

St Patrick's Boys' School

June 2024 Newsletter

Dates for your diary:

Fan the Flame Mass & Transfer Tour:	Thursday 6 th June
School closed (Elections)	Friday 7 th June
Tom McBrearty Cup	Friday 14 th June
Graduation (Sixth Class):	Monday 17 th June
Summer Holidays:	Friday 21 st June (12 noon)

School Tours:

Infants	Wayne's World, Buncrana	Monday 10 th June
First & Second	Derry	Wednesday 19 th June
Third & Fourth	Belfast	Wednesday 19 th June

Separate information will be issued to each class.

Special Class for children with a diagnosis of ASD

Our school has been allocated a special class for children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We have been working on this for a long time and were delighted to receive confirmation that our class can now be established.

The school will receive additional staffing and training in this area. This will add to our expertise in supporting and understanding our children with Autism. The class will be a great addition to our school and also to the community of Carndonagh.

Literacy & Numeracy Summer Camp

This year we will run a Literacy & Numeracy Summer Camp on two different weeks for two different groups of children. Week 1 (8th to 12th July) is for Infants and First Class. Week 2 (15th to 19th July) is for Second, Third & Fourth Class. This camp will focus on fun and games for the teaching of Literacy & Numeracy. The theme this year is Building Confidence and Connections. This promises to be a great camp. The course is free (although funding is significantly reduced from last year) and children will receive a free camp T-shirt.

In conjunction with the DEIS camp, we will also run a Primary School Scheme/Camp and the children involved will attend for two weeks. This camp replaces the home-based summer programme of recent years.

Please note all children will be taught together regardless of which camp they are attending.

Application for Change of Status

All information requested has been sent to the Department of Education (DE). Our Patron, Bishop Donal McKeown has sent all information required also. We await a decision from DE on when we will be permitted to enrol girls and we will let you know as soon as we have any further news.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the boys in second class who made their First Holy Communion on 11th May. It was a lovely celebration and a very special time for the boys' families. We wish God's blessing on all the boys and girls who received this sacrament. Thank you to Ms. McDaid for preparing the children so well.

Feis Domhnaigh 2024

We look forward to participating in Feis Domhnaigh. We wish all our pupils every success in the competitions. The choir will take part again this year and their competition is on Sunday 23rd June. The feis will run from Friday 21st to Sunday 23rd June.

Fan the Flame Mass

Pupils who were confirmed this year will attend mass in Celtic Park, Derry to celebrate with the other children in the Derry Diocese on Thursday 6th June. Children that were not confirmed are invited to join also. This promises to be a great occasion for the children.

On the same day, the boys will join with the girls from St. Patrick's Girls' School for a trip to Brunswick MovieBowl where they will go bowling and have food. The cost of the trip is €10 and this should be brought to Mr. McFeely by Wednesday this week.

Book Bill 2024/25

There will be no book bill for the coming year 2024/25 as we will receive funding from the Department of Education to cover the cost of books for this year.

Sponsored Spell

Sponsored Spell sheets have been sent out with all pupils from 1st to 6th class and should be returned by Wednesday, 5th June. All cards, including blank cards must be returned. Funds raised will be used for sports day and general school funds/school tours. Thank you for your generous support.

New pupils

We are pleased to welcome 15 Junior Infants for the coming year. The boys visited the school recently and met their teacher and saw their new classroom. They were very excited to join us that day. The children will be invited back for a short visit before they begin the school year. We look forward to working with them and their families in the coming years.

Sixth Class Graduation

Sixth Class graduation has been organised for Monday 17th June. Parents, family and friends are invited to join us. We wish the boys every happiness and success in Carndonagh Community School.

Sports Day

Sports day was a great success. It was lovely to see parents and friends enjoying the day. Thank you to the Parents' Committee for organising the tea & coffee. Thank you to everyone who provided the food. A total of €300 was raised and this was donated to Carndonagh Hospital Comfort Fund. As always, everyone was very generous and your donations are much appreciated.

Sport

Soccer: The boys will complete the In-School Competition next week. Well done to some of the boys from 4th and 5th class who competed in a football tournament in Clonmany recently finishing runners up in Section B. Ronan McGuinness won the Sports day Penalty Kick Competition with Alex Bradley runner up.

Gaelic Football: Mr. Cuffe will bring a group of boys to Iskaheen, Muff tomorrow for a Cumann namBunscol blitz and we wish the boys the best of luck.

Cathal Doherty continues to teach hurling skills in the school and John Gibbons continues to do basic games and skills.

Well done to Alex Bradley who represented the school so well at the recent John McLaughlin (Rustard) skills competition in Malin.

Tom McBrearty Cup

The boys are looking forward to competing in the Tom McBrearty Cup 7 a side football tournament again this year. This will be held on Friday 14th June in Foden.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Donegal Senior Hurlers on their big win in the Nicky Rackard Final in Croke Park on Sunday. Many of the team and their supporters are connected with the school!

Sympathy

We extend our sincere sympathy to Ms. Deborah McGettigan and her family on the sudden death of her father, Sean McGettigan recently. Ardheis De go raibh a anamdilis.

Summer Holidays

The school will close at 12 noon on Friday 21st June. We wish all the boys and their families a wonderful, happy summer.

The school will re-open for pupils on Wednesday 28th August.