

Carniny Newsletter

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Welcome Primary 1!



We are delighted to welcome our Primary 1 pupils to Carniny Primary School. The children have settled so quickly into the daily routines and are enjoying the different activities throughout the day.

High Flyers



Congratulations to the most recent winners of our High Flyer award:

P1: Zara Hosseini, Thomas McBride, Emma Millar and Darcy Bradley

P1/2: Rachel Beattie, Zach Wilson, Finn Carleton and Caleb Hampton

P2: Hannah Keenan, Hannah Graham, Georgia Gregg and Alexandra Sloan

P3: Luke McKendry, Sam Barr, Mason Irwin and Issac Henderson

P3/4: Hannah Porter, Sophie Cumming and Chloe McKee

Sports For Champions UK



On Tuesday 24th September, we were very excited to welcome David Smith, a British High Jump athlete. Each child participated in a range of exercises, including:

- Spotty Dogs
- Leg Dives
- Full / Half Press-Ups
- Star Jumps

We raised a massive £1923 with £904 going directly into school funds. We intend to use some of this money towards new PE equipment.

The remainder of the money will be helping to support GB Internationals from different sports.

Thank you very much to all families and friends for their kind donations - as always, your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.



Schools NI App



Our school is 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.

If you wish 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.

Parent Interviews



The dates of our first Parent Teacher Consultations have been scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday 22nd October (3.10pm - 4.25pm)

Wednesday 23rd October (1.00pm - 4.25pm)

Thursday 24th October (1.00pm - 4.25pm)

The purpose of these meetings is to inform you of your child's progress and any areas for development. These meetings are a crucial aspect of the Teacher/Parent relationship and we would value your attendance.

Parents will be given 15 minute appointments.

Parents will be able to book appointments on-line through our communication app – Parentmail PMX.

Information regarding this process will be shortly issued to all parents by email. We plan to make this booking process available from Monday 14th October (8.30am)

The school day will finish at 1pm on 23rd and 24th October for all P1-7 pupils. The School Meals Kitchen will provide meals as usual.

Please complete and return to school the pro forma sent home with your child indicating you are aware of these arrangements.

Thank You!



Thank you to all parents who are allowing their children to walk into school independently from the school gates in the mornings. Having fewer adults on the grounds is creating a safer environment for children to play. We appreciate your help in continuing to support this routine and encourage all parents to refrain from coming onto the grounds with their children unless visiting the school office or attending other appointments.

Walk to School Week



Our Walk to School Week was another great success. Thank you to all parents who encouraged their children to walk to school.

School Driveway



Pupils and parents should not walk into school along the vehicular road to the school car park. This is a road and not a footpath.

Pupils must enter the school grounds via the pedestrian gates/pathways.

If childminders or grandparents collect your children from school please inform them of this safety instruction.

Staff Car Park



Please note that the car park is allocated to the staff at Carniny Primary School and should be used by staff only between 8.00am - 4.30pm, unless you need to access the disabled parking spaces and are displaying the appropriate 'Blue' parking badge. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

The Blythswood Shoebox Christmas Appeal



Carniny Primary School plans to support the Blythswood Shoebox Christmas Appeal again this year.

It would be greatly appreciated if all pupils could bring to school an appropriately filled shoebox.

Details of this Shoebox Appeal can be read in the leaflet which will be sent home with your child over the next few days.

Filled shoeboxes should be placed in the school corridor outside the school office by Friday 8th November.

Make It Better



In Carniny, we want to build resilience within our children; we believe that all children are capable of working through challenges and coping with stress. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from stress, adversity, failure, challenges or even trauma. To help achieve this, we are delighted to be able to offer a 4-week resilience programme (Make It Better) for P5, P5/6, P6/7 and P7, commencing on Monday 23rd September 2019.

Child Protection / Volunteers



We greatly appreciate the involvement of parents in assisting voluntarily with various aspects of school life (e.g. FOCPS, Transport, School Visits).

In accordance with the school's Child Protection Policy I would ask all parents who would be interested in assisting voluntarily during 2019/2020 academic year to complete the Volunteers Application form and the online Access NI form. Before beginning the online application, you will require an instruction form including a PIN number. This can be obtained from the office. On completion of the online form you will receive a Unique Access NI Number which should be brought into school with ID documents for verification.

This procedure must be repeated annually.

Contact Details



Please remember to inform the school of any changes to personal contact details.

In the event of the school needing to contact parents in an emergency it is vital all details are up to date. Please give any new contact details to Mrs Anderson in the school office. We are unable to update parent details on Parentmail PMX. When contact details change please log in to Parentmail PMX and make the necessary changes.

Memory Sticks



Memory Sticks are available from the school office and currently cost £6.50.

Healthy Break Policy



As a school we believe strongly in the benefits of our children being provided with a healthy break. This discipline can help to establish good eating and drinking habits for your child's future health, enabling them to make healthier choices for themselves. A healthy break can also help pupils sustain good concentration and behaviour for longer periods in the classroom.

Healthy break options which are recommended include:

unflavoured water or milk

fresh fruit and/or vegetables

bread-based products, for example white or wholemeal bread, rolls or baguettes, toast, plain bagels, wheaten, soda, pitta bread, plain bread sticks or crackers. Please provide fresh sugar-free fillings, avoiding sugary spreads.

We would be very grateful for your support in this important area. It can become very difficult for children who have been provided with a healthy snack to observe other children in their class having a less healthy option (e.g. chocolate bars, biscuits or crisps)

Allergy Alert School



We have a number of children with food allergies in school, including peanuts, tree nuts, eggs and milk. We would like your support to help promote the concept of never sharing food:

"Sharing is caring but never share food".

Please carefully consider the food you send with your child - we need your help to keep food allergic children safe in school.

Personal Belongings



We ask all parents to ensure that all pupils' belongings (items of uniform, games kit, pencil cases etc.) are properly named. If you discover your child has accidentally brought home something belonging to another child, please ensure it is returned to school the next day. Your assistance with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Extended School Day Provision at Carniny



The extended school day provision at Carniny is proving to be very popular and continues to be available in the mornings (7.45-8.30am) and afternoons (2.00-6.00pm and 5 pm on Fridays). If you are interested in your child availing of this facility, please speak to Miss McCartney. She can be contacted on the following mobile number –07936454949 or through the school office (normal working hours).

The current pricing structure is as follows:-

| Activity | Price |
|--|--------|
| Breakfast Club | £2.50 |
| Waiting Club (2-3pm) | £2.50 |
| After School Club Up to 1 hr | £6.00 |
| After School Club Up to 2 hrs | £10.00 |
| After School Club Up to 3 hrs (Part Time) | £13.50 |
| After School Club Up to 3 hrs (Full Time) | £12.50 |
| 2 nd Child Full Time Rate | £11.50 |
| 3 rd Child Full Time Rate | £11.00 |
| Early Closure (to 3pm) | £5.00 |

If the children remain with us for even a small part of the next hour, you will be charged for a full hour.

Child Protection



Carniny Primary School's
Safeguarding Team

Mr I Somerville
Vice-principal
Designated Teacher
for
Child Protection

Mrs V Wylie
Principal
Member of the
Child Protection Team

Mr D Calwell
(Member of SLT)
Deputy Designated Teacher
for
Child Protection

If you have a worry or concern please speak to one of the staff!

Useful Contact Information:
Chair of the Governors is Mr Desmond Fulton, Tel: 038 25 64381-6
Contact can also be made through the Principal or the Vice-principal.
Members of the Board of Governors responsible for Child Protection are Mrs Clare McKay and Mr D Fulton.
Contact can be made through the Chair of the Governors.
Duty Social Work Gateway Team Tel 0300 1234 333 PSM Public Protection Unit 0845 600 8000

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.

School Keep Clear Zone



Please remember the School Keep Clear Zone on the Old Cullybackey Road has been created to provide a safe route for pedestrians and children crossing the road. Cars must never park in this zone.

Christmas Carol Service



Our Christmas Carol Service has been scheduled for 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th December at Wellington Church.

At this stage we want to make everyone aware of the event and hope you will be able to put this date in your diary.

Victoria Wylie

(Principal)