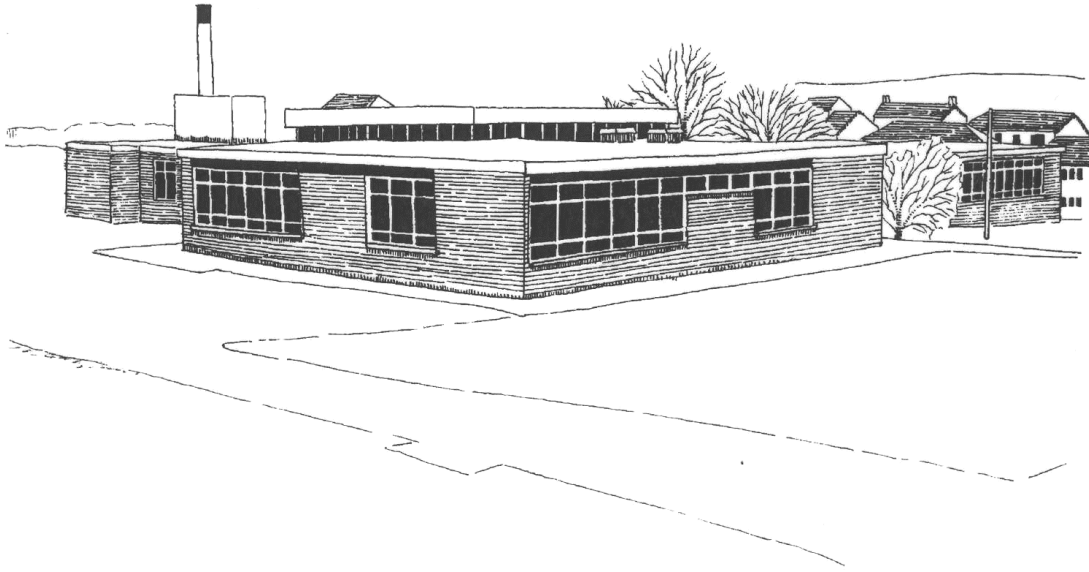


# CARNINY PRIMARY SCHOOL



## The Annual Report of the Board of Governors 2014/2015 School Year

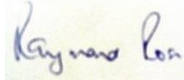
Chairperson: Dr S Russell  
Secretary: Mr R Ross

*"A friendly forward thinking school in which everyone is valued and encouraged  
to be successful"*

The Governors' report provides an overview of the working of Carniny Primary School and how the Governors and others with responsibility for the school have carried out their duties.

Should you wish to have any additional information or clarification on any aspect of the report please forward your request in writing to the Secretary of the Board of Governors.

I present the report for your consideration.



Raymond Ross  
(Secretary of Board of Governors)

## **1. The Governing Body and Structure**

### **(1) Names and Categories of the Board of Governors**

Dr S Russell (Chairman)	Transferor Representative
Mrs R Morrison	Transferor Representative
Mr P Dennis	Transferor Representative
Mrs C McKay	Transferor Representative
Mr W Kerr	Parent Representative
Mrs L Hill	Parent Representative
Mrs P Fleming	NEELB Representative
Mr D Fulton (Vice Chairman)	NEELB Representative
Mrs V Wylie	Teacher Representative
Mr R Ross (Secretary)	Principal - Non Voting member

The Board of Governors was reconstituted in January 2015. Each Governor's term of office will expire in 2018.

### **(2) The Functions of the Board of Governors**

The Governors are ultimately responsible for the overall management of the school. Some of their responsibilities include:

- The oversight of the curriculum.
- Selection of staff and other personnel responsibilities.
- Admissions policy.
- School maintenance.
- Implementation of new legislation.
- Fostering links with the local community and pursuing the objectives of Mutual Understanding.
- Management of LMS (Local Management of Schools) Budget.

## **2. School Organisation**

### **(1) Teaching Staff**

Staffing is dependent upon the number of pupils enrolled at the school. The number of pupils admitted in September 2014 was 40. The total number of pupils on the roll was 293. There were 13 members of teaching staff.

## **(2) Members of Teaching Staff September 2014**

Principal	Mr R Ross
Vice Principal (P6)	Mr J Henry
P7	Mr G Fisher
P6/7	Mr S Church
P5	Mr D Calwell
P4/5	Miss R Todd
P4	Miss L Stevenson
P3	Mrs J Barnes
P2/3	Mrs McCombe / Mrs G Dickson
P1/2	Mrs K Scott
P1	Mrs Wylie
Special Needs	Mrs K Armstrong

## **(3) Ancillary and Auxiliary Staff 1 September 2014**

Senior Clerical Officer	Mrs M Shevlin
Clerical Officer	Mrs B Anderson
Classroom Assistants	Miss K McCartney
	Miss J McCartney
	Mrs R Fletcher
	Mrs A Russell (Temp)
	Mrs C Simpson
	Mrs S Andrews (Temp)
	Mrs P Moore (Temp)
	Mrs J Craig (Temp)
	Mrs Mulholland (Temp) (Resigned Oct 2014)
	Mrs J McMullan (Temp)
	Mrs K McClelland (Temp)
	Miss D McBride (Temp from Oct 2014)
General Assistant	Miss L Young (Temp)
Supervisory Assistants	Mrs K McClelland
	Mrs R Tweedy
	Mrs S Hazlett
	Mrs F Fullerton
Caretaker	Mr W Peacock
Ancillary Staff	Mrs J Davison
	Mrs D Hueston
Language Assistant	Mr R McCombe

### **3. School Finances**

#### **(1) LMS (Local Management of Schools) Delegated Budget**

The school operates under a fully delegated status.

#### **Income and Expenditure for the financial year April 2014 to March 2015**

	£
Budget	898 182
Expenditure	792 048
2014/2015 Carry Over	106 134

The Education Authority has approved the school's most recent 3 Year Financial Plan for the period 2015-2018.

#### **(2) Private School Funds**

The school operates four private accounts with the First Trust Bank, Ballymena . These accounts are as follows:

General Purposes  
Educational Visits  
Milk  
Comenius Project

The accounts are audited on an annual basis.

### **4. Attendance 2014/2015**

The average daily attendance was 96.8%

Full Attendance Certificates were awarded as follows:

#### **One Year**

Emma Carroll, Lucy Cubitt, Rebecca Kelly, Leah Rock, Jude McConnell, Daniel Alexander, Katherine Alexander, Sam Maxwell, Josh Crawford, Adam Paul, Noah Hought, Evan Andrews, Oliver Eaton, Jack Weir, Mark Gregg, Joel O'Neill, Ben McClintock, Adam Rainey, Caitlin Graham, Kate Wylie, Sophie McCluney, John Stevens, Naomi Thompson, Joe Monaghan

#### **Two Years**

Luca Laverty, Jodie Millar, Luke Millar, Gemma McClelland, Alyssa Moore Jones, Stewart Paul, Tom Wylie, Matthew Wylie, Harry Ross, Elle White

#### **Three Years**

Emily Rainey, Sarah Stirling, Louisa Shaw

#### **Four Years**

Sam Donnelly

## 5. The Curriculum

### (1) The Northern Ireland Curriculum

The school continued to provide a broad and balanced curriculum for all its pupils and has fulfilled the statutory requirements of the Northern Ireland Curriculum.

Within each class, differentiation of work has taken into account the varying ability levels of the children. A variety of teaching techniques and styles have been employed, from class teaching to group workshops and field work.

All children on the Special Needs Register had an Individual Education Plan. Support for each child was in the form of differentiated learning within the class and support from Learning Support Assistants. Pupils experiencing difficulties with reading in P3 benefited from a Reading Recovery type programme provided by Mrs K Armstrong (SENCO).

P1-4 pupils benefited from Spanish teaching by Mr R McCombe. Unfortunately DENI ceased funding for this programme with effect from 31 March 2015.

### (2) Curriculum/Professional Development

The School Development Plan was updated. Curriculum/professional development during the year focused on:-

- Assessment
- Internal Moderation of Literacy and Numeracy
- Writing

Teachers availed of opportunities for professional development through attendance at in-service courses organised by the school, NEELB/Education Authority or the Regional Training Unit.

Staff Development in the school focused on the areas detailed above. Subject co-ordinators in the school provided relevant training. The following table outlines the key areas of staff development, the target group, the cost (in terms of working hours) and the benefits to the school.

**Table 1: Staff Development: Costs and Benefits**

Focus	Target Group	Method	Staff Cost	Benefits
Writing	Teaching Staff	1 Prof Dev Day	1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children are writing across a wider range of genres including creative writing</li> <li>• Literacy Policy updated and discussed with staff</li> </ul>
		Consultant	450	
		1 Staff Meeting	276	
Numeracy	Teaching Staff	1 Day for Internal Team (3 teachers)	450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numeracy overviews have been updated to spread workload throughout the school</li> <li>• Greater focus being placed on Mental Maths</li> <li>• Time scheme of work is updated</li> </ul>
		1 staff meeting	276	
		2 staff meetings	552	
ICT	Teaching Staff	Exceptional Closure	1800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schemes of work for Assessment Tasks are updated</li> <li>• Staff updating school website</li> <li>• Staff can upload information to website</li> <li>• Staff are more familiar with new Transformed Computer System</li> <li>• Familiarisation with iPad and some teaching</li> </ul>
		Professional Devel Day	1800	
		4 Staff Meeting	1104	

		iTeach Consultant	1000	apps (Explain Everything, Pic Collage)
SEN	Teaching and Non Teaching Staff	Principal (2 hrs) , SENCO (18hrs), Teacher (12hrs) and 2 LSA's (18hrs) attended training	1096	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SEN Policy updated</li> <li>• School participated in an ASD Longitudinal Programme</li> </ul>
Target Setting	Teaching Staff	2 Staff Meetings	552	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pupil targets have been set</li> <li>• Pupil progress monitored throughout the year</li> <li>• Assessment of pupils made at the end of the school year</li> </ul>
Planning	Teaching Staff	7 Staff Meetings	1932	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers of the same year group have been planning together</li> <li>• All children in a year group benefit from similar experiences</li> </ul>
Child Protection	All Staff and BOG	Staff meeting	483	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff updated in Child Protection Procedures</li> </ul>
Assessment	Teaching Staff	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Exceptional Closures	4500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of Numeracy Assessment Activities</li> <li>• Teachers participated in internal moderation of Using Maths.</li> <li>• Staff utilised Assessment Manager and GL Results to monitor pupils performance in Standardised Tests</li> <li>• Staff piloted NILA and NINA Computer Based Assessments</li> </ul>
Self Evaluation	Teaching Staff	3 Staff meetings	828	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed audit tools to acquire self evaluation data</li> <li>• Utilised outcomes of self evaluation for forward planning</li> </ul>
Administration of Medication	3 teaching staff	Course	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three members of teaching staff were updated on the use of Epi Pens.</li> <li>• Trained staff can administer an Epi Pen if required.</li> </ul>
Administration of Medication	3 Staff Members	External Course	100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three Staff members received Epilepsy Awareness Training.</li> </ul>
Heartstart	Teacher and LSA's	External Course	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three members of teaching staff received annual update training in Heartstart</li> <li>• Three Classroom Assistants received update training in Heartstart and have subsequently been able to assist teachers with pupil training.</li> <li>• Children continue to learn Heartstart skills.</li> </ul>

### (3) Exceptional Closures

There were five Exceptional Closures during the year for staff development/training in the following areas:

Assessment Training (4 Days)  
ICT (1 day)

#### **(4) Education for Mutual Understanding (EMU)**

The Governors, Principal and Staff continued to promote activities, experiences and learning situations which gave our pupils the opportunity to:-

- learn to respect oneself and other people.
- learn to understand and appreciate one's own culture and traditions.
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- learn skills of co-operation.
- broaden horizons towards the wider world.

Raising money for local charities, participation in sporting and musical activities and other activities organised by Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI); welcoming visiting speakers/clergy to our assemblies and classrooms are some of the ways through which EMU is promoted in the school. The Discipline Policy is also considered to be central to our EMU Policy since our pupils are continually encouraged in class, playground, sports' field and community to show respect for others. All our classes continue to use the agreed NEELB syllabus for R.E. and this provides excellent motivation and opportunity for teaching mutual respect using scriptural illustration.

Education for Mutual Understanding has also been promoted through:

- The European Comenius Project
- Participation in a cross community choir with pupils from St Colmcille's and Ballymena Primary School

#### **6. Assessment**

##### **(1) Statutory Assessment**

Year 4 and Year 7 pupils completed the Statutory Assessment in Communication and Using Mathematics during the 2014/15 school year. The results were reported to parents in the Annual Progress Reports in June 2015. These figures report the percentage of pupils achieving the different levels in both subjects, and highlight that pupils at Carniny Primary School continue to achieve high standards.

##### **Statutory Assessment Results 2014/2015**

###### **Key Stage 1**

	Level 2 and above	Level 3 and above
Communication	90%	24%
Using Mathematics	92%	22%

###### **Key Stage 2**

	Level 4 and above	Level 5 and above
Communication	89.12%	6.52%
Using Mathematics	93.47%	13.04%

During the 2014/2015 School Year the majority of schools in N I participated in Industrial Action concerning the new Assessment Arrangements. The N I averages have not been included as they are not a reliable indicator for comparison purposes.

Year 7 pupils received their Record of Achievement Folders at the P7 Leavers' Night on Monday 29 June 2015.

## (2) Transfer Procedure

The number of children transferring to each of the secondary schools is detailed below:-

Ballymena Academy -	19	Cambridge House -	11
Cullybackey College	2	Dunclug College -	8
Slemish College	5	St Patrick's College-	1

## 7. Awards 2014/2015

### (1) Academic Awards

Awards for special achievement were presented to the following Year 7 pupils.

<i>Award</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Pupil</i>
Allen English Cup	English	Naomi Thompson
Aicken Mathematics Cup	Mathematics	Chloe Logan
Foster Science Cup	Science	Emily McNeill
Carson IT Shield	IT	Christopher Fulton
Foster Art Cup	Art	Emmie Booth
Smyth Project Shield	Project	Joe Monaghan
Drummond Cup	Most Improved Pupil	Zoe Foster
McKerr Cup	Drama	Emily Nelson
Hanly Dance Cup	Dance	Emily McNeill
Ross Shield	Exemplary Behaviour	Alex Bonar
Fleming Ethos Cup	Promoting School Ethos	Ellie Laverty
Thompson Cup	Contribution to Extra Curricular Activities	Louisa Shaw
David Hamill Memorial Cup	Effort	Elle White
Waddell Shield	Best overall P7 Boy Academic/ sports/ neatness / helpfulness / manners etc.	Andrew Donald
Blair Shield	Best overall P7 Girl Academic/ sports/ neatness / helpfulness / manners etc.	Sophie McCluney

### (2) Achievement Awards

Awards for General Achievements in Sports and Academic Effort throughout the year were presented to:

Callum Anderson, Alex Bonar, Emmie Booth, Sam Booth, Alex Buchanan, Skye Crawford, Andrew Donald, Christopher Fulton, Flori Gardan, Chloe Logan, Sophie McCluney, Katie McCullough, Emily McNeill, Emily Nelson, Louisa Shaw, John Stevens, Naomi Thompson, Megan Warnock, Adam Watterson, Will Carroll, Alex Clarke, Zoe Foster, Caleb Gibson, Matthew Hill, Cameron Kerr, Matthew Kerr, Ben King, Bradley Lanigan, Dylan Lanigan, Ellie Laverty, Ben Logan, Peter McComb, Max McCurdy, Nathan McMullan, Finlay Mercer, Jessica Millar, Joe Monaghan, Jack Murray, Samantha Nelson, Caoilin Olphert, Jared Russell, Ricky Scott, Adam Sheerin, Leah Steele, Jak Thompson, Elle White



## 8. Music

### (1) Tuition

The North Eastern Education and Library Board's music service provided instrumental tuition in strings (Mr S Heron) and woodwind and brass (Mr G Murray). Mr J McDowell also provided drum tuition.

The following children were successful in Associated Board of the Royal School of Music examinations:-

Sarah Stirling	Flute Grade 2
Kate Wylie	Flute Grade 2
Emma Weir	Flute Grade 1
Louisa Shaw	Flute Grade 2
Jared Russell	Cello Grade 2

The school Orchestra and Choir performed in the school's musical events (Open Day, Spring Concert) and in Kintullagh and Galgorm Nursing Homes.

### (2) Music Awards

At the Annual Academic Prize Giving the following children received Choir, Orchestra and Individual Awards:

#### Junior Choir Badges

Gemma McClelland, Lucy Erwin, Samuel Church, Lucy McDonald, George Nicholson, Rachel McDowell, Sara Craig, Carys Logan, Emma Livingstone, Sarah Livingston, Hannah Ramsey, Emma Tennant, Sophie Gregg, Sydney Young, Eric Gamble, Stewart Paul, Peter Simpson, Emily Rainey, Holly Fisher, David Holden, Erin Stephan, Sophie Hill, Adam Burnside, Adam Paul, Alyssa Moore-Jones, Nicole Hajduga, Grace Warnock, Joshua McDowell, Luca Williamson, Evie Coulter, Dani Dunlop, Evie McFarland, Sarah Oliver, Alex Bailes, Daniel Holden, Eve McCurdy, Jack Weir, Charlie Wilson, Tom Wylie, Luke McCorrison, Callum Brewster, Craig McQuillan, Lauren Calderwood, Noah Hought, Ella Graham Arlo Sarkar-Butler, Evan Andrews, Luke Millar, Katherine Alexander, Katie Logan, Jamie Stevenson, Zach McNeill, Lleyton Young, Daniel Alexander, Jodie Millar, Lucy McAllister.

#### Senior Choir Badges

Emma Kennedy, Steph Dawson, Lily-Mae Torrington, Molly McDermott, Charlie Jo Carlin, Leah McKelvey, Emma Robinson, Abbie McNeilly, Emma Weir, Holly Hill, Lucy McDonald, Grace Fisher, Megan Neely, Rebecca Hanly, Caron Cooke, Daniel Craig, Katie Stevenson, Sophie Gormley, Beth Tennant, Jessica Livingstone, Shannon Warwick, Kate Wylie, Etain McGuckian, Isobel Henderson, Sarah Stirling, Rebekah Brown, Caitlin Graham, Eve Williamson, Lauren Ramsey, Olivia Reid, Adam Rainey, Ben McClintock, Harry Ross, Caoilin Olphert, Alex Buchanan

#### Orchestra Badges

Emily McNeill, Louisa Shaw, Kate Wylie, Sarah Stirling, Emma Weir, Emily Nelson, Chloe Logan, Katie Stevenson, Tullulah McErlean, Josh Graham, Jared Russell, Caoilin Olphert

## Individual Awards

<i>Award</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Pupil</i>
McMullan Cup	Most Promising Young Musician in P6	Kate McCluney/Sarah Stirling
Shevlin Music Cup	Most Promising Instrumental Beginner	Sophie Hill
Logan Shield	Woodwind	Louisa Shaw
Hamill Shield	Strings	Caoilin Olphert
Baxter Shield	Brass	Stewart Paul
Music Cup	Recorder	Zoe Foster
Sarah Crawford Cup	All Round Musician	Caoilin Olphert
Orchestra Leaders Shield	Orchestra Leaders	Louisa Shaw/Emily McNeill

## 9. Sport

### (1) Activities

Pupils were offered a wide range of sporting activities both within the normal school day and after school organised by both teaching staff and external coaches. We experienced continued success with the following:-

- The school participated in a wide range of sporting competitions during the year - football, hockey, netball, tag rugby, golf and cricket.
- The school had another successful year in Cycling Proficiency. 42 pupils successfully completed the programme.
- The Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils availed of swimming tuition at Ballymena Leisure Centre during the school year.
- The Rugby Team participated in the Mini Rugby Championships at Ravenhill Belfast.
- The football team won John Daly Football competition at Ballymena Showgrounds.
- The Kwik Cricket Team won the Ballymena Primary School's Kwik Cricket Trophy.
- The school sporting year came to a very satisfactory completion in both the P1-3 Fun Sports' Day and the P4-7 Sports' Day.

### (2) Team Medals

#### Football

Nathan McMullan, Andrew Donald, Cameron Kerr, Jak Thompson, Ben King, Finlay Mercer, Leon Graham, Ben Logan, Caleb Gibson, Jack Murray, Adam Watterson

#### Rugby

Andrew Donald, Sam Booth, Cameron Kerr, Jak Thompson, Christopher Fulton, Dylan Lanigan, Bradley Lanigan, Will Carroll, Matthew Hill, Jacob Oliver, Ben King, Finlay Mercer

#### Netball

Emmie Booth, Emily Nelson, Louisa Shaw, Megan Warnock, Katie McCullough, Sophie McCluney, Kate Wylie, Tori Hopkins, Etain McGuckian, Alex Bonar

### (3) Shields, Trophies and Cups

<i>Award</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Pupil</i>
P1 Girls Sprint	Best P1 Girl	Ava Gray/Lucy Cubitt
P1 Boys Sprint	Best P1 Boy	Jude Crawford
P2 Girls Sprint	Best P2 Girl	Katie McCormick
P2 Boys Sprint	Best P2 Boy	Robert McCluney
P3 Girls Sprint	Best P3 Girl	Gemma McClelland
P3 Boys Sprint	Best P3 Boy	Scott Watterson
P4 Girls Sprint	Best P4 Girl	Lucy McAllister
P4 Boys Sprint	Best P4 Boy	Sam Donnelly/Callum McDonald
P5 Girls Sprint	Best P5 Girl	Charlie Jo Carlin/Emma Weir
P5 Boys Sprint	Best P5 Boy	Joel Murray
P6 Girls Sprint	Best P6 Girl	Etain McGuckian/Tori Hopkins
P6 Boys Sprint	Best P6 Boy	Andrew Johnston/Matthew Robinson
P4 Girls Trier	Best P4 Girls Trier	Ella Graham
P4 Boys Trier	Best P4 Boys Trier	Stewart Paul
P5 Girls Trier	Best P5 Girls Trier	Emma Robinson
P5 Boys Trier	Best P5 Boys Trier	Jake Burnside
P6 Girls Trier	Best P6 Girls Trier	Victoria McCosh
P6 Boys Trier	Best P6 Boys Trier	Bobby Foster
P7 Girls Trier	Best P7 Girls Trier	Sophie McCluney
P7 Boys Trier	Best P7 Boys Trier	Caleb Gibson
Girls Senior Sprint Champion	Best of P7 Girls	Etain McGuckian
Boys Senior Sprint Champion	Best of P7 Boys	Cameron Kerr
Heaton Cups for Girls 100m	Best of P5-7 Girls	Etain McGuckian
Baxter Cup for Boys 100m	Best of P5-7 Boys	Cameron Kerr
Ellis Shield Girls Egg and Spoon Race	Best of P5-7 Girls	Alex Bonar

Ellis Shield Egg & Spoon Race Boys	Best of P5-7 Boys	Adam Sheerin
Senior Shield Girls Sack Race	Best of P7 Girls	Etain McGuckian
Senior Shield Boys Sack Race	Best of P7 Boys	Caleb Gibson
Ballentine Cup 200m Girls	Best of P5-P7 Girls	Etain McGuckian
Stewart Shield Boys 200m Champion	Best of P5-P7 Boys	Cameron Kerr
Neilly Shield Long Jump	Best of P6-P7 Boys	Cameron Kerr
Stevenson Shield Long Jump	Best of P6-P7 Girls	Emily Nelson
Green Long Jump	Best of P5 Girls	Holly Hill
Morrow Long Jump Cup	Best of P5 Boys	Joel O'Neill
Wilson Shield Boys Throwing the Cricket Ball	Longest Throw P5-P7	Cameron Kerr
Wilson Shield Girls Throwing the Cricket Ball	Longest Throw P5-P7	Samantha Nelson
McKelvey Cup P5 Girls	Class Champion Most Points	Emma Weir
McKelvey Cup P5 Boys	Class Champion Most Points	Joel Murray
Mrs J Black Cup P6 Girls	Class Champion Most Points	Etain McGuckian
Mrs J Black Cup P6 Boys	Class Champion Most Points	Leon Graham
Carlin Cup P7 Girls	Class Champion Most Points	Emily Nelson
Carlin Cup P7 Boys	Class Champion Most Points	Cameron Kerr
Wilson Athletic Cup	All round sportsmanship for P5-6 Girls	Kate Wylie
McIlvenna Cup	All round sportsmanship for P5-6 Boys	Jacob Oliver
Robinson Football Cup	Example & Skill in Football	Adam Watterson
Attias Leading Goal Scorer Trophy	Highest goal scorer	Leon Graham
McComb Trophy	Most enthusiastic player	Nathan McMullan
JL Gardner Games Cup Girls	All round sportsmanship Netball, Hockey, PE, Swimming	Emmie Booth
Boys Sports Shield	All round sportsmanship Football, Rugby, Swimming, PE	Ben King
Wilson Shield	Most Promising Young Footballer P5-P6 Classes under 10 years	Mark McClean

Richard Andrew Sports Award	Most Enthusiastic P5-P6 Footballer	Jamie Maxwell
Netball Shield	Most Improved Netball Player	Katie McCullough
Wilson Shield	Most Improved Hockey Player	Megan Warnock
Moore Cup	Most Enthusiastic Player Netball (& Hockey)	Alex Bonar
Foster Junior Sports Cup	Best Trier on Sports Day P5-P7	Sophie McCluney
Litogy Shield	Mum's Novelty Winner	Sarah Ann McCormick
Litoby Shield	Dad's Novelty Winner	Nico Dunlop
J and M Blakely Swimming Cup	P7 Girls Swimming Champion	Alex Bonar
Lynn Swimming Cup	P7 Boys Swimming Champion	Christopher Fulton
Brice Cup	Cycling Proficiency	Leah Steele
Fry Cup	Rugby	Andrew Donald

## 10. House System

All children in P4-7 participated in the School's House System. During the year pupils were awarded Boy and Girl of the Month in each House. This year the overall Winning House award was won by Braid.

## 11. School Premises

Internally, the building is in good decorative order.

The following deficiencies still need to be addressed by the Education Authority:-

- Lack of facilities for pupil withdrawal
- Windows in assembly hall needing replaced
- Un-level football pitch
- Limited car parking for parents

The Board of Governors continually strive to maximise the potential of the school premises and have submitted an application to the Education Authority for an extension to the school building.

We are very proud of our school grounds. The school's ECO Committee has taken a key role in its on-going development.

## 12. Security of Pupils, Staff and School Premises

The following measures have been taken to ensure safety of all at Carniny Primary School:

- The school has a controlled system of entry into the school
- All visitors sign in at the office
- When collecting children from school, parents first report to the office and a member of staff collects children from the classroom
- A perimeter fencing discourages unauthorised entry to the school grounds during out of school hours

- An alarm system in the school informs key holders of unauthorised persons within the school
- The school carries out the fire Evacuation Procedure on a regular basis

### **13. School and the Community**

#### **(1) Educational Visits**

During the year the year all classes participated in a range of educational visits. Primary 7 pupils had a very successful visit to Glasgow/Edinburgh from 16-19 June 2015. Primary 6 pupils also greatly enjoyed a 2 day residential in Greenhill YMCA from 4-5 June 2015.

#### **(2) Charities**

The school community continued to support the following charities:

Children in Need (£689)  
 Clarity - Employment for Blind People (£50)  
 Relay for Life (£400)  
 Christmas Shoebox Appeal (75 Boxes)  
 British Legion Poppy Appeal (£89.52)  
 The Rotary Club Christmas Hamper Scheme  
 RAF Wings Appeal

#### **(3) Assembly**

A rota of local clergy visited twice weekly to lead morning assemblies.

#### **(4) Musical Productions**

All children from P1-7 participated in a Carol Service at Wellington Presbyterian Church with the P1-4 children taking a key role in the presentation of the Christmas Story. The P5-P7 musical production "Frankie and Me" received much support from parents and friends. Boys and Girls in the school choir and orchestra entertained parents and friends in the Annual Spring Concert.

#### **(5) Competitions**

Pupils were encouraged to enter competitions sponsored by organisations in the local community.

Pupils successfully entered various sections in the Ballymena Show.

#### **(6) European Links**

The school commenced a new Comenius Project entitled "Arts Through Europe" with partner schools in Spain, Germany, and Sweden.

#### **(7) After School Activities**

A wide range of Extra Curricular activities were offered to the children during the school year. These included: Choir, Orchestra, Golf, Cricket, Cycling Proficiency, Soccer, Netball, Good News Club, Galaxy Coaching.

#### **(8) Leavers' Night**

The school had a very successful and most memorable Leavers' Night on Monday 29 June. Entertainment provided by the P7 pupils was followed by a meal and the distribution of awards.

### **(9) Best Kept School Award**

The school made an application for the Best Kept School Award and it was very encouraging to achieve "Highly Commended".

### **14. Parental Interest and Support**

The Governors, Principal and Teaching Staff are most appreciative of the continued support and interest of the parents in the life of the school. A sincere thanks to all parents who have accompanied classes on school visits and assisted in the school library.

During 2014/15 school year our Parent Teacher Association (Friends of Carniny Primary School) raised £5800. This helped finance the rental and running costs of the school photocopier, purchase of classroom textbooks and the planting of trees in the school playground. The hard work of the FOCPs continues to be invaluable in providing pupils with additional resources. Events / Fundraising this year included; Christmas Fair, Christmas Cards, Christmas Hooley and Summer Disco. Sincere thanks to all parents for their support during the year.

The FOCPs office bearers for the 2014/15 School Year included:

President	Mr D Calwell
Chair	Mrs H Weir
Secretary	Mrs L Livingstone
Treasurer	Mr S Andrews, Mrs C Sarkar, Mrs S Smyth
Teacher Rep	Mr S Church, Miss R Todd

### **15. Concluding Remarks**

All members of the Board of Governors extend their thanks to the Principal and Staff for the high standards achieved both inside and outside the classroom and to the parents for their support in achieving this high level of success.