

Carniny Newsletter

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High Flyers



The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

P1: Tom McKillop, Abbie Stewart and Tommy Heaney

P1/2: Isabella Shaw, Andrew Samson, Emmie McNeill and Timothy McFaul

P2: Max Crawford, Leeanna McGahey Young, Honor McCooke and Ross McCrickard

P3: Hannah Patterson, Connie McDonald, Lewis Kennedy and Caden Milliken

P3/4: James O'Boyle, Hollie Mitchell, Ewan McNeill and Mason Wisener

House Points



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

Bann - 398

Maine - 335

Braid - 322

Kells - 297

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

Bann:

Lucy Burns and Billy Wylie

Maine:

Rudy Harvey and Leon Simpson

Braid:

Leah Rock and Dylan McClelland

Kells:

Niamh McMullan and Scott Turtle

School Council



The School Council has been recently reconstituted for the 2019 2020 school year. Congratulations to the following children who have been elected:

- **P3/4** - Jersey Dunlop
- **P4** - Grace Irwin and Freddie Mairs
- **P5** - Luci Lee Lamont and Noah Hampton
- **P5/6** - Bailie Dowds and Jude Crawford
- **P6/7** - Evie Anderson and Jude McConnell
- **P7** - Abigail Cairns and Oliver Shaw

ECO Committee



The ECO Committee will meet regularly to discuss ways to reduce, reuse, recycle and to protect our environment. Congratulations to the following children who have been elected:

- **P3/4** - Ibbly Mohammed
- **P4** - Megan McCarthy and Ben Coulter
- **P5** - Ava Mullan and Ethan Wisener

- **P5/6** - Zara Cumming and Tom Sittlington
- **P6/7** - Sophia Stephan and McCauley Shields
- **P7** - Billy Wylie and Matthew McDonald

Football Team



The Football Team was very successful in the Owen Daley tournament on Friday 4th October 2019. The boys marginally missed out on a place in the final. Well done to Mr Fisher and the boys for some fantastic performances.

Homework Survey



Thank you very much to those who recently completed the Homework Survey.

- The survey was sent to parents of pupils in P2, P3, P4, P5 and P6
- There were 117 responses (54%)
- 57% responses from parents with children in FS/KS1
- 43% responses from parents with children in KS2

The results were as follows:

I consider homework to be a valuable part of my child's education - 89% agree/strongly agree

I am happy with the amount of homework my child receives - 77% agree/strongly agree

The homework given helps me to understand what my child is doing in class - 89% agree/strongly agree

Homework helps me to understand the progress my child is making in school - 82% agree/strongly agree

The length of time required to complete the homework is appropriate to the age/class of my child - 79% agree/strongly agree

The homework set is at an appropriate level for my child - 75% agree/strongly agree

My child enjoys doing homework - 54% agree/strongly agree

My child becomes anxious when homework is being completed - 24% agree/strongly agree

My child's teacher has always explained homework clearly - 73% agree/strongly agree

Based on these results, minor amendments have been made to the Homework Policy. At a recent Board of Governors meeting, the Homework Policy was ratified and has been placed on the school website for your information.

Blythswood Shoebox Christmas Appeal



It would be greatly appreciated if we could have your support for this year's Blythswood Shoebox Appeal. Filled shoeboxes should be placed in the school corridor outside the school office by Friday 8th November 2019. Additional Blythswood leaflets are available from the school office.

Half Term



The School will be closed from Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2019 and will re-open on Monday 4th November 2019.

Returning to School following Illness



Please help us to prevent the spread of infections. If your child has had diarrhoea and/or vomiting, the Public Health Agency recommends that your child is kept away from school for 48 hours from the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. Please click the link below to view an information sheet for parents/ carers.

<https://tinyurl.com/y3qwzjw3>

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter.

Friends of Carniny Primary School



At the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Carniny Primary School the following were elected to the committee:

President Mr I Somerville

Chairperson Mrs J King

Secretary Mrs R Kitson

Treasurer Mrs J O'Boyle

The committee would value the support of all parents willing to assist in anyway with the various activities organised for this school year.

If you are able to help in any way please give your name to the school office.

FOCPS Christmas Cards



The children have designed their own Christmas Cards. Their designs will go to the printers, where a proof for each one will be printed and returned for the children to take home.

You will have the opportunity to purchase their unique design on a number of products.

Last year their designs proved to be very popular throughout the school. This year I'm sure you will not be disappointed.

You will be under no obligation to purchase the items but please remember that in buying any of these products you are supporting your school and it will be very much appreciated.

The Friends of Carniny Primary School is grateful for the continued support of parents.

FOCPS Dingbats Quiz



Each family has been issued with 5 copies of our FOCPS Dingbats Quiz. Children are encouraged to sell these to raise funds for our school. Completed quiz sheets should be returned to the school office with the proceeds (£1 per sheet).

P1 - P7 Cinema Trip



This year all P1-7 pupils will have the opportunity of going to the IMC Cinema Ballymena to watch a newly released film on Friday 20th December 2019. Further information will be distributed to all children at a later date.

P1- 7 Carol Service



All parents and friends are invited to attend the P1-7 Carol Service in Wellington Church on Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm.

Information regarding the purchase of tickets will be issued in our November Newsletter.

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.

Easy Fundraising



Carniny Primary School has now registered with easyfundraising.org in order to raise much needed school funds. A link can be found on the school website and we would love for you to join us in this venture.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Carniny Primary School?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva and Sainsbury's – **it doesn't cost you a penny extra!**

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3...

1. Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/carninyprimaryschool/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Carniny Primary School will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support.

Schools NI App



Our school is now listed in the Schools NI app which allows you to view school updates and receive messages via your phone or tablet. The app is available on both Apple and Android devices and will give you access to our school news, calendar events and letters (including newsletters and dinner menu).

To install the app, open Carniny Primary School website on your phone or tablet and click the "Download App" button that appears at the top of the screen.

Next time you open the School NI App our school will be listed at the top of the list. You don't need to have the app open to receive messages.

To receive an email of any new letter saved on the website please insert your **email address** in the box on the front page of the website and press subscribe. **We ask all parents who have an email address to do this.**

Leaving Children to School (8.30am - 8.45am)



Thank you for encouraging your children to walk into school independently in the mornings (8.30am - 8.45am). Having as few adults on the site as possible makes Carniny a safer place for all children.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Victoria Wylie

Principal