

Carniny Newsletter

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High Flyers



The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

P1: Freya Berry, Joshua Legg, Eva Anderson and Lilly O'Neill

P1/2: Lara Mullan, Daniel Service, Reuben Thompson and Timothy McFaul

P2: Tom McNeill, James Farrell, Scarlett Murphy and Vlad Corche

P3: Sophielee McGahey-Young, Jacob Ferguson, Tyler Mairs and Niamh Mullan

P3/4: Chloe McKee, James O'Boyle, Hollie Mitchell and Ewan McNeill

House Points



Having taken December/January's House Points into account the totals are:

Bann - 1691

Maine - 1591

Braid - 1413

Kells - 1334

Congratulations to the following children who were Boy/Girl of the month in each House during December/January:

Bann: Ava Gray and Mark Kernohan

Maine: Brooke Mawhinney and Ben Coulter

Braid: Luci-Lee Lamont and Ben O'Rourke

Kells: Aimee Burnside and Liam Anderson

Art Project



Eight of our Primary 6 children participated in a Cross Community Art Project with Street Artist, Tim McCarthy. The art workshops took place in St Colmcille's. The children produced some fantastic posters. Well Done to the following pupils for participating so well at this event: Lucy Burns, Anna McCorriston, Emily Legg, Ava Gray, Scott Turtle, Jack McDonald, Rebecca Kelly and Emma Carroll.

Netball Team



The netball team has made an encouraging start to the season. Keep up the great work girls - all the best for the remaining matches and the upcoming tournament!

Football Team



The Football Team was very successful in the 7-a-side Football Final on Thursday 24th January 2020 at Ballymena Showgrounds. The boys were placed runners up after a very close final match against Gracehill Primary School. Well done to Mr Fisher and the boys for their achievement.

Road Safety Quiz



On Wednesday 22nd January 2020, 4 pupils from Primary 7 represented Carniny at the Northern Ireland Primary School Road Safety Quiz. This event took place at the Adair Arms Hotel (Ballymena).

Well done to Zac Russell, Oliver Shaw, Jamie Gregg and Robert McCluney for their participation at this event.

Visit to Stormont



On Wednesday 29th January 2020, our School Council and Eco Committee visited Parliament Buildings, Stormont along with children from St Colmcille's Primary School. The children enjoyed an educational tour of the facilities and participated in a debate regarding the use of mobile phones in school. Well done to everyone involved!

Maths Challenge



On Friday 31st January 2020, four Primary 7 pupils participated in a Maths Challenge at Ballymena Academy. The team did very well and solved many difficult challenges!

Well done to Jude McConnell, Sophie Kerr, Billy Wylie and Alex Courtney for participating so well at this event.

Families First Awards



We are delighted that Mr Somerville has been nominated in the County Antrim Best Teacher category of Families First Awards. Carniny Primary School has also been nominated in the County Antrim Best School category. Thank you so much to everyone who has voted. We were overwhelmed with the kind comments. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Parent/Teacher Meetings



This term's Parent/Teacher meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 11th February (3pm - 4pm), Wednesday 12th February (1pm - 4.30pm) and Thursday 13th February (1pm - 4.30pm).

Appointments can be made using the online booking system through ParentMail. Due to time restraints, **one appointment will be offered per child**. We would encourage attendance at the meetings as this supports your child in his/her educational journey. The school day will finish at 1pm on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. The School Meals Kitchen will provide meals as usual.

Please ensure you have returned the pro forma (sent home with your child) confirming you are aware of the early closures on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February.

Half Term



The School will be closed from Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February and will re-open on Monday 24th February 2020.

Car Parking



When leaving off and collecting children from school, please show consideration to local residents. Parents should not obstruct driveways or park on double yellow lines/Keep Clear Zones in Carnview Park and on the Old Cullybackey Road.

Parents should not use the staff car park to drop off/collect pupils between 8.30am - 4pm. Carniny Passes have been authorised to adults requiring disabled access.

Thank you for you co-operation regarding car parking.

Dark Mornings - High Visibility Clothing



We encourage all children for safety reasons, especially those walking or cycling to school, to wear a reflective bib/armband over their coat.

Returning to School following Illness



Please help us to prevent the spread of infections. If your child has had diarrhoea and/or vomiting, the Public Health Agency recommends that your child is kept away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Please click the link below to view an information sheet for parents/ carers.

<https://tinyurl.com/y3qwzjw3>

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

School Photographer



“Cool for School Photography” will be in school on Monday 2nd March 2020 to take individual and family photographs.

All children are expected to wear the formal school uniform (white shirt, tie, grey trousers/skirt, white knee length socks (girls) and black shoes.

Families with pre-school children should come to school at the beginning of the school day from 8.30am.

Travelling Book Fair



The Travelling Book Fair is visiting the school from Thursday 5th March until Wednesday 11th March 2020. This provides a great opportunity to encourage reading and also benefit the school by way of providing books in commission for the classrooms. There will be books available for children of all ages and abilities.

The Book Fair information booklet, giving an indication of titles available, will be given to the children prior to Book Fair arriving.

Musical Afternoon



Our Musical Afternoon has been scheduled for **Monday 16th March (1.30pm)**. All parents who have children in the school orchestra and/or choir are invited to attend. I trust the children will be well supported at this event. There will be a retiring collection for music resources.

Friends of Carniny Primary School



Thank you to everyone who has supported the FOCPS fundraising efforts so far this year. We have had a really successful first term with lots of money raised and lots of fun! The events were really well supported by the whole school community. See the totals raised below:

- **Fireside Quiz:** £367.00
- **Christmas Cards:** £517.75
- **Santa's Grotto/Christmas Day:** £353.66
- **Christmas Disco:** £384.40

Total for Term 1: £1622.81

Please note the following upcoming events:

- **Break the rules day** for the children on Friday 14th February. Details to follow in a letter home.
- **The FOCPS Table Quiz** will be happening on Friday 13th March at 7:30pm in Eaton Park (Ballymena Rugby club). Entry will be £5 per head with teams of 6-8 people. The prize for the winning team will be £30. There will also be a raffle with great prizes on the night.
- **Penny Wars 2 Revenge of the Penny.** Penny Wars was so successful last year that we are bringing it back for a sequel in Term 3. It will work the same way it did last year. More details will follow closer to the time, but we are giving you some advanced notice to start gathering those pennies!

Child Protection



Any concerns regarding Child Protection matters should be reported to Mr I Somerville (Designated Teacher for Child Protection) or Mr D Calwell (Deputy Designated teacher for Child Protection).

The Designated Governor for Child Protection is Mrs C McKay.

A copy of the Child Protection Policy can be viewed on the school website or obtained from the school office.