



Carniny Primary School

Parents' Newsletter



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High Flyers



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

P1: Lucy Black, Sofia Gregg, Ibby McConnell

P1/2: Emma Carroll, Alex Moon, Evie Hill

P2/3: Matthew McDonald, Scott Kerr, Tom Sittlington

P3: Ellen Dickson, Katie McCormick, Lois Gamble

School Photographer



The school photographer will return to school on 20 May to take P1 & P7 Year Group photographs, the school orchestra, Junior & Senior Choirs, football and netball teams.

Pupils involved must wear the formal school uniform for Year Group photographs, the

orchestra and choir groups and normal games kits for the team photographs.

Sport Relief



P6 pupils hosted a Sports Relief Day in the Assembly Hall on Wednesday 18 March.

Thank you all for supporting this event. The total amount raised was £381.70.

Musical Afternoon



Thank you to all parents and friends who supported our Annual Musical Afternoon on Wednesday 16 March. The event was a tremendous success with items performed by Junior and Senior choirs, orchestra and individual dancers.

Academic and Sporting Cups/Shields



All cups and shields required for Prize Giving this year should be returned to school by Friday 27 May 2016.

Please ensure they have all been engraved.

School Closures

The school will be closed on the following days this term:

2 May	Holiday
5 May	Election
30 May	Holiday
23 June	Referendum

Sports' Day



Weather permitting Sports' Day is scheduled for Wednesday 25 May.

P1-P3 9.15-11.30am

P4-P7 12.00-2.00pm



The school day for P1-3 children will end at 11.30am (Children will not stay for lunch).

In the event of Sports Day being postponed School meals will be available if required.

If we are unable to proceed with Sports Day on Wednesday 25 May we will try to reschedule it for Wednesday 8 June and if this date isn't suitable the next available dry day.

We hope you will be able to attend and give the children your support.

Sponsored Walk



A Sponsored Walk in Portglenone Forest has been scheduled for Thursday 9 June. More details to follow.

Organisation of Classes

The school's policy on the Organisation of Classes has been updated for the 2016/2017 School Year. A copy of this policy has been attached.



Sainsbury Vouchers

We are still collecting Sainsbury vouchers.



All vouchers should be given to your child's teacher or to Mrs Shevlin/Mrs Anderson in the school office by 27 May.

Safety in the Morning and Afternoon



In the interests of our children's safety we ask parents and those collecting children from school to please note the following points:-

(1) The school car park is out of bounds for all cars except those of staff, delivery vehicles, disability access and official visitors.

(2) Pupils and parents should not walk along the vehicular road to the school car park. Parents should inform whoever is collecting their child of this important matter. This is a road and not a footpath. Delivery vehicles and staff vehicles use this road.



Parking on the Old Cullybackey road and Carnview Park



At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors, there was discussion concerning the parking issues on the Old Cullybackey Road and Carnview Park.

Taking into consideration the views of everyone concerned and the safety of all children it was agreed that closure of the back gate is not an option that is going to be considered.

In the interests of promoting safety on both roads, a meeting has been planned with representatives from staff, Board of Governors, parents, Education Authority, Transport NI and PSNI to discuss a way forward with the ongoing car parking issues.

Traffic Attendants - Old Cullybackey Road



Cars should not be parked on the double yellow lines and the Yellow Keep Clear signs on the Old Cullybackey Road.

The school has been informed that Transport NI will be deploying Traffic Attendants on the Old Cullybackey Road at peak operating times. This deployment of resource is purely in the interest of road safety (in particular the safety of school children) and traffic progression. Should the existing waiting restrictions not be respected, parents can expect to receive a Penalty Charge Notice (ticket).



Carniny Carers at Carniny Primary (Wraparound Childcare Facility)

Carniny Carers at Carniny Primary School wraparound child care facility is in operation each morning (7.45-8.30am) and afternoon (2.00-6.00pm). If you are interested in your child availing of this service please speak to Miss K McCartney. She can be contacted on the following mobile number -



07936454949 or through the school office (normal working hours).

FOCPS Fundraising Fireside Quiz



The winners of our recent Fireside Quiz were:

- 1st - (£20) B Workman
- 2nd - (£10) A Hill
- 3rd - (£5) A Robb

Thank you to all parents and friends for supporting this event which raised £282.50

All the money raised through such fundraising efforts is invaluable in supporting the endeavours of our school.

Head Lice

I would encourage all parents to regularly check children's hair for headlice and treat if necessary. An information leaflet has been placed on the school website for your perusal.



Raymond Ross

Raymond Ross
(Principal)





Carniny Primary School Organisation of Classes-2016/2017



The enrolment number of 283 pupils with approximately 40 children in each of the seven year groups necessitates the organisation of composite classes.

Primary 1-4 classes will be grouped by chronological age with the eldest children in one year group being placed with the youngest children in the higher year group.

P5-7 Classes will be grouped according to results in two GL Standardised Tests (Progress Test in English and Progress Test in Maths) sat at the beginning of May of the previous school year.

Children's standardised scores will be ranked and from this ranking pupils will be placed in an appropriate class.

Where the results indicate that pupils over or under achieved (+or- 10 from previous year's tests) a retest may be carried out. Consideration may also be given to other exceptional circumstances (eg sickness, teacher opinion) in deciding if a retest should be carried out.

In Key Stage 2 depending on the number of children in a year group the higher ranked children will be placed in composite classes.

Parents will be informed of class structures for the following school year in the first half of the summer term.

Details of the class to which the child has been allocated is recorded on the pupil's Annual Progress Report, issued on 20 June.

In exceptional circumstances (for example SEN, Twins) and following discussion with relevant stakeholders the principal may allocate a child to an alternative class.

Any concern regarding class placement should be discussed with the principal. If following discussion with the principal parents feel the process for class selection has not been applied fairly an appeal can be made to an Appeals Committee comprising 3 members of the Board of Governors. Their decision is final.

During the 2016/2017 School Year it is envisaged classes will be organised as follows (provisional):

P1	P1/2	P2	P3	P3/4	P4/5	P5	P6	P6/7	P7
26	9/16	28	28	10/18	17/12	31	30	20/11	30



