

School Newsletter



Dates for Diary

Monday 5 th February:	School closed, Bank Holiday
Thursday 15 th & Friday 16 th February:	School closed, mid-term
Saturday 2 nd March:	Confirmation
Monday 18 th March:	School closed Public Holiday
Friday 22 nd March:	Easter Holidays (school will close for two weeks)

Enrolment

Enrolment forms for next year's Junior Infants are now available from the school office, phone 9374136 or email stpatsboyscarn@gmail.com Alternatively, you may call into the school office to collect a form. Forms are available on our school website www.carnboysschool.ie. The form should be printed and signed and returned to the school.

Please feel free to visit the school to meet with principal and see our facilities (appointment should be made through the school office).

Transfer Day Carndonagh Community School

Our sixth-class pupils visited Carndonagh Community on Tuesday, 30th January. Everyone enjoyed the day. It was a wonderful opportunity to see around the Community School and to sample all the different subjects available.

Board of Management

The new Board of Management met recently. Board members include:

Patron's Nominees:	Fr. Con McLaughlin & Nuala Lafferty
Community Nominees:	Jim Harkin & Claire McElhinney

Parents' Nominees: Caroline Canny & Paul Canny

Principal & Teacher Nominee: Anne McLaughlin & Noel Doherty

The board thanked all the teachers for their hard work so far this year.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection

Thank you to all families who donated so generously to our annual St. Vincent de Paul collection. We collected a total of €585 and this was presented to SVP before Christmas. All of this money will be distributed locally.

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for children from the Boys' and Girls' Schools on Saturday 2nd March at 1:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. We wish God's blessing on all the children as they receive this sacrament.

Retirement

Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin retired from our school on Friday 12th January. Mrs. McLaughlin taught in the school for over twenty-five years, having been appointed here in September 1998. She taught mainly fourth class. In recent years she moved to special education where her experience and expertise were put to good use.

We celebrated Mrs. McLaughlin's retirement with a short prayer service and presentations from board of management, parents' association, staff and pupils. We wish Mrs. McLaughlin a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Ms. Paula McLaughlin has been appointed on a fixed term capacity from now until the summer to replace Mrs. Margaret McLaughlin. A permanent appointment will be made in the summer. We wish Ms. McLaughlin every success in her new role.

Concern Primary Debates

Well done to our debating team who competed against Scoil Cholmcille, Kilmacrennan this week. The boys opposed the motion that Electric cars are the best way for countries to reduce their emissions. The boys defeated the motion against an excellent team. It was a close contest but the boys' hard work and research paid off. We look forward to the next round.

Congratulations to Alex Bradley (captain), Rory Bradley & Ben Kelly (speakers), Lochlainn Harkin, Gareth Gomez (research) and Jack Walsh (time-keeper).

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 7th March. All children will receive tokens worth €1.50 which may be redeemed in participating shops. We will have activities and competitions in the school to mark this day.

Creative Schools

The school is participating in a Creative Schools Project which encourages lots of creativity in all classes across lots of areas of the curriculum. This year, February is creative month and the boys will be engaged in lots of creative lessons and activities. Our main project has involved the introduction of lessons in traditional Irish musical instruments. All the boys from 1st to 6th have weekly tin whistle lessons and we hope to introduce other traditional Irish instruments in the coming months.

If any family has instruments which are not being used, we would appreciate if they were donated to the school. Instruments needed include fiddles, mandolins, keyboards, accordions, bodhráns, etc.

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools week was very early this year and the school was closed the week before due to the snow and also on the Monday and Tuesday of the designated week due to a power cut. Therefore, we could not arrange our traditional Grandparents' Day which is always on that Wednesday. We were not even sure if we could open the school. Many of our Grandparents and children were disappointed about this but we hope to arrange another day when our grandparents can visit.

Thank you to the grandparents of our fifth & sixth class pupils who visited and helped to make St. Brigid's crosses this week. Everyone enjoyed the occasion.

Pupils from fourth, fifth and sixth classes attended mass on St. Brigid's Day and they got their crosses blessed.

Quiz

We were delighted to have two teams participate in the Credit Union quiz recently held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel. Our under 11 team were: Quillan Hirrell, Matthew Kelly, Martin Monagle and Fineen Clifton. Our Under 13 team were: Ben Kelly, Alex Bradley, Cillian McElhinney, and Josh Walsh. We look forward to having representation at the upcoming Garda/Road Safety quiz.

Sympathy

We extend our sincere to Mrs. Caroline McLaughlin on the death of her Grandmother, Monica Norris, may she rest in peace.

We extend our sympathy also to Mrs. Roxanna Hirrell on the death of her father, Neil Baithin Farren who died last weekend. May he rest in peace.

Sport

Soccer: The boys will compete against Scoil Naomh Fionáin, Whitecastle in the first leg of the 11-a-side cup competition. We are also invited to a Finn Harps football tournament on Thursday 22nd February in Letterkenny. The National primary 5-a-side competition will begin in March.

Congratulations to Ben Kelly who won the Last Man Standing competition before Christmas. A new competition has already begun. An in-school competition will begin after Confirmation in March.

GAA: We were delighted to take part in both a friendly match and three Inishowen Schools league games recently in Gaelic football. The team included:

Carter Taitt, Rory Bradley, Cayden Greenwood, Alex Doherty, Odhran Stamp Porter, Vladyslav Honcharov, Fineen Clifton, Matthew Kelly, Jay Doherty, Edward Doherty, Martin Monagle, Connor Canny, Jack Bracken, Darragh Doherty, Aodhán Jackson, Declan McConomy and Riley Farren.

The boys represented the school very well in matches against Scoil Iosagáin, Craigtown and Glenmakee.

John Gibbons is currently working with Junior and Senior Infants and fifth & sixth classes while Cathal Doherty is presently coaching first, second and fourth classes.

Swimming: Swimming lessons continue for third class and the boys are progressing really well. They are also enjoying this activity very much.

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