

# **Scoil Naomh Pádraig**

## **Carndonagh**

### **June 2025 Newsletter**

#### **Dates for your diary:**

School closed for Bank Holiday	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Fan the Flame Mass & Transfer Tour	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
Tom McBrearty Cup	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Graduation (Sixth Class)	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer Holidays	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June (12 noon)

#### **School Tours:**

Infants	Wayne's World & Cinema	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June
First & Second	Xtreme Jump & Bowling	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June
Third & Fourth	Laser Tag	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June

Separate information will be issued to each class.

#### **School Uniform Orders**

All families have received an email and a paper order form. The deadline was today Friday 30<sup>th</sup> and thanks to all who have returned same. Due to the holiday weekend, orders will be accepted on Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **DEIS Literacy & Numeracy Summer Camp & Primary School Scheme**

This year we will run a DEIS Literacy & Numeracy Summer Camp on two different weeks for two different groups of children.

- Week 1 (7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July) is for Infants and First Class.
- Week 2 (14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July) is for Second, Third & Fourth Class.

This camp will focus on fun and games for the teaching of Literacy & Numeracy. The theme this year is Building Confidence and Connections. This promises to be a great camp. The course is free as it has been funded by Department of Education and children will receive lunch every day.

In conjunction with the DEIS camp, we will also run a Primary School Scheme/Camp and the children involved will attend for two weeks. This camp replaces the home-based summer programme of recent years.

Please note all children will be taught together regardless of which camp they are attending.

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the boys in second class who received the sacrament of penance and made their First Holy Communion recently. It was a lovely celebration and a very special time for all families. We wish God's blessing on all the boys and girls. Thank you to Mrs. McCandless for preparing the children so well.

### **Fan the Flame Mass**

Pupils who were confirmed this year will attend mass in Celtic Park, Derry to celebrate with the other children in the Derry Diocese on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June. Children that were not confirmed are invited to join also. This promises to be a great occasion for the children.

On the same day, the boys will join with the girls from Scoil Croi Naofa for a trip to Brunswick MovieBowl where they will go bowling and have food. The cost of the trip is €10 and this should be brought to Mr. McFeely by **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.

### **Feis Domhnaigh 2025**

We look forward to participating in Feis Domhnaigh. We wish all our pupils every success in the competitions. The choir will take part again this year and their competition is on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Dr. Helen Haughey has been working with the children on their song and we look forward to a good turnout for the choir competition. The Feis will run from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

## **Book Bill 2025/26**

There will be no book bill for the coming year 2025/26 as we have received funding from the Department of Education to cover the cost of books for this year. However, there will be a small charge for school diary, photocopying, arts & crafts etc. which are not covered by the book grant.

## **Sponsored Spell**

Sponsored Spell sheets will be distributed to all pupils from First to Sixth class next week. All cards, including blank cards must be returned. Funds raised will be used for sports day and general school funds/school tours. Thank you for your generous support.

## **New pupils**

We are pleased to welcome 27 Junior Infants for the coming year. The girls and boys visited the school recently and met their teacher and saw their new classroom. They were very excited to join us. The children will be invited back for a short visit before they begin the school year. We look forward to working with them and their families in the coming years.

## **Sixth Class Graduation**

Sixth Class graduation has been organised for Tuesday 17th June. Parents, family and friends are invited to join us. We wish the boys every happiness and success in Carndonagh Community School.

## **Sports Day**

Sports day was a great success. It was lovely to see parents and friends enjoying the day. Thank you to everyone for the treats provided for the coffee morning. As always, everyone was very generous and your donations are much appreciated. Our chosen recipient this year is Doagh Famine Village. (We will update you later with the exact amount collected.)

### **Tom McBrearty Cup**

The boys are looking forward to competing in the Tom McBrearty Cup again this year. This will be held on Friday 6th June in Foden.

### **Summer Holidays**

The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. We wish all our boys and girls and their families a wonderful, happy summer.

The school will re-open for pupils on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August.