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Headteacher's Report

Very good feedback received from the Pupil Leadership Challenge days from our Schools of Ambition Programme. Pupils and staff worked together very well in creating and developing Leadership opportunities and experiences which a huge amount of pupils responded very positively to. The 3 project groups will now get their teeth right into it that we have returned from the October break, so watch this space to hear more about how we are going to take this forward.

Feedback from Parents and youngsters was very positive about the Showcase. Parents who attended received details of the school and a Schools of Ambition Pamphlet that outlined what the programme is all about. It was a very busy evening with a lot of parents and youngsters in attendance. Following the very positive atmosphere we are really looking forward to receiving our next intake.

The S4 Parents' Evening is scheduled for Tuesday 30 October and as usual will be held in the Dining Hall. Members of our Press Pack will be present on the evening trying to encourage parents to give email addresses so that the Press Pack can email the monthly Newsletters out rather than rely on the Pupil Bag Drop.

On Monday 5 November the school will introduce new Dining Hall procedures. There will an insistence on the use of the Cashless Catering Cards to access the Dining Hall Service. Without these Cards pupils will no longer be able to receive the Dining Hall Service. We must stop the practice that has come to our attention of a number of pupils sharing the same card or using a number which does not belong to them. As you will be aware this practice is totally unacceptable. If a pupil has lost the Card another Card can be issued by Mrs Hamilton the Catering Manager at a cost of £2. Your co-operation in supporting this new procedure is very much appreciated.

On an improvement of standards focus, staff are also going to be targeting our School Dress Code as a number of pupils have let standards slip and are not complying with the Code that was agreed through extensive consultation with staff, pupils and parents. Far too many girls are showing far too much 'Flesh' and although this may be acceptable at 'Clubs/Discos', this is not acceptable within a place of Learning. Far too many pupils are wearing Designer Polo Tops which are not acceptable either under the Agreed Code. A number of pupils have ties in their pockets and only put them on when challenged by staff whilst some pupils are wearing trainers rather than shoes. This whole process is now regarded as a lack of respect for the Agreed Practices and must now be challenged. Staff will remind pupils of the Agreed Code at Assemblies and this will be re-enforced during teaching periods as well. Guidance staff and senior staff will be in contact with parents where a concern has arisen to recruit their support in ensuring that their youngsters maintain the Agreed Code.

As ever, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Regards

R Stewart

Headteacher

Jeans For Genes Day

Pupils wore their jeans with their shirts and ties to raise money for Jeans for Genes Day. A total of £319.65 was raised. Well done & thank you to everyone who contributed. Our next target is to beat this amount for Children In Need which will be on Friday 16th November. S6 can assure you it will be eventful!!

Mini Trials

Well done to all the pupils who took part in the mini trials on Saturday 6th October. Carrick managed to win their first case against Marr College with Gordon Gillon and Evelyn Crate prosecuting, and Steven Kelly and Iona Haston acting as witnesses. In the afternoon Carrick faced Ayr Academy with Eilidh Douglas defending and Josh Macleod and Adam Hastings acting as witnesses. Unfortunately we lost this case but Eilidh was commended by the Sheriff for an outstanding performance. In both cases Hannah McCubbin and Emma Hamilton were on the jury. Jamie Lawrie was Clerk Officer. Well done to everyone involved.



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Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer

FUNDAMENTAL REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL ESTATE - NEXT STAGE

You may recall that the Council initiated a review of its school estate in September 2006 and invited people from the wider community to engage with us by submitting suggestions on how it might be developed. The outcome of this exercise was reported to the Elected Members of the Council in July 2007 and a copy of the report can be found on the Council's web site at www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk under the heading "Examining Future Education Needs".

Following the publication of this report the department was asked to bring forward proposals for each of the geographical areas set up during the first stage of engagement. The Council's Leadership Panel approved these proposals on 7th October 2007.

It is important to underline that the Council is still in engagement mode and therefore no specific proposals are being considered at this time. However, in order to take the review forward the exercise has been split into 2 categories. The first category contains a list of areas of the current provision where the Council feels options need to be explored with affected communities and key stakeholders. The second category is a list of schools which the Council feels there is little need for change. A copy of the report "Area Proposals" is also available from the above web site and we would welcome any comments on it by the end of December 2007.

In the coming months, Officers from Education, Culture and Lifelong Learning will be setting up meetings with those schools listed in category 1. Parents and other stakeholders' affected by this category will be given early notification of the details of these meetings.

Please feel free to access the above web site for more information about this review including the recent reports. If you are unable to access the information you can request a copy of the report from your local school or from the central education office by telephoning the number displayed at the top of this letter.

If you would like to comment on the proposals for each areas please write to the Director of Education, Culture and Lifelong Learning at County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr KA7 1DR or e-mail your comments to fundamentaire-view@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mike McCabe

Director

Duke Of Edinburgh

On the 2nd October, S3 pupils of Carrick Academy participated in The Duke Of Edinburgh Award Scheme which is a Curriculum For Excellence Pilot. Their day included lots of different activities. When we interviewed some of the pupils, they told us that the activities included, Wall Climbing, Games Room, a Photo Story and different Team Challenges. The pupils told us that it was a really fun day and that they would be happy to participate again. They also said that it would help them with their future career and when they come to write their CVs.

Young Roots Culzean Trip

On Friday 28th September, Gemma Scobie, Hannah McCubbin, Claire McNeillie, Caitlin Grieg and Grant Kidd went to Culzean Castle as part of the Young Roots Project to research the Kennedy family. They were given a guided tour of the castle and access to the Education Suite. The visit proved to be of great benefit to the research team.

P7 Peer Helping

On Thursday 27th September a group of primary sevens from Maidens, Cairn, Crosshill, Straiton, and Kirkmichael came to Carrick for the afternoon to work with the sixth years. They are being trained on how to be buddies so they can go back to their primary and carry on the skills they have learnt within their school. They were split into groups with a mixture of schools in each group, after that they then spent the afternoon being trained by the sixth years on various skills such as how to be a good listener, how to get people to communicate and also to express yourself and deal with different emotions. The primary sevens seemed to enjoy themselves and they had a lot of fun.

Showcase Evening

There was a showcase evening held on Tuesday 9th October for future 1st year pupils to show them round the school and see what it is like before they come. Different departments put on displays to show parents the type of work their children will be doing when they come to Carrick, for example the technical department had pupils showing their work folio's and also working on their computer aided graphics projects, and science had lots of experiment's going on. The future pupils found it of great use as they were able to see round the school before coming and so it will hopefully make the jump from primary to secondary a bit easier. The senior pupils were on hand to show them round the school and all parents were given the opportunity to receive a copy of the school newsletter. If anyone was not able to come on Tuesday and would like the newsletter sent to them then please email Rebecca.Duffin3@carrick.sayr.sch.uk .

Class Reps

Every year, each house has representatives from each class who work with the house captains and vice captains to discuss different issues within the school. This year the response for class reps was fantastic and the final reps are as follows.

Yellow house

S1: Keillen Cook, Elli Coulter

S2: Catherine Easter, Megan Kirk

S3: Steven Logan, Ginny Collie, Leigh Cairns, Connor Kennedy

S4: Emma Smith, Claire Scobie

Blue House

S1: Anne-Louise Hall, Ryan Wilson, Connor Lorrimer, Mark Sloan

S2: John Dewar

S3: Louise Allan, Shannyn Henderson, Erin Bayne, Sarah Brown

S4: Danielle Horton, Robert Sykes

Red House

S1: Gordon Gregor, Blair Cooper, Amber Johnstone

S2: John Dempster, Tiffany Lafferty, Beth Davidson, Shannon Brown

S3: Derek Dorrans, Liam McMillan

S4: Allannah Dewar, Lana Hamilton

Carrick Football

U15 Carrick 1 v 4 Kyle

Carrick didn't take their chances and were punished for this.

U18 St Brides/St Andrews 1 v 5 Carrick

A superb away victory for Carrick in the 2nd round of the Scottish Cup, next round is at home. We are still unbeaten, goal scorers were; Kris Scott 2, David Logan, Colin Sturgeon and Kyle Faulds.

Scotland Rugby Games

Tickets are now on sale for Scotland V France on Sunday 3rd of February, and Scotland V England on Saturday 8th March. Please see Mr Brown for form if interested. The cost will be £20 for each game.

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Parents Tree Of Knowledge —Mon 12th Nov
S4 Prelim Timetable Issued—Thurs 15th Nov
S5/6 Parents' Evening—Tues 20th Nov

Carrick hold League Champions to a draw

Carrick drew 12-12 to Belmont. The first half saw Carrick under pressure against Belmont, and the second half proved to be the same, but however it became clear that Belmont were slightly over confident as they had two chances to go for goal and decided to run them rather than take the points that were on offer. This seemed to spur the Carrick forwards into action and in the final play of the game Carrick gained a penalty around half way line and Fraser Thomson decided to have an attempt at goal. The distance was not an issue but the direction was as the ball just slid wide of the right hand post. Man of the Match Greg Montgomery.

Under 15's Rugby

Carrick Under 15s played last week but suffered a defeat against Belmont 26-5, try scorer was Grant Murchie and Jordan Morris was named Man Of The Match.

Fixtures

Wed 31st Oct - Under 15 + 18

Away – Marr

Thurs 1st Nov - Under 13 + 14

Home – Girvan

Tues 6th Nov - Under 15

Home – Belmont

Thurs 8th Nov - Under 18

Home - Belmont



Challenge Day

The week beginning 8th October was a very busy one for Carrick. During this week S1, S2 and S3 headed to Oswald hall to work on their leadership skills as part of the school of ambition scheme. They were split into groups and had to complete various tasks in which leadership and working together were key issues. At each task a leader was appointed and had to help the group to complete the tasks, some of these tasks were, blind folded giant jenga and using wooden blocks in a particular order in which it would create the picture of animals such as a cat and a dog. The pupil's thoroughly enjoyed the time they spent there and their leadership skills which they gained will be put to use in classes in the future.



Rugby News

Carrick v Galashiels

When Carrick were drawn to play Galashiels away the players knew that this would be a difficult match and so it proved to be. Carrick did make Gala work for all but one of their 10 tries and in some respect the Carrick boys did well to keep the score down to 62-0. This was a real eye opener for Carrick but with 5 fourth years in the starting line up and only two sixth years, this is still a young 1st XV who hopefully learned a lot from the game. Duncan Sturgeon at Full back was excellent and won the man of the match from a Carrick point of view. This discipline of both sides was outstanding and Gala will be a threat to any side in this competition, we wish them well in the next round and beyond.

Scottish Cup

The 1st XV have been drawn at home against Arran in the first round of the Plate. The game will take place on Saturday 17th November.

The Under 15 have been drawn away to Millburn Academy (Inverness), the date is to be confirmed in round 1 of the plate. This journey will mean a 10 hour round trip. However, Carrick will be fulfilling the fixture and have offered Tuesday 13th November as a possible date.

Under 15 V Wellington (friendly)

The under 15s were set the challenge by the coaching team after their disappointment against Belmont, to go out and play the best way they could and they certainly achieved this by defeating Wellington School. This was a far better performance by the Carrick forwards first to the break down and when they got the ball out, Roddy Paterson, Jordan Morris and Sam Currie came roaring back with a fine solo try from Jordan Morris who ran the full length of the field to score under the posts. Unfortunately Carrick missed the conversion. Wellington then replied with another well worked score to lead 12-5 at half time. In the second half Carrick dominated for long spells and scored two tries one from Sam Currie and the other proving to be the winning try which came from a fine individual break from Roddy Paterson who scored under the posts. This time Wallace Kennedy struck the ball between the posts to give Carrick a winning score of 17-12.

Under 14 V Wellington (friendly)

The Under 14 side played very well to earn a draw in this match. Jonathan Webster was superb all afternoon and scored two tries and tackled anything that moved. Jamie Campbell also had a very good game and deserved his try. Connor Wyllie converted the third try to earn Carrick a 10 all draw. Man of the Match was Jonathan Webster.

Under 13 V Wellington (friendly)

The most pleasing game of the day came from the Under 13s side. The boys have only trained 5 times and this was only their second game. Wellington had most of the possession and scored two excellent tries but Carrick scored from a fine Gordon Gregor breakout, which was converted by Keillan Cook, to make the score 7-4. Carrick had their chances to level the game but in the end fell just short.

Man of the match Gordon Gregor.