



CARRICK KNOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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June Newsletter 2016/17



Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe that we are at the end of another school year. It has been jam packed full of hard work and fun so that will be why the year seems to have gone so quickly! The month of June has been no exception and below you will find some of the things that we have been involved in.

Sports Day

We held our Sports day at the beginning of the month and just got through it before the rain really came on. Unfortunately, the grass was too wet for our relay race. We tried to reschedule it when we were all together in school in a suitable afternoon but once again the rain let us down. The overall winner of the sports was Traquair.

Well done to everyone who took part.

Growth Mindset Open Afternoon

It was fantastic to see so many of you coming in to school to learn about and take part in some learning using Growth Mindset. The children and staff loved it and so did you. Your feedback clearly wanted more of these types of afternoons. Look out for some more next session!

Strings Group

Our strings group accompanied by Mr Horvath performed at a school assembly. They played wonderfully well and a huge thank you to Mr Horvath for helping and encouraging the children to keep getting better. We are looking forward to more next year!

Roman Day

Primary 3 had a very special Roman day where the children and the staff dressed up and acted like Romans. Great learning and great fun took place!

Corstorphine Library Visit

Staff from Corstorphine Library came in to school to talk to the children about the benefits of joining their local library. This ties in with the work we have been doing with Reading for Enjoyment. If your child is not a member of the library, why not make this a task for the summer holidays!

Assemblies

We have had two excellent assemblies this month from opposite ends of the school. The P1 assembly was all about the learning that had taken place in P1 over the year. The P7 leaving assembly was all about the learning, the fun the children have experienced across their school years and their hopes for the future. They both brought a tear to our eyes and put big smiles on our faces too. Well done to P1 and P7 children and staff, and thank you to the parents for coming along and supporting your children. They really appreciated it.

Awards

We had our platinum awards in school where children who have never had a yellow or a red all year receive a special certificate.

In Primary 7 the following pupils received the Head Teacher Award.

They were: P7A - Leah Tedford and Mitchell Markham

P7B - Charlotte McEwan and Patryk Zawislak

The Pupil of the Year award voted for by the P7 pupils went to Neve Duffy.

The Jack Anderson Award was given to Rory Panther in P5A.

School Football

This year we had football teams in P5, P6 and P7. Each team did the school proud over the season showing real enthusiasm and great team spirit.

The P5s, coached by Mr Markham, have been developing their skills and we are looking forward to them growing as a team next year.

The P6 team had a brilliant season under the guidance of Mr Mitchell and half the team worked alongside P7 in the St Bernard's Trophy.

The P7s, coached by Mr Mullen, have left a legacy for the future teams to follow, winning the Calder Shield, getting to the semi-finals of the Inspector's Cup and receiving the runners up medal in the St Bernard's Trophy.

Transition to Primary 1

We held further transition events in June. This included parents from private nurseries bringing their children in to an assembly.

We had an information morning where the children received their Carrick Knowe bags and got to meet their new teacher.

The nursery children also had the opportunity to visit the P1 classrooms and got to visit the dining room to sample school lunches.

Primary 7 Events

Primary 7 had their annual Quali dance in school. They all looked resplendent in their finery! It was a beautiful sunny evening so many photos were taken outside. We were joined by Mr Rafferty (HT) and Mrs Scott (DHT) from Forrester High School, Mrs Barn and Mrs Dunne from the Parent Council and PTA, current and former Carrick Knowe staff as well as the Lord Provost of Edinburgh! All had a super time. Primary 7 children then enjoyed their three-day visit to their respective High Schools. They all seemed to get on very well and came back to Carrick Knowe full of excitement with stories to share.

Reports and New Teachers

Everyone received their school report last week. The teachers spent a lot of time writing reports and we hope you found them useful. Next year we are looking at changing the format of our reports to give you more information throughout the year with a shorter report at the end of the year. We will let you know more about this in the new school year and will ask for your input.

Everyone was told who their new teacher would be, and by Wednesday of this week everyone who was at school had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend some time with him or her.

PTA

The PTA held their final events of the session with a school disco and a car boot sale. We want to thank the PTA for all their hard work in supporting our learning in school by raising funds. This year they have provided ten class projectors, new PE equipment, Blue Bags for new P1 children, a whole school SUMDOG subscription, paint for the playground, funding for the allotment, £200 towards the P7 Quali, a contribution towards the Nursery picnic buses and teachers will be getting £50 to spruce up their classroom.

We are so grateful for your support. If you are interested in joining, please contact the school or the PTA. Their details are on the website.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council have been very busy and productive this year. They have helped us to provide new signage for our school entrances. They also had working parties to support the school in our work on Homework, Learning Outdoors, Road Safety and Clubs after school. More information on the new Homework strategy will be with you in an outline format before the holiday with more detailed information in the new term. The Homework group is keen to keep working next session. Thank you to all of you for filling out the surveys after each Homework trial. Your views, as well as the views of the children and the staff have helped shape our new strategy. If you would like to join the Parent Council, please contact the school or go through the Parent Council section on the website.

Gifts for that Special Man

Dale Dow and Claire Dunne both spent a considerable amount of time sourcing and making gifts to tie in with Father's Day. Children were able to buy from a variety of gift ideas for a special male in their lives. Dale and Clare raised £196.50 which will be used to help enable all children to access school trips by providing a subsidy where necessary. A huge thank you to Dale and Clare for all their hard work.

Final Events

The school were due to go to Carrick Knowe church on Thursday. However, the torrential rain had other ideas! The Church came to Carrick Knowe and we held our service in school.

Our Nursery picnic was also due to take place on Thursday. The Nursery valiantly tried but the weather conditions at Vogrie Country Park were not the best for a picnic! The Nursery returned to school and had a picnic in the school hall instead. They still had lots of fun!

Primary 7 will be led out of school on Friday at 11.45am by a piper. We wish them all the very best as they move on to High School. We shall all miss them.

School closes for everyone else at 12 noon on Friday. We hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday. Thank you again for all your support throughout the year. We really enjoy working with you and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school and nursery on Wednesday 16 August.

Yours sincerely

Andrew M Hunter
Head Teacher

