



**SEPTEMBER 2025**

**NEWSLETTER**

### **Dates for Diary**

10<sup>th</sup> September

School Photographer

### **Welcome**

We extend a really warm welcome to 28 new Junior Infants (20 boys and 8 girls). We look forward to getting to know the boys and girls and their families in the coming weeks.

We have welcomed six other pupils throughout the school and we wish them every happiness and success.

### **Welcome Evening**

A welcome evening for parents/guardians of Junior Infants will be organised soon when Mrs. Devlin will talk to parents about the programme of work and activities in the Junior Infants class. More information will follow.

### **School Photographer**

The school photographer has been arranged for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Families may attend from 9:30 am and everyone is welcome. The photographer will issue proofs from which you may order your photos.

### **Book Rental**

We have received funding from the Department of Education (DE) to cover the cost of books, workbooks and copybooks. There is a charge of €10 per child to cover the cost of school diary, photocopying, printing, laminating and art materials. Fifth & Sixth Class pupils are asked for a contribution of €20 as this

will include the cost of Primary Planet magazine. Please bring this money to the class teacher by Friday 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

### **Staffing**

We wish Ms. Deborah McGettigan well as she continues her career break. Mr. Philip Cuffe is also on a career break for the coming year. Ms. Michaela Lynch-Grant and Ms. Claire Thompson are employed on a fixed term basis.

Mrs. Nora Allen is job-sharing this year and we welcome Mrs. Maria Glackin to our staff also. We wish both teachers every success in their job-share.

### **Hot Lunches**

Our hot lunches are now provided by Lafferty's shop in Malin. Please place your orders online. If you need any support with this, please contact Mrs. Sinead McLaughlin HSCL.

Thank you to The Village Kitchen who provided the food to the school for many years.

Please note that if you have not ordered food, it is essential to send lunch in for your child.

### **Safety entering and leaving the school**

Please make sure you enter and leave the school grounds safely. Children should enter and exit the pedestrian gate nearest to car/home. **In the interests of safety, no-one should walk past main vehicle entrance or through the car park.**

You are kindly requested **not** to drive into the school carpark. This also includes early morning arrivals for Breakfast Club and after-school clubs. (A small number of families are permitted to drive in. Please speak to Mrs. Anne McLaughlin, Principal if you need to drive into the grounds.)

### **Morning Arrivals:**

Children should arrive at the school between 9:10 and 9:20 am and are supervised at this time. The bell rings at 9:20 and children enter the school. If children need to be dropped off before this time, please avail of the Breakfast Club. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Before and after-school provision**

Spraoui & Sport now provide before and after-school care for pupils, on the school premises. Breakfast Club is available from 7:45 am. After-school provision is available from 2:00 pm until 6:00 pm. This is a wonderful service for our parents and children and we are delighted to have it in our school. All enquiries should be directed to Spraoi & Sport.

## **Good Luck**

Good luck to last year's sixth class who have now started secondary school. We wish the boys every happiness and success in Carndonagh Community School.

## **Report from Board of Management**

The Board of Management will meet early in September. The board has arranged for the replacement of the soffits & fascia on the school. A new fence has been built on part of the playground to create an enclosed space for the children in the Autism Class. This area is opened up to all children at playtimes. We are still concerned about the flat roof (to front of school). An application for emergency works was submitted last year and we are continuing to liaise with the Department of Education for funding for this project.

## **Inishowen Agricultural Show Winners**

Congratulations to all the winners in the Inishowen Agricultural Show.

Senior Infants	2nd prize	Charlie Doherty
3rd class	2nd prize	Connor McLaughlin (JB)
5th class	1st prize	Connor Canny

(Please note these were last year's classes.)

## **HSCL News**

Welcome back to our new academic school year in Scoil Naomh Pádraig. My name is Sinéad McLaughlin and I am the HSCL (Home School Community Liaison) co-ordinator. My role is to work in partnership with you, the parents, teachers and local community organisations by listening, encouraging, supporting and offering suggestions on how you can support your children in achieving positive educational outcomes. I will also be offering courses for parents throughout the year and will hopefully have many of you on board to help with school activities.

I look forward to visiting many of you in your homes. Home visits take up approximately 30% of my weekly time.

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## **Sport**

Swimming: Fifth & sixth classes start their swimming lessons this Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> September. A block of six lessons has been organised costing €5 per lesson (this includes the cost of the bus). Children may pay per week or pay the full amount of €30 at the start. (Money will be refunded if lessons are missed for any reason).

Games & Ball Skills: John Gibbons is delivering this programme to children from Senior Infants and First Class.

Gaelic Skills: We hope to have Conor O'Donnell joining us this term for Gaelic training.

*The Board of Management and staff look forward to a happy and productive year working together for the benefit of our pupils and families.*