

Carniny Newsletter

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High Flyers



The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

P1: Parker Tennant, James Barr, Jude Quirk and Layla McBride

P1/2: Ella Steenson, Rebecca Tuff, Claudia Butler and James Hillis

P2: Harry Herbison, Ellie May Martin, Jack Black and Aris Radu

P3: Harry Foster, Thomas Courtney, Niamh Mullan and Billy-George Donnelly

P3/4: Jesse Mark, Rachel Alexander, Harry Robinson and Hannah Porter

House Points



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

Bann - 786

Maine - 700

Braid - 640

Kells - 599

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

Bann:

Meadow Barr and McCauley Shields

Maine:

Anna McCorriston and Jack McCrickard

Braid:

Zoe Lamont and Ethan Scott

Kells:

Callie Gregg and Jamie Gregg

Children In Need



Thank you for your tremendous support in our recent Children in Need fundraising event. We raised an outstanding total of £976.09! Sincere thanks to Mr Somerville, Mr Fisher and all pupils in Primary 7 for organising such a successful event.

Remembrance Day



At 11am on Monday 11th November 2019, all children and staff attended a Remembrance Service. We held a minute's silence and Mrs McCombe played the Last Post. Local Army Veteran, WO1 Fletcher, told us why Remembrance is important to him. Thank you to all staff and pupils for their generous donations towards the poppy appeal.

Football Team



The Football Team has continued to be very successful after qualifying for the BPSFA 7 a side finals. The team will be playing in the finals at Ballymena Showgrounds 3G pitch on 23rd January 2020. Congratulations to Mr Fisher and the team!

Blythwood Shoebox Christmas Appeal



This year we collected 48 shoe boxes for the Blythwood Shoe Box Appeal. Thank you to all families who supported this very worthwhile Christmas Charity.

Rotary Club



The Rotary Club is organising its annual Christmas Hamper Scheme for elderly and less fortunate people in the Ballymena district. Parents and pupils who wish to support this scheme are asked to bring their items to school and place them in the box at the front entrance. The collection box will be in school until Wednesday 11th December 2019. Thank you to those families who have already contributed to the collection box.

Open Night



Welcome to
Gaminy Primary
Ballymena

OPEN NIGHT

for prospective Primary 1
pupils and their parents

Monday 2nd December 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Welcome reception in Assembly Hall @ 5:30pm. Doors open from 5:15pm.

DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARDS NORTHERN IRELAND
EFQM Recognised for excellence 4 star
International School Award

Parents of prospective pupils are invited to our Open Night on Monday 2nd December 2019 (5.30pm - 7.00pm). Please ensure Mrs Anderson (school secretary) has been informed if you have a child due to start school in September 2020.

Please note, school will finish at the normal time on Monday 2nd December.

Christmas Fun Day



Friday 6th December is going to have a special Christmas focus in school.

Children will have the opportunity to wear their own Christmas jumper. They will engage in classroom activities with a Christmas focus, visit Santa Claus in his grotto (organised by FOCPS - letter to follow) and have a Christmas Dinner prepared by our kitchen staff.

Children will be asked for a £1 donation for wearing a Christmas jumper and the cost of visiting Santa Claus will be £2 (includes present and photograph).

The school day will end at the earlier time of 1pm for P1, P2 and P3 and 1.10pm for P4 - P7 children.

Christmas Dinner



We will conclude our Christmas Fun Day on Friday 6th December with a Christmas Dinner provided by School Meals Kitchen staff.

Menu:

Roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, cocktail sausage, peas, carrots, roast potato, tub of ice cream and milkshake.

The cost of the meal is £2.60. If paying by cash, send to school by Wednesday 27th November. You may also pay online via +Pay. Information regarding the Christmas Dinner has already been sent home with your child.

Christmas Disco



FOCPS is hosting a Christmas Disco on Wednesday 11th December in the school assembly hall. It has been scheduled for the following times:

P1 - P4: 6.30pm - 7.30pm

P5 - P7: 7.45pm - 8.45pm

Tickets will be available at a cost of £3, which will include a party bag and drink (letter to follow from FOCPS).

School Closure



The UK Parliamentary Elections are taking place on Thursday 12th December 2019. School will be closed to all staff and pupils on this day as it will be used as a polling station.

P1- 7 Carol Service



All parents and friends are invited to attend the P1 - P7 Carol Service in Wellington Presbyterian Church on Tuesday 17th December at 6.30pm. Tickets (£3.00 each) will be available from the school office on or after **Tuesday 3rd December** and may be obtained by returning the proforma that has been sent home with the eldest child in each family at Carniny.

Tickets will be issued on a first come first serve basis and limited initially to a maximum of 3 tickets per family. Anyone who has previously attended our Carol Service will know how busy this event can be. In the interest of Health and Safety, the committee from Wellington Church has directed us to reduce numbers attending.

Any remaining tickets will be available from Tuesday 10th December.

Proceeds from ticket sales will go to school funds, carol service expenses and a selected charity.

P1 - P7 Cinema Trip



This year all P1-7 pupils will have the opportunity of going to the IMC Cinema Ballymena to watch **Frozen 2** on Friday 20th December 2019. A letter will be sent home with your child giving further details about this trip.

Be Bright Be Seen



I wish to inform all parents and children of Road Safety NI's message "**Be Bright Be Seen**" by drivers. I encourage all children to wear reflective clothing and high visibility items, especially during the dark mornings and evenings, when travelling between home and school.

Easy Fundraising



If you are planning to shop online this Christmas, please help our school raise much needed funds by using the Easy Fundraising app.

A link can be found on the school website and we would love for you to join us in this venture.

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.

Big Book Boost



Big Book Boost is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order over £10 with The Book People, they'll donate £1 to a school of your choice to spend on books. Help Carniny Primary School raise money to purchase new books! For more information, visit www.thebookpeople.co.uk/bigbookboost

Dates for Diary



Monday 2nd December: Open Night for prospective P1 children and their parents (5.30pm - 7.00pm)

Tuesday 3rd December: P7 Trip to Grand Opera House (12.15pm - 4.45pm)

Tuesday 3rd December: P5 and P6 attending concert at Ballymena Academy (1.00pm - 3.00pm)

Thursday 5th December: Choir performing for residents in Prospect Nursing Home (10.45am - 12pm)

Friday 6th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Santa Grotto and Christmas Dinner (pupils finish at 1pm/1.10pm)

Monday 9th December: P6 Grandparents' Day (1.30pm - 2.30pm)

Wednesday 11th December: Choir perform on Radio Cracker (10.25am)

Wednesday 11th December: FOCPS Christmas Disco

Thursday 12th December: UK Parliamentary Elections (**School Closed**)

Tuesday 17th December: Christmas Service rehearsals, P1-P7 to be dropped off/picked up at Wellington (8.45am - 2.00pm)

Tuesday 17th December: Christmas Service in Wellington Presbyterian Church (6.30pm)

Friday 20th December: Last day of term and P1 - P7 trip to Cinema (9.30am - 12pm)

Monday 6th January: Spring Term begins

Carniny Carers



As you will be aware, this is an extremely busy time of year in our school! Please note the following closures for our extended school day provision at Carniny Carers. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause:

- Monday 2nd December (Breakfast Club only due to Open Night)
- Friday 6th December (Breakfast Club only due to early closure)
- Thursday 12th December (No Carniny Carers due to the election)
- Tuesday 17th December (No Carniny Carers due to Christmas rehearsals at Wellington Church)
- Friday 20th December (Breakfast Club only due to last day of term and early closure)

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.

Principal

Victoria Wylie