

September 2002



A group of our pupils involved in Dismantling Domestic Abuse, who recently gave a presentation to the Education Committee, have been honoured by a Civic Reception. They went to the County Buildings on Friday 6 September to be thanked by Provost Foulkes and Councillor Hill, Leader of the Council. Both Councillor Bowie, Convenor and Councillor Murray, Vice Convenor of the Education Committee were also present to pay tribute to the outstanding work the pupils have achieved with the continued support from Sandra Paton and Louise Fyfe from the Council. Congratulations are due to:

David Foster 2B1	Samantha Horton 2R1
Kirsty Wilson 2R1	Jamie Hamilton 3Y1
Omar Hayat 3Y1	Calum McFadyen 3Y1
Liam McGill 3Y1	Susan Drynan 4R2
Naomi Glover 5B1	Lynne McDowall 5B1
Katie Barker 6B	Laura Kennedy 6B
Dominique Lawrie 6B	

Congratulations are also due to Mrs McInroy who has gained a secondment to South Ayrshire for the remainder of the session as 5-14 Staff Tutor for Science. This will result in Mr Jamieson taking over as Acting Principal Teacher of Chemistry, a post that he successfully carried out some years ago. His post of Assistant Principal Teacher of Guidance will be put up internally for interview.

Further congratulations to Mr Dunsmuir who has been appointed to Acting Senior Teacher with responsibility for School Improvement. His first task was the S1 Home School Partnership and his report is included later in the newsletter.

We welcome Miss Julie Letourneau from Quebec, Canada who will be working in the Modern Languages Department every Tuesday and Wednesday. Her contribution is greatly appreciated.

Recently staff received some excellent training from Donald Paterson from the SQA relating to the collection of evidence required for appeals and internal quality assurance procedures.

Finally my thanks go to Mr McComiskey for his usual high standard of organisation of the annual school photographs.

Regards

R Stewart - Headteacher



S4 WORK EXPERIENCE INTERVIEWS

A number of the pupils in S4 have now completed their work experience. The remainder will do so in a couple of weeks.

BRAD MONAGHAN

I went to Blairquhan near Kirkmichael. I did enjoy it and I was working as a gamekeeper. One of the best parts was the chance to feed pheasants. I don't think I would do this full time though as I should like to work as a land engineer.



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MAUREEN McBREEN



I was at the Cherry Tree Nursery. I really did enjoy it and I liked helping the nursery nurses. I'm not sure if I want to work in this sort of job – I would like to do a job that involves working with babies or young children though.

AILEEN HICKS

Like Brad, I got doing my work experience at Blairquhan. But I worked in the kitchen as a cook. One of the things I got a chance to do was help to make the fish cakes! I had a great time and I would really like to do something like this type of work in the future.



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JACKIE McDOWALL



Malin Court was the place where I had to go. At first I was a bit nervous, as I was to work as a receptionist. It was good though and I did have a really good week. But I am not going to go in for that line of work, as I have wanted to join the police force for quite a long time.

Congratulations to:



Scott Torbett Graduated B Eng (Hons), from Glasgow University.

Marianne Pyper Graduated BA (Hons) in English with Film and Media Studies from Stirling University.

Rowan Guthrie Graduated Master of Arts (Divinity) with General Honours (1st.)

All are former pupils of the school.



*SeAscape Logo -
South Ayrshire
Escape from
Homelessness*

Concert In Aid Of SeAscape:

Carrick pupils Douglas Galbraith, Calum McFadyen, Fiona Galbraith, Alison Russell and Morven Gourlay took part in the concert at Troon Concert Hall on Monday 23rd September. The concert was in aid of SeAscape, a charity that helps homeless people find accommodation, allowing them to start afresh. The pupils were part of the Ayrshire Schools Jazz Band.

The entertainment also included comedian Dorothy Paul, the Ayrshire Fiddle Orchestra, a Barbershop quintet: Number 5 and Colin McMurdo, a swing singer. Jackie Bird was introducing the acts. (She told some really bad jokes and common consensus is that she should stick to her day job!)

Morven Gourlay

RUGBY SEVENS TOURNAMENT

Still sunny and warm – that was the recipe for the Inter-House Rugby Tournament on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th September.

Teams from all four houses took part – mainly senior pupils from fourth year upwards but there was one brave S3 pupil who did his bit for a seriously understaffed Yellow House. Good for you, Darren Ross of 3Y1.

VISIT TO THE SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT

Mr Downie and some of the Modern Studies pupils had a trip to Edinburgh to see the Scottish Parliament in action. It is hoped that some of the future politicians from Carrick Academy will provide a report on the on goings therein!

S1 HOME SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

At the S1 Assembly on 9 September the pupils were issued with copies of the Home School Partnership Agreement and given a brief explanation. Mr Dunsmuir, Senior Teacher School Improvement has followed up with the few absentees and interviewed a cross section of the pupils to ascertain what their parents thought about the partnership and ways in which they could contribute to it.

The pupils asked said that their parents felt that the information given out was informative, precise and easy to understand because it was broken in to small sections. They also said that it allowed their parents to see that they can help in many different areas associated with the school's curriculum. Some pupils said that their parents were not sure about the procedure for absences and the information given out helped with this.



The pupils said that their parents already help them in a lot of the areas identified in the partnership, such as homework and attendance. Their parents often have time set aside for homework and assist them with it, although this is an area where the pupils feel their parents might be able to help a little more.

The pupils asked said their parents did not know which after school clubs were on offer so the pupils explained that the school offers a range of activities which include basketball, badminton, volleyball, choir practice and band practice which their parents found interesting.

On the whole the Home-School Partnership information was received well by S1 parents. They found it interesting and useful.

Well done to all S1 pupils for doing such a wonderful job and helping their parents or guardians understand a little bit about the Home-School Partnership.

CONSULTATION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF WATER BEING ABLE TO BE ACCESSED IN CLASSROOMS



We have started to consult pupils, staff and parents on possibility of pupils being given access to water bottles lessons. Pupils and staff will discuss the research details increased levels of concentration and improved work that can result from taking in the appropriate amount of water throughout the day. the during outlining the

As you will know there are issues relating to health and safety as well as the possibility of disruptive behaviour that could result if pupils did not fully accept responsibility for their actions, not to mention the possible increase in pupils wishing to access the toilets much more regularly and therefore decreasing their attainment instead of increasing it.

So we intend to look at all the “What Ifs” and ascertain views from all parties so if you wish to contribute to the debate please complete and return the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter and send it to me at the school.



Tear Off Slip

Name _____

Year Group of Youngster _____

Comments

Signed _____

PLEASE RETURN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE

CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Some 274 competitors ran in the cross-country event on Thursday 19th September. The results are shown here. Well done to Yellow with 398 points. Thanks also to Mrs Baillie for giving us access to the results.

<u>BLUE</u>		<u>GREEN</u>		<u>RED</u>		<u>YELLOW</u>	
S1 Girls	59	S1 Girls	49	S1 Girls	49	S1 Girls	65
S1 Boys	50	S1 Boys	44	S1 Boys	30	S1 Boys	52
S2 Girls	20	S2 Girls	15	S2 Girls	42	S2 Girls	65
S2 Boys	24	S2 Boys	32	S2 Boys	47	S2 Boys	47
S3 Girls	45	S3 Girls	14	S3 Girls	15	S3 Girls	31
S3 Boys	27	S3 Boys	53	S3 Boys	60	S3 Boys	34
S4/5/6 Girls	40	S4/5/6 Girls	20	S4/5/6 Girls	9	S4/5/6 Girls	28
S4/5/6 Boys	56	S4/5/6 Boys	57	S4/5/6 Boys	76	S4/5/6 Boys	76
TOTAL	321		284		328		398

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Both the Bronze and Silver groups were out and about in the Lowther Hills this month - the Bronze group from Muirkirk to Wanlockhead and the Silver group from Afton Water to Muirkirk via Sanquhar and Wanlockhead. The distances covered were 30 kms and 50 kms respectively.



Both groups enjoyed good weather with the Silver group experiencing particularly hot weather for two of their three days.

Candidates should now be busy completing the other parts of the Award ready to receive their well-deserved badges at the South Ayrshire presentation planned for November.

Thanks are due to Mr Forsyth and to Mrs Bryden for all their help and encouragement and especially to Charlie the dog for his enthusiasm!!

New Bronze candidates will be enrolled soon.

SHORT COURSES

There are currently 5 short courses on offer. These are enterprise activities, leisure and recreation, the yearbook, work experience and the **publicity team** who produce the newsletter!

ENTERPRISE ACTIVITIES – Interview with Fiona Hay

We are currently setting up a business. We are selling shares to staff and pupils, priced at £1 each. If at the end of the year the business makes a profit then you may make money from the share you bought.

At the moment we are currently selling Carrick Academy pens. These pens are available in different colours and are priced at £2.30. Also later on in the year there will be calendars on sale, designed by the pupils.



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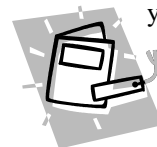
LEISURE AND RECREATION - Interview with David Connell



Currently in leisure and recreation the class is playing badminton. Mr Dunsmuir is the class teacher and there are about 17 pupils in the class. The class decides on which sports to play and then they do competitions on their chosen sport. There is no writing involved, as they constantly play sport!

YEARBOOK – Interview with Jaime Ireland

At the moment the yearbook team is working hard on next year's group works together and plans what should go on each page and how it out. Some people take photographs while others take interviews. They with new ideas, which are original but at the same time effective.



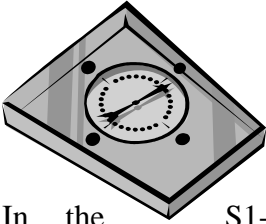
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WORK EXPERIENCE – Interview with Laura McCreath



In this short course we arrange our own work experience. It is a lot different from last year. The class has around 15 pupils and we go out on work experience in November for 1 week.

After we have been we do a write up about our chosen workplace.



Orienteering

The following pupils took part in the Ayrshire Championships on Wednesday 11th September: Results are as follows:

In the S1-3 course - Fergus Gourlay (2nd), Sam Fleming (3rd), Kieran Wilson (4th), Sam Barker (5th), Robin Cairns (8th), Gillian Baird (11th) and Fraser Taylor (12th).

In the S4-6 course – Ross Anderson (2nd), Katie Barker (3rd), Gregor Thompson (5th), Colin McClure (6th), Peter McTaggart (7th), Paul Challis (8th), Blair Campbell (9th), Greg Rorison (10th), Fiona Galbraith (11th), Sarah Macinnes (12th), Morven Gourlay (13th), Heather Gilmour (14th) and Jennifer Hutchison (15th).

3XL Club visit to Maytag

On Wednesday 18th September, the following pupils went for an educational trip to Maytag:

Natalie Carson 3G1, Campbell Conn 3R1, Zoe Jess 3B1, Alan McCoy 3G1, Aaron McCulloch 3B1, Kirsty McDowall 3R1, Patrick Reilly 3G1, Lisa Roy 3Y1, Siobhan Jess 3R1, Nina McCurdie 3R1.

This helps to show these pupils what goes on there.

Carrick Student Enterprise

We will be selling calendars, pens and a range of other items for you to buy.

We will also be offering shares in our company for you to buy.

If you would like to buy shares certificates, at a cost of £1, please come and see a member of the Enterprise Team: Ian Stuart, Craig Macmillan, Fiona Hay, Kerri Roddie, Valerie Wilson, Lorraine McClung, Leanne Hutchison, Melanie McConnachie, Nikki Cree or Mrs Duncan in the Business Studies Department - N12 - at Breaks and Lunchtimes.

Ian Stuart