



February Newsletter

Dates for your Diary

Friday 13 th February	School Closed for Teacher Training
Thursday 19 th & Friday 20 th February:	School closed, mid-term
Saturday 28 th February:	Confirmation
Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th March	School closed, St. Patrick's Day
Friday 27 th March	Easter Holidays

School Closure for Teacher Training

Please note the school will close for pupils on Friday 13th February as teachers will receive training in the Primary Curriculum Framework.

Mid-term break

The school will close on Thursday & Friday 19th and 20th February for the mid-term break.

For convenience, children should wear their tracksuits on Wednesday 18th.

Easter Holidays

The school will close for two weeks for the Easter holidays, starting on Friday 27th March.

Carndonagh CS Transfer Day

Pupils from 6th class are invited to a Transfer Day in Carndonagh Community School on Tuesday 10th February. The children always enjoy this day we wish them well as they start the transfer process to post-primary school.

Confirmation

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for children from the Scoil Naomh Pádraig and Scoil Chroi Naofa on Saturday 28th February at 1:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. We wish God's blessing on all the children on this special occasion.

Fundraising

We have received generous funding for our school recently. Inishowen Credit Union contributed €500 towards our sensory room. The Toland and Tweed families contributed €1830 which was raised at the LT Memorial Cup over Christmas. We also received €500 which was raised at the annual Ecumenical Carol Service before Christmas. All these contributions are very much appreciated and will provide excellent resources for our children. Thank you to all involved.

Credit Union Quiz

Good luck to the two teams who will represent the school at the Credit Union quiz in The Inishowen Gateway Hotel in Buncrana this evening, Friday 6th February. The junior team members are Conal Doherty, Connor McLaughlin, Joey Doherty and Pádraig Crossan. Senior team members are: Aodhán Jackson, James Doherty, Martin Monagle and Matthew Kelly. We wish the boys the best of luck.

Sport:

Soccer: The boys will compete in the 11-a-side Cup Competition against Scoil Naomh Aonghus, Bridgend next week. The senior classes will compete in a Last Man Standing competition beginning this month. The national 5-a-side competition will begin in March.

Gaelic Games: Cathal Doherty is doing Gaelic games with First Class and Second/Third Class.

Vex Robotics:

Members of the robotics team represented the school at the North-West VEX IQ regional competition held at ATU Letterkenny on Friday 16th January. This is the largest Robotics competition in Ireland in 2026 with 32 teams competing and over 300 games running on the day. Our design and engineering team of Pádraig Crossan and Connor McLaughlin (4th class) worked very hard building, modifying and perfecting their robot. The team also included Darragh Doherty and Edward Doherty (Sixth Class). This year's competition was called Mix and Match. It was a great day and was a very exciting and fast paced competition.

Thank you to Mrs. Hirrell for her guidance and enthusiasm for the project and to Mrs. Hirrell and Ms. Gallagher for accompanying the boys on the day

HSCL:

Home Visits: Home visits continue to be an integral part of my role, taking up approximately 30% of my time. Home Visits allow the parents an opportunity to have a chat about how they and their child are settling into school life. Many parents and children have been made aware of and have joined groups as a result of these Home Visits. I fully understand that Home Visits do not suit all of our parents but please feel free to contact me at any time on the HSCL number.

Visiting new pupils: I look forward to visiting next year's Junior Infants and their parents/guardians in the last term.

Healthy Food Made Easy: I am currently organising this course. This will be fully funded. More information to follow soon.

'Yoga class: Our yoga class is continuing and is going very well.

Suggestions: if you have ideas/suggestions for courses you would like me to run, please let me know.

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Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week was a great success this year. We enjoyed many activities throughout the week including a prayer service for the whole school. The highlight of the week was Grandparents' Day. Everyone was very excited to see their grandparents/family/friends. The adults reported that they really enjoyed the day.

Anne McLaughlin, Principal.