Carrick Academy

Easter Dates

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Girl's Rugby

On Saturday 23rd February, Carrick U15 girls rugby team produced a fantastic display to beat Nairn Academy 36-10 and progress into the semi-finals of the SWRU Youth Cup. Tries from Eilidh Blondin (2), Shannyn Henderson, Emma Alexander, Nicole Cochrane and Mhairi Hughes, and conversions from Shannyn (3) secured the win. The girls tackled fiercely and dominated the majority of the game. Our player of the match, or 'Dame of the Game', was Paige McCurdie who put in some fantastic tackles, and kept Nairn well away form out try line.

We now have to wait to find out who our semi-final opponents will be.

The U18 girl's rugby team had also made it through to the quarter-final stage, playing Melrose RFC. In a very rough game, and after a very long journey, Carrick could not stand up to the pressure piled on by Melrose but, nevertheless, put in a spirited performance.

Carrick girls will be participating in a 7's tournament in Dumfries on Sunday 30th March. We hope to be able to field three teams on the day.

Football

Carrick Academy's football teams have been busy so here's a little update.



Under 18

The team are due to play Marr in the quarter final of the Ayrshire Cup. This game is at Marr and should put the boys' skills to the test.

Under 16

The under 16 Football side produced a fine performance against Holy Cross to win 6 - 0. This means that for the first time in the schools history Carrick are now in the last 8 of the Scottish Cup. On behalf of the under 16s and management can I thank all the staff who turned up to support the team. Hampden here we come!!!

<u>Under 15</u>

The boys are due to complete their league schedule, where they have the possibility of pushing Belmont all the way. The next game is at home to Prestwick on 27th Feb, then away to Queen Margaret Academy the following week.

Under14

This team is awaiting the winner of Cumnock and Auchenharvie in the Ayrshire cup.

Under 13

The team has a semi final to play in both Ayrshire cups. Fingers crossed we are able to reach a final this year!!



On Feb 6th a team of S1 boys took part in the Coca Cola 7's tournament at Whitletts astro turf. The boy's received expert coaching from ex professional players, Chic Charnley and Gary MacKay. The boy's got off to a bad start with a 2 v 0 defeat against Irvine, then a 1 v 1 draw against Girvan and narrow defeats against Belmont. Better luck next year!!!!!!

In addition to this we have S3 / S4 football which is open to boys and girls on a Wednesday after school 3.30 - 4.45. We also offer S1 / S2 football which is open to boys and girls on a Thursday after school 3.30 - 4.45.

English Trip

On Wednesday 30th January Higher and Advanced Higher English pupils took a trip to the Royal Lyceum Theatre in Edinburgh for an educational play. The pupils left school at 11:45am heading for Edinburgh for the Matinee performance at 2:30pm of Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie", an author which many of the pupils are studying in their course.

An informative and enjoyable time was had by all, with pupils gaining a better understanding and insight of stage drama. The experience is expected to serve all that attended well in the upcoming exam.

The Theatre performance was followed by a stop at MacDonalds, which was very much appreciated! Thanks must go to Mrs Smeeton for organising the trip and making it all possible.



Prom Money



The <u>Final</u> Payment of Prom money has to be brought in by Friday the 7th March to Lizzie or David. The final payment amount is <u>**£20**</u>. Please bring it in as soon as possible to stop any hold ups from happening!!

Boys Rugby

14th February

Under 15

Carrick 46 - 7 Girvan

Tour

The Seniors tour to Bridgend in Wales will take place from Sunday 6^{th} to Thursday 10^{th} April. On behalf of all the boys Mr Brown would like to thank everybody who sponsored the boys during their run in December. They raised a magnificent total of £1,215.00.

Sport relief



This year for sport relief the senior's in Carrick are getting their running shoes on! The fifth and sixth years are currently collecting sponsors for the sport relief mile that they will be running on

14th March. There will also be a dodge ball competition at lunchtime for anyone who wishes to enter a team and spectators are very welcome. It is open to all years and each

team must have 5 players. There is an entry cost of £5 per team and this money will go towards sport relief. It will be held in the gym hall from 1-1.30pm on Friday 14th and we hope to see as many teams as possible taking part! If you have any more questions then please ask any of the captains (David, Elizabeth, Jonjoe or Leigh).

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Girls Rugby Bingo

On 13th February the girl's rugby held a bingo night in Kirkoswald Town Hall. The bingo was well attended with many people winning more than one prize but some people weren't so lucky. The money went towards the team so they could get to their next game which is the quarter finals. But most people who attended said they enjoyed the

night.