keep you up to dates with how we get on!!

