

Carronrange School: 'where you can be all you can be'



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Every year, we write to update you on developments at Carronrange that benefit your children, and to let you know of school improvements that raise the standard of education that we provide for them, ensuring that they can 'be all they can be!'.

This report includes a summary of our pupils' attainment in National and other Qualifications and information about the Curriculum for Excellence at Carronrange School, and the impact that this has on our pupils. It also highlights many of the achievements of the last school year.

I hope you enjoy reading this Report: we are very proud of our pupils' achievements, and I am sure you will appreciate the hard work and commitment of all staff.

We are very grateful to yourselves, for your ongoing support: working in partnership with parents and carers is a high priority at Carronrange, and has a very positive impact on our pupils' progress.

We are also very grateful for the support that we receive from our wide range of community partners. We are very fortunate to have links with such a diverse range of organisations, businesses and individuals who are so interested in and enthusiastic about Carronrange School.

Our monthly whole school assemblies, newsletters and regularly updated website are important sources of information that keep you up to date with all that is happening here. We also have regular items on the School News pages of the Falkirk Herald.

I hope you enjoy reading this Report: should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

*Alison Gilford*

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Acting Headteacher



## Standards & Quality Report

Session 2015 - 2016





## **School Improvements 2015– 2016**

### **Carronrange School Mission Statement**

Carronrange School community provides a creative learning environment which is flexible and nurturing, supportive yet challenging. Young people are encouraged to develop skills for life and reach their full potential.

After auditing all staff using 'How Good is Our School 4' we have a team of three staff members leading our School Improvement Plan. All teaching and support staff are members of School Improvement Working groups, and have all made important contributions to the progress of the whole school. These improvements are summarised here:

#### **Leadership of change**

- Enhance collaborative working to implement local policies
- Improved communication systems
- Develop the positive ethos of self-evaluation for staff and pupils
- Protect time for professional dialogue and collegiate activities
- Re-evaluate and embed visions, values and aims for our new school

#### **Leadership and Management of Staff**

- Inclusion of SfLAs/Parents in RACI tasks
- SMT improving visibility, observation and constructive feedback
- Extending opportunities for leadership/empowerment and decision making for staff
- Implement, embed and extend leadership opportunities in the senior phase
- Accountability structure for School Improvement Plan

#### **The Curriculum**

- Introduce on going curricular review
- Develop skills for learning, life and work
- Extend partnership opportunities for pupils
- Create entrepreneurial opportunities and social enterprise
- Sustainability



### **Learning, Teaching and assessment**

- Merge mobile technology and ICT strategy groups – implement and roll out ICT for effective learning and teaching
- Continue development of profound learning
- Global transition from BGE to Senior Phase
- Create a collegiate community looking at learning and teaching

### **Raising Attainment**

- Implement streaming in Senior Phase
- OTB/SEEMIS tracking and reporting to be fully implemented
- Benchmarking through literacy and numeracy
- Continue to implement Significant Aspects of Learning within a skills matrix

### **Highlights of Session 2015 – 2016**

**Curriculum for Excellence leads to pupils becoming Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors: at Carrongrange School, we aim to ensure that our pupils also become Independent Young Adults.**

**The highlights of this session show some of the ways our pupils have the opportunity to achieve their potential in all these areas, and to 'be all they can be'!**

### **Learning Works**

16 pupils applied for work experience placements at Forth Valley Royal Hospital, working with Serco, Malcolm Allan Butchers, Inchlair Nursery, Inchyra Grange Hotel and Network Rail.

Our social enterprise café at Muiravonside continues to provide valuable work experience, and we now have an additional day allocated to Carrongrange pupils.

We are very grateful to all partners involved in **Learning Works**: their support is invaluable in giving our pupils this experience, and ensuring that their skills and talents are more widely appreciated and understood.

### **Celebration of Reading**

S1 attended 'A Celebration of Reading' at Camelon Education Centre. The event was organised by Library Services as part of the Scottish Book Trust Awards. The pupils participated in workshops with 2 of the short-listed authors; Simon Puttock and Pamela Butchart as well as giving a presentation about their shared reading scheme with Stenhousemuir Primary.





### Sporting Achievements

As ever, Carrongrange School pupils took the opportunity to shine in a range of sports including athletics, cross country running, football, basketball and swimming.



### John Muir Gardening Group

The John Muir Award is an engagement initiative encourages people to connect with, enjoy, and care for wild places.

Pupils participate in four areas to experience the outdoors, these are Discovering a wild place, Exploring habitats and environments, Sharing their findings with others and Conserving a natural space.

We work in conjunction with CATCA in the Community garden and as well as planting, growing and harvesting we also have opportunities to sell our produce throughout the year. We look at basic bush craft skills such as lighting fires, outdoor cooking and shelter building.

We also visit John Muir's birthplace and have the opportunity to go on a number of outdoor learning days to develop pupils understanding of natural places and the importance of conservation.



### School Show

For the first time this year we put on a school show 'Stars are Springing' at the Dobbie Hall. 20 pupils participated both on and off the stage. Miss Procek our Drama teacher put pupils through their paces with rehearsals every Friday morning. Mrs Irvine and her team made costumes, props etc. The venue was full and everyone had a fantastic time.





## Fundraising Activities

Throughout the year, many fundraising events take place. Our big event last year was our fundraising walk at Grangemouth Stadium: 'Do a Mile for the Mini-bus' – in fact, we did 500 miles! The event was a huge success – raising £4,186. We were all so proud of the great effort made by the pupils. Our new bus arrived at Easter.

We also fundraise for a range of different charities. Our annual Harvest Assembly collects food which is donated to Falkirk Food Bank, and, during 2015 – 2016, we raised money for:

Children in Need, MacMillan Cancer, Poppy Scotland, Polmont Rotary Club (Cash for Kids), Strathcarron Hospice, In addition to our annual Christmas Fayre, pupils were also included in running stalls at an Easter Shopping event.

Polmont Rotary Club invited 11 pupils and 4 staff to lunch at the Inchyra Grange Hotel where we got an award for being the highest fundraising school.



## Inter-Schools Prom

This year, S6 Carrongrange pupils travelled through to the Motherwell Civic Centre for our Leavers' Prom. As ever, our pupils looked fabulous and a wonderful evening was had by all!



## Residential Stays

Residential stays continue to be very popular, and provide unique and special learning opportunities for our pupils who enjoy the excitement of being away from home in a new environment and experiencing a range of activities. Many thanks to all staff who were willing to give their time to take part.

Trips this session included Blackpool, Dalguise and Lendrick Muir





### Sharing our work with Parents and Carers

In addition to individual reports on pupil progress, we like to take the chance to share our pupils' great work with parents and carers in different ways:

- ✚ **'Be All You Can Be' Assemblies** - these assemblies focus on photographs and film shows of, for example, Enterprise activities, residential trips, outdoor activities, and other highlights.
- ✚ **Open Days** – parents and carers are invited to come in and see what their children have been doing in school.

### Carrongrange School – new school building in Grangemouth (August, 2017)

Building work has now started on our new school.

Pupils, parents/carers and staff were involved in a consultation exercise to name the new school. This has been reported back and we are waiting to hear what name has been decided.

We are still on schedule to move in to our new school in August 2017.





### Where are they now?

We always like to keep in touch with our Leavers – here are 4 of them, and I am sure you will enjoy finding out what they are doing now that they have left Carrongrange School.



Leon

- ✚ Leon achieved 7 National 3 Certificates, 2 National 4 Certificates and 3 PDA Certificates.
- ✚ Work experience was carried out at Malcolm Allan.
- ✚ Leon attends Falkirk College and also volunteers at the Union Canal Project.



Lewis

- ✚ Lewis achieved 6 National 3 Certificates, 3 National 4 Certificates and 3 PDA Certificates.
- ✚ Work experience was carried out at Strathcarron Hospice.
- ✚ Lewis has a work placement at Debenhams.
- ✚ He is also scheduled to go to represent Scotland at the Special Olympics in Sheffield in 2017.



Molly

- ✚ Molly achieved 3 National 2 Certificates and 2 PDA Certificates.
- ✚ Work experience was carried out as a Nursery Assistant at Inclair Nursery.
- ✚ Since leaving school Molly attends Falkirk College and volunteers at RDA Shiremill (Dunfermline) and at Equine Outreach.



Tom

- ✚ Tom achieved 6 National 3 Certificates, 3 National 4 Certificates and 2 PDA Certificates.
- ✚ Work experience was carried out at The Inchyra Grange Hotel.
- ✚ Since leaving school Tom attends Falkirk College.