

Carniny Newsletter

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High Flyers



The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

P1: Elsie Heyburn, Jacob Russell, Olivia Hutchinson and Alfie Lowry

P1/2: Cali Culberston, Jordan Doak, Gracie Young and Sadie McCaig

P2: James Kayne, Jason Archer, Adam Gage and Joshua McKinstry

P3: Calum Montgomery, Tobias Noss, Isaac Lutton and Logan Hunter

P3/4: Mason Wisener, Jesse Mark, Rachel Alexander and Harry Robinson

House Points



Having taken February's House Points into account the totals are:

Bann - 1907

Maine - 1782

Braid - 1598

Kells - 1496

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

Bann: Ethan Wisener and Abigail Cairns

Maine: Harry Stirling and Sophia Stephan

Braid: Kirsty McCormick and Joshua Shields

Kells: Penny Dawson and Matthew McDonald

Ballymena Music Festival



We were delighted with so many of our children taking part in Ballymena Music Festival.

The P4, P2, P1/2 and P1 classes took part in the Choral Speaking section. P1 were placed 3rd with the other classes being Highly Commended.

The school choir took part in the Junior Choir section and were placed 1st - we are so proud! Well done to all the choir members and thank you to Mrs McCombe and Miss Carson for all their hard work.

Congratulations also to Chloe Allenby and her partner for achieving 1st place in the Primary School String Duet section. A fantastic result!

Football



A girls' and boys' team participated in a Futsal Tournament at Antrim Forum on Wednesday 4th March 2020. The boys' team were placed top of the group and were narrowly beaten by Buick Memorial in the semi-final.

The girls' team won 1 game, lost 1 game and drew 2 games.

Well done everyone for a very successful day and thank you to Mr Fisher for all his hard work.

Netball





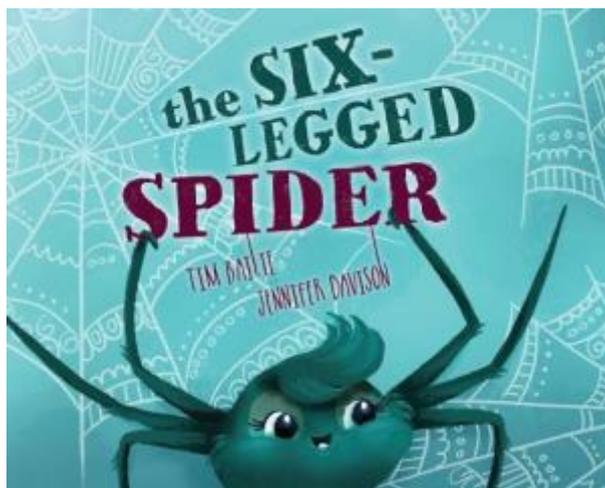
The netball team has completed all the league matches - Well Done to the girls and Miss Steele for their hard work and dedication over the past few weeks. I wish the team every success for the upcoming tournament in Seven Towers Leisure Centre on 27th March.

STEM Challenge



On Wednesday 5th March, Harry Stirling (P6), Callum Logan (P6) and Chloe Allenby (P7) were selected to take place in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenge at St Brigid's Primary School. The children were asked to design and build a working lighthouse using limited resources. Well done to the children for participating so well at this event and thank you to Mr Church for accompanying the children.

Author Visit



In connection to World Book Day, we are delighted to have Tim Bailie, a local author based in Larne, visit Carniny on Monday 9th March.

Unable to spin normal webs, the Six-Legged Spider sets off on an adventure to find a job. But what should she be? A Juggler? A Waitress? A Goalkeeper? A Drummer? Or perhaps her greatest talent was there all along but she just didn't realise it... 'The Six-Legged Spider' is a heart-warming and funny story about embracing the differences in others.

'The Six-Legged Spider' deals with the implications of both mental and physical disability and is helpful not only to children coping with disability but also for stimulating empathy within siblings and peers. It is suitable for a wide age range from Nursery right up to P7 as it tackles issues relating to anti-bullying and PDMU.

The book sells for £6.99 in Waterstones but Tim will be selling signed copies on Monday 9th March, for £5 which also includes an exclusive bookmark. **If you wish your child to purchase a copy of this book, please send £5 in a clearly marked envelope with your child's name and class on it.**

Each class will be scheduled to visit the hall for a session with the author as follows:

P1, P1/2 & P2 (9.30am) - A discussion about being different

P3, P3/4 & P4 (10am) - As above with questions about what other jobs the spider might be good at, a rhyming challenge and a brief talk on why Tim wrote the story

P5, P5/6, P6/7 & P7 (11am) - All of the above with an additional section on why Tim wrote the story including some basic advice for anyone else interested in writing and a simple writing challenge

Coronavirus Update



Please find attached the latest update from the Public Health Agency regarding the Coronavirus:

<https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/news/covid-19-coronavirus>

Our school will continue to closely monitor the situation and follow guidance which is being issued by key Public Health Organisations and the Department of Education.

During assembly this week, all children were reminded how to prevent germs from spreading:

- Wash hands thoroughly whilst singing 2 verses of 'Happy Birthday'
- Avoid touching the facial area (especially mouth, nose and eyes)
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue then BIN the tissue (if a tissue is unavailable, cough/sneeze into sleeve of jumper)

The following Newsround clip was shown to all children to help reassure them and avoid unnecessary worrying:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/513423666>

Please help to reinforce the above hygiene measures at home - we really appreciate your help in trying to prevent germs from spreading.

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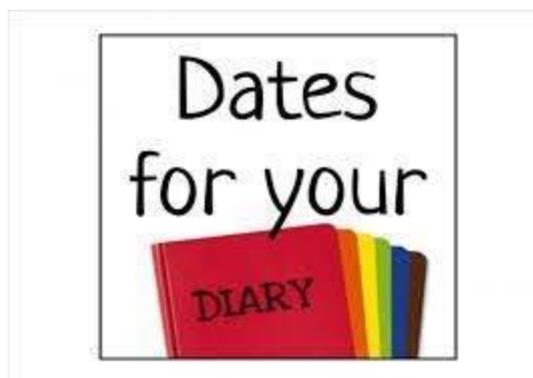


The members of FOCPS are delighted to announce that **£612** was raised from Break the Rules Day. Thank you very much to everyone for their contributions.

The next FOCPS event is the Table Quiz at Eaton Park (Ballymena Rugby Club) on Friday 13th March 2020. We would really encourage you to support this event.

The money raised by FOCPS helps to enhance your child's educational experience here at Carniny - lots of exciting outdoor play equipment is currently being purchased for Foundation Stage - more details (including photos) will follow in the next Newsletter.

Dates For Your Diary



Monday 9th March: Author Visit

Friday 13th March: FOCPS Table Quiz (7.30pm)

Monday 16th March: Musical Afternoon (1.30pm - 3pm)

Tuesday 17th March: St Patrick's Day (school closed)

Friday 20th March: Sports Relief Day (organised by P6)

Tuesday 31st March: Cancer Focus Visit

Wednesday 1st April: 'Made For More' workshop for P6 and P7 children (resilience and emotional well-being)

Friday 3rd April: Last day of term (school finishes at 12pm for P1 - P3 and 12.15pm for P4 - P7)

Monday 6th April - Friday 17th April: Easter Holidays

Monday 20th April: Exceptional Closure (children **not** in school today)

Tuesday 21st April: First day of Summer Term

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.