

Carluke High School

Any time in a school year is busy but as we come towards the end of the session it is also a time to reflect on what has been happening as well as looking forward. Hopefully this newsletter will do just that. There is lots of information on a number of school activities over the past few weeks as well as giving you advance notice of what is going to be happening before we finish on Friday 25 June. There is also an update on the follow up to our HMle inspection

two years ago. I have included some important information on staffing which provides a chance to say farewell to several staff who will be leaving Carluke at the end of term. As you may well be buying school clothes for the start of next term over the summer, we would ask you note the guidance given below. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for your support throughout this session and on behalf of staff and pupils wish you a great summer.



James Yuille

Staffing 2010 / 2011

The following staff will be leaving Carluke High at the end of this term:

- David Bonar – PT Chemistry; George Scott PT Learning Support; Elsie Struthers PT Pupil Support. All of whom are retiring from teaching having given years of excellent service to the school.
- Sandra Sterkenburg who will be taking up a new post as PT Computing at Jordanhill School.
- Ian Bell – Technology; Lisa Carswell – English; Gillian Dunsmuir – Maths; Kathryn Cooke – Biology; Andy Hill - PE; John MacLean – Physics; Karen Robinson – Modern Studies all of whom have come to the end of their probation.

Leaving at the end of August will be:

- Nicolle Browning from the English department who will be moving to a promoted post in England.

We thank all of the above for their contribution to Carluke High and wish everyone every success in the future.

From the start of the new term in August the following appointments have been made:

- Asim Jamil - Acting Principal Teacher of Chemistry.
- Joanne Lindsay – Acting Principal Teacher of Pupil Support for Milton House.
- Jennifer Magnus - Acting Principal Teacher of Support for Learning.
- Melanie Rodwell – Teacher of Drama.
- In addition we will be welcoming newly qualified teachers in Biology, Chemistry, English, Modern Studies, PE & Technology.

Arriving at the end of August will be:

- Natalie Foote – Teacher of English.

There are still some staffing issues to be resolved which will hopefully be completed before the end of term.



HMle Inspection Follow up

Carl Luke High was inspected in March 2008 with the report being published in June of that year. HMle recognised we were already working in the right areas and the five action points from the report asked us to 'continue to review', 'develop further' or 'continue to improve' the specific areas mentioned.

Normal practice following an inspection is for the school to submit a report to HMle in each of the two years after the inspection. The inspectors then normally return after two years to conduct a follow up visit to assess the progress the school has made in addressing the action points they were set. However, where HMle is satisfied with the progress made based on the evidence submitted in the school reports, and this is backed up by an improvement in the school's attainment, they can decide that no follow up visit is required. In this instance they then ask the local authority to write a follow up report which is then issued to parents.

We are pleased this is the decision made in our case by HMle as it recognises the considerable efforts of pupils and staff over the course of the last two years to improve our performance. As Head Teacher, I would like to congratulate and pay tribute to staff, pupils and parents for all of their hard work in achieving this very successful outcome to our inspection. We expect the follow up report to be published in the early part of next term.

School Transport

Our main priority regarding school transport is to ensure that a pupil's journey to and from school is safe. We will once again be issuing photographic travel passes for the new session. However, for this to work effectively, we require the support of parents, carers and pupils in ensuring that the travel pass works for the benefit of all those who travel on school transport. Listed below are the main points we would wish to highlight:

- It is the responsibility of your son / daughter to ensure that the travel pass is kept safe at all times.
- The travel pass should be produced on each journey as this will identify to the driver if the pupil is travelling on the correct bus and is insured to travel.

- It is the responsibility of the parent / carer to ensure an acceptable standard of behaviour from their child whilst travelling on school transport.
- If behaviour is unacceptable the driver will retain a child's pass and that child's right to free travel on this contract may be withdrawn.
- If the travel pass is lost it must be reported to the school office, a £3 charge for a replacement will be incurred.
- Any change of address must be reported as soon as possible to the School Office and a new application for 'Free School Transport' must be completed.
- Until written confirmation from Council HQ has been received that the new transport

- arrangements are in place your son / daughter should not travel as they will no longer be insured.
- Concerns regarding condition of bus, driver conduct, times of pick-ups or mechanical faults should be reported to Support Services on 01555 752730.
- Any concerns regarding behaviour of pupils on the bus should be reported to the school office at Carl Luke High School on 01555 773680.

Those pupils eligible to receive school transport will receive their travel pass, by post, the week prior to the beginning of the new school term.

Should you not receive your child's travel pass please contact the school office on 01555 773680.



Fair Trade



Carluk High School's Fairtrade group have recently been extremely busy preparing for this year's

Fairtrade Fortnight and for the P7 Information Evening where stalls were set up to offer Fairtrade goods to both pupils and parents.

As part of our Fairtrade Fortnight activities, all first, second and third year pupils took part in a competition to design a poster or a t-shirt to promote Fairtrade at Carluk High School. This year, our guest judge was Ms Lee, Principal Teacher of Social Subjects, who volunteered to pick the winners. The winning entry from S1 came from Siobhan Wilson. First runner up was Nathan Nicol and second runner up was Kirstin Learmouth. The second year prize went to

Gina Ramage with runners up prizes for Katie Cooke and Hannah Thompson. Our lucky winner from third year was Daniel Sleight with Emma Trumper and Sofia Shajahan taking the runners up prizes. Congratulations to all of our winners and a big thank you to Ms Lee for judging our competition. All the winning entries have been displayed on the Fair Trade notice board.

The Fairtrade Group would also like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the year. Without everyone's help we would never have achieved our goal of becoming a Fairtrade school.

Another Green Flag!

Carluk High School have recently achieved a second Green Flag to recognise our efforts in maintaining the environment around the school and further afield. This is a fantastic achievement for the school and local community and we are only the second South Lanarkshire secondary to do this. Well done to the Eco-Group and everyone who has supported the group.



Maths Challenge Results



The UKMT Junior Mathematical Challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve non-standard problems. It is designed to make students think and sometimes even smile! From Carluk High School, a number of pupils were successful in receiving recognition. In receipt of a bronze certificate were Iain MacGillivray, Ross Beveridge, Danielle Smillie, Mark Thurley, Nina Gibson, Clara Robb,

and Gina Ramage. Silver certificates went to Nikki Johnston, Katie Cooke, Scott Wilson, and Emma McLuckie, whilst Kerr Milne and Jordan Scott achieved a Gold certificate. Congratulations to all of these pupils.

Recycling Bin

Carluk High School now has a permanent textiles recycling bin, which is situated outside the school car park. You can recycle old clothes, shoes, bags, blankets, curtains, and even bed sheets. The local community can also support us by using this facility. The bin will be emptied regularly and the contents weighed. The school will then receive a cheque from the recycling company. The heavier the load, the bigger the cheque!



Book Clubs



The Carluke High School Book Club is for pupils who are keen readers to join with other readers to discuss the latest books. Mrs Martin is looking for pupils who have a real interest in reading to join the reading club.

This opportunity is only open to the new S2. As well as reading, we use GLOW and run competitions. Anyone interested should hand their name into the library before the end of term. Please be aware there are a restricted number of places available

Activities 2010

Things are going well with the organisation of the Activities programme as all staff and pupils look forward to the last week of term. Pupils have already received a brochure outlining the events, both in and outside school, but we will provide a shorter / 'crystal clear' daily events guide nearer the time.

We would very much appreciate your support

for these events by ensuring your son / daughter has paid and is fully aware of what he/she is doing each day. We have tried to keep the pupils very well informed in school as to what is happening by speaking to them regularly at assemblies and in PSE classes with their Pupil Support teachers.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further please feel free to contact the organisers Sheila Frew or Gordon Roberts and they will help as best they can.

Key Dates for Activities 2010:

- Friday 11 June – Non uniform day.
- Monday 21 June – 'Mix n' Match' in the morning. Inter House cross country in the afternoon.
- Tuesday 22 June – Inter House softball in the morning. Grand Gala in the afternoon.
- Wednesday 23 June – 'Big Day Out'.



A trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach is just one of the many activities that Carluke High School pupils will enjoy.

Eco-Garden

The hard work of staff and pupils at the school has resulted in the creation of a school garden where we are growing a variety of fruits, vegetables and herbs. Our garden also has a section for bedding plants and we would like parents to help us by donating perennial plants. We would like to thank Dobbies Sandyholm and Reynards Garden Centre for their advice, donations and support in the setting up our garden.

We would also like to encourage parents to become involved in our project. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Mr Jamil at the school.



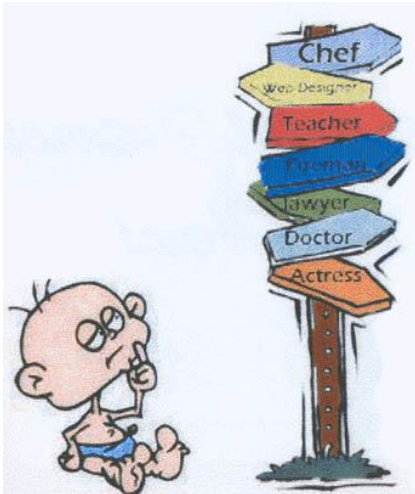
School Calendar



The calendar for next session is in the process of being planned. This will be finalised before the end of this term and issued to parents along with our first newsletter in August.



Work Experience



Each year our fourth year pupils are given the opportunity to take part in a work experience programme.

This allows pupils the opportunity to spend one week of term working within a local business which gives them valuable experience and helps to prepare them for life beyond school.

This year, due to the present economic situation, we have a shortage of businesses who are able to offer placements and many of our pupils might miss out on this valuable experience.

If you or anyone from your family or friends are in a position to offer a placement to a pupil from Carluke High School during the week beginning 6th December 2010 we would be very grateful.

If you are able to offer a placement or require further information please

do not hesitate to contact John Shearer at the school.

Doing Their Best

'Being my Best' takes place after school for pupils in S2 who have achieved high academic results during the year and who have been recommended to take part by their teachers.

It is led by Mrs Magnus, Miss Breslin and Mrs Martin and their aim is to prepare the pupils for university life by researching and producing an investigation on a topic of their choice. The topics can be wide ranging and each pupil asks a member of staff to be their mentor during the investigation. Many thanks to those staff who took part. The investigations, this year, were to a very high standard and this year's top three are:

- 1st place**
Lucy Clyde
"Why did the ice-age occur and will it happen again?"
- 2nd place**
Emma McLuckie
"Is global warming man-made or actual?"
- 3rd place –**
Katie Cooke
"Is the T-rex really the most dangerous dinosaur?"

These pupils will receive a prize at prize-giving and several of the investigations will be submitted in the autumn to the Royal Scottish Geographical Society's annual competition.

Previous winners have been very successful in this competition and have been asked to give presentations to the society.

Well done to all who took part and particularly to our top three!

Football Success



Scotland might not be competing at this year's World Cup in South Africa, but Carluke High School is proud to report that there has been some recent success on the football field as Ryan Finnie and Craig Storrie were selected to represent Scotland at football.

Despite this, Craig was left disappointed as a strike by British Airways employees meant the trip was cancelled shortly before the squad was due to fly



out from Glasgow Airport.

Craig plays domestically for Aberdeen under-14s, training four times a week and playing for them every second Sunday.

Craig had been due to play two internationals against the host country in Battice and then in Blegny.

Despite Craig's obvious disappointment, this is still a super achievement and our congratulations go to both him and Ryan.

Wall of Fame

Carluke High School now has a Wall of Fame to allow pupils to post notices about achievements they are proud of. These can vary from pupils who have received a merit in class to others who have competed in horse trials or even the WKC kickboxing championship. A special mention should go to Heather Barr who competed in the aforementioned World Kickboxing Championship and is currently the British under-13 champion. Well done Heather!

The I.T. Crowd



Yet another group of senior pupils recently celebrated completing the British Computer Society's

ECDL qualification. This was a challenging year for the class who are among the first in the country to complete the revised course which now includes a unit on Security for IT Users.

Pupils were presented with their certificates at a lunch hosted by the Computing Department. The European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL) is an international qualification widely recognised by employers as proof of ability and competence when working with IT.

The IT department congratulate all candidates on their achievements, but are just as pleased that they have acquired IT skills, learned to work independently, and have learned from their mistakes and persevered until they succeeded.

These are qualities that pupils will take with them as they prepared to enter full time employment or further education.

Mr Yuille presented the certificates and added his own congratulations to the successful candidates.

Dyslexia Workshops

The Support for Learning Department in conjunction with Home School Partnership are planning to run a series of Dyslexia Workshops in September

to support parents who have Dyslexic children in S1 and S2. Further details will be available nearer the time.

Sponsored Walk



On the 25th of May 2010 S2 pupils from Belstane House set out on their journey to Tinto Hill to raise money for St Andrews Hospice who help terminally ill people in need of medical help.

It was a warm morning as pupils set off and they had to take the opportunity to sit down and rest frequently. The temptation to give up was enormous, but pupils reminded themselves that they were doing this for such a good cause.

In fact, St Andrews Hospice has to raise £44,000 each week just to keep the hospice open.

At the end of the journey, pupils were proud that that have undertaken something to help people who are far less fortunate than them.



Ben Nevis Challenge

Several of our 5th and 6th year recently took part in a sponsored climb of Ben Nevis to raise money for St Andrews Hospice.

This has helped to raise £1800 to support the work of the hospice. A special mention should go to Mr Roberts and Mr Shearer for their encouragement on the mountain and to Mrs Craig for her invaluable administrative support.



Prizegiving



This year's prizegiving takes place on Tuesday 15 June from 7.00 pm when we hope you will be able to join us to celebrate our pupils' achievements this year.

School Uniform



Despite what your son or daughter may tell you, we continue to be vigilant with the wearing of school uniform!

We feel the large majority of pupils have maintained a high standard of uniform throughout the session and where this has not been the case we do have direct contact with parents. There is a tendency for this high standard to slip a little as we come to the end of the school year and we would once again ask for your support to prevent this happening.

A particular issue is white trainers and we would appreciate if you could ensure that your son's / daughter's footwear is black.

Our guidelines for school dress for next session remain:

- Tracksuit or coloured tops should not be worn within school.
- All jumpers / cardigans / tops should be black or dark navy; plain with, at most, a very small logo.
- Footwear should be black.

If the above causes any parent difficulties then please contact your son's / daughter's Pupil Support teacher in the first instance.

Please also note that BARU will be selling items of school uniform on Monday 14th June in the 'Street' area of the school from 18.30 – 20.15.

Inter House Champions 2009-10



Congratulations to Douglas House on winning the Championship this year with a large lead over Milton in 2nd place and Kirkton in 3rd place.



Fantasy Football

Having reached the end of the 2009/2010 Schools Fantasy Football League, we are delighted to announce our winners:

Premier League
Winners....

1st: Mr Scott
2nd: Mr Robertson
3rd: Blair Hall

Well done to all of you.



*Mr Robertson, Blair Hall & Mr Scott,
pictured with their medals.*

Thank-you also to everyone who took part throughout the year - we hope you have enjoyed keeping up to date with your team online. Other winners included:

F.A. Cup - Blair Hall

S1 - Connor Birtwistle
S2 - Andrew McLeod
S3 - Blair Hall
S4 - Martin Bruce

P7 Snack Challenge



Congratulations to High Mill Primary School on winning the Snack Challenge. Thanks to all the primaries who took part at the recent P7 Parents' Information Evening.

Return of Locker Keys



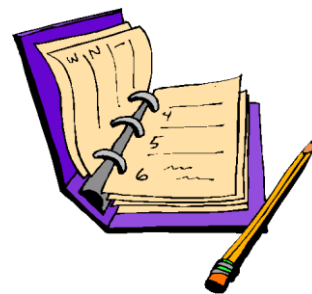
Pupils are asked to return their locker keys and collect their refunds. Pupils should report to the Street as detailed below on Wednesday 16 June:

- New S2 9.15 am.
- New S3 10.00 am.
- New S4 10.20 am.
- New S5 11.10 am.
- New S6 11.30 am.

As per the terms and conditions signed for at the beginning of the term, lockers must be emptied of all belongings, cleaned and left in good condition.

If these criteria are met then the £5.00 deposit will be refunded in exchange for the current key. There will be no refunds made after Friday 18 June.

Dates For The Diary



- Annual Prize-giving – Tuesday 15 June 7.00 – 9.00 pm.
- Activities Programme – Monday 21 until Wednesday 23 June.
- End of term – school closes for the summer holidays at 1.00 pm on Friday 25 June.
- Tuesday 10 August – an opportunity for S5/6 pupils to come into school from 9.00 until 14.00 after having received their exam results to amend their options before school starts.
- Start of new session – pupils return to school on Monday 16 August.

