

Newsletter

February 2023

Dates for your Diary:

Monday to Friday 13 th to 17 th February:	School closed for Mid-term
Friday 17 th March:	School closed (St. Patrick's Day)
Saturday 4 th March	Confirmation
Friday 31 st March	Easter Holidays
Saturday 13 th May:	First Holy Communion

Mid-term Break

The school will close for a week for mid-term this year, from Monday to Friday 13th to 17th February inclusive.

Enrolment

Enrolment forms for next year's Junior Infants are now available from school office, phone 9374136 or email stpatsboyscarn@gmail.com Alternatively, you may call into the school office to collect a form. Forms are available on our school website www.carnboysschool.ie. The form should be printed and signed and returned to the school.

Please feel free to visit the school to meet with principal and see our facilities (appointment should be made through the school office).

Easter Holidays

The school will close for two weeks for the Easter Holidays. The school will close on Friday 31st March (last day of term) at the usual times, 2:00 pm for Infants and 3:00 pm for all other classes. The school will reopen on Monday 17th April.

Communication with School

The main means of communication with the school is your child's diary. Alternatively, you may phone the school office or email the school. Emails are checked regularly. Please do not use the school Facebook page for any message as it may not be seen.

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

The sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated for the Boys' and Girls' Schools on Saturday 4th March at 1:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church.

The date for first Holy Communion is Saturday 13th May (1:00 pm also).

Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week. The theme this year was "Walking Together in Faith and Love". Thank you to the teachers for completing all the activities.

As part of our Catholic Schools Week activities, we made St. Brigid's crosses. The crosses were brought to mass to be blessed on St. Brigid's Day. We were represented at the mass by school secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth Doherty and the senior members of our Student Council.

Grandparents' Day was a great success with many grandparents enjoying a visit to the school. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tea & coffee & chat! The boys were clearly excited to see their grandparents and we were delighted to hear their stories about school, many years ago. Thank you to everyone involved.

Concern Primary Debates

Well done to our debating team who competed against Scoil Eoin Baiste, Carrigart last week. The boys opposed the motion that Households Should be Fined for Wasting Food. The boys worked very hard and spoke very well but unfortunately, the motion was carried.

Congratulations to Ben Kelly (captain), Darragh O'Donnell & Donal O'Carroll (speakers), Oisín Harkin, Alex Bradley (research) and Josh Walsh (time-keeper). The boys won two rounds of the competition and we were disappointed to lose this round. It was a very close contest and the adjudicator acknowledged this.

The boys did us proud and we have all learned from our participation in the competition.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 2nd March. All children will receive tokens worth €1.50 which may be redeemed in participating shops. We will have activities and competitions in the school to mark this day.

Carndonagh Community School

Sixth class pupils enjoyed an open night in Carndonagh Community School recently. They also experienced their Transfer Day last week. Everyone enjoyed the experience. We wish the boys the very best of luck as they begin their post primary school journey.

50/50

The Parents' Committee has organised the 50/50 draw for another period leading up to Easter. The draw will run for six weeks from mid-term to the Easter. Thank you for your support for past draws. This raises great funds for the school and the children and it is much appreciated. We trust that you will continue to support this endeavour.

Transition Year Students

We were delighted to welcome TY students into our school for work experience for the past two weeks. Evan Doherty, Luke McLaughlin (both past pupils) and Daniel Synott were a great help to staff and pupils and were wonderful ambassadors for Carndonagh Community School. We thank them for their work and wish them well with their future studies.

Assembly

The children enjoyed an assembly this week. The singing was led by Aaron Doherty and Oisín Harkin, Sixth Class. The story of St. Brigid was read by fourth class boys. Recent achievements were acknowledged. It was lovely to get the whole school together.

Sport

Soccer: Second, Fifth and Sixth classes have completed three weeks coaching sessions with Patrick McGrenaghan. These will continue after the mid-term. Our school has been drawn against Scoil Cholmcille Newton in the 11-a-side Cup Competition. We have been drawn against St. Mura's Tooban, Scoil Eoghain, Moville and Scoil Naomh Fionán, Whitecastle in the national 5-a-side Regional Competition. The Inishowen Finals on Wednesday 19th April. A new Last Man Standing Competition will begin on Saturday 18th February.

Swimming: Swimming lessons have been organised for Third Class in Templemore Sports Complex in April. More information will follow closer to the time.

Gaelic Football: Congratulations to the indoor team who have qualified for the Inishowen Finals: Ronan Doherty McGuinness, Jayden McDaid, Ben Kelly, Cillian McElhinney, Carter Taitt, Cayden Greenwood and Lochlainn Harkin.

Fundamental Skills: John Gibbons is doing fundamental skills with first and fourth classes.

Hurling: Cathal Doherty is currently teaching hurling skills to Junior & Senior Infants and Third Class.

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Thank you to the families who welcomed me into their homes recently as part of my home visits. It was lovely to meet you and I will be continuing with these going forward. Home visits take up roughly 30% of my weekly time.

I have also visited the four local preschools in Carndonagh. It was lovely to chat to the preschool leaders and see some faces who will be joining us in September.

As part of Catholic Schools Week, the children's grandparents visited us in school on Wednesday 1st February. This was a lovely experience and thoroughly enjoyed by all. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

I am organising a few activities for parents and children at the moment. Junior Infants and Senior Infants will be invited to partake in 'Storytime Online', 1st

Class pupils will be invited to partake in 'Jigsaw Funtime' and 2nd Class will be doing 'Maths for Fun'. More details to follow on these.

I am hoping to organise an 'Interior Design' course for parents. This will be run locally by Eileen Callaghan. Places will be limited so please contact me to let me know if this would interest to you. Keep an eye on our Instagram page for upcoming courses in the school and the community. If you have any ideas/suggestions or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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