



Carniny Primary School

Parents' Newsletter

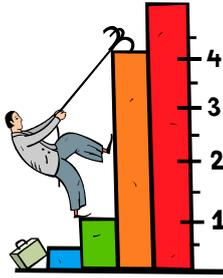


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House Points



Having taken January's House Points into account the totals are:

Braid	1442-	Bann	1337
Maine	1205	Kells	1188

Congratulations to the following children who were Boy/Girl of the month in each House during December/January.

Braid

Girl: Leah Rock
Boy: Lucas Dawson White

Bann

Girl: Jodie Millar
Boy: Tom Wylie

Maine

Girl: Emily Dale
Boy: Scott Watterson

Kells

Girl: Hannah Brown
Boy: Charlie King

High Flyers



The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

P1: Billy George Donnelly, Sam Barr, Evie Dennehy
 P1/2: Maya Aliman, Adam Rock, James O'Boyle
 P2: Grace Petrie, Jayden Hunter, Jessica Little
 P3: Mia Russell, Emma Wylie, Matyas Noss
 P3/4: Grace Dickson, Faye Torrington, Alex Moon

Half Term/Exceptional Closures

School will be closed for Half Term Holiday and Exceptional Closures from Monday 12 - Friday 16 February and will re-open on Monday 19 February.

Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair is visiting the school on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 February 2018. This provides a great opportunity to encourage reading and also benefit the school by way of providing books in commission for the classrooms. There will be books available

for children of all ages and abilities.

The Book Fair information booklet, giving an indication of titles available, will be given to the children.



Classes will be visiting the event in the Assembly Hall at the following times:

Thursday 22 February

9.15-9.45 Mrs McCombe
 9.45-10.15 Mrs Scott
 10.15-10.45 Mrs McClean
 11.00-11.20 Mr McCullough
 11.20-11.45 Mr Fisher

Friday 23 February

9.15-9.45 Mr Somerville
 9.45-10.15 Mr Church
 10.15-10.45 Mr Calwell
 11.00-11.20 Miss Steele
 11.20-11.45 Mr Armstrong

Monday 26 February

2.00-3.00 Final Purchasing

Parents are welcome to attend this book event and assist children in the selection of books.



School Photographer



"Cool for School Photography" will be in school on Wednesday 14 March to take individual and family photographs.

All children are expected to wear the formal school uniform (white shirt, tie, grey trousers/skirt white knee length socks (girls) and black shoes.

Families with pre-school children should come to school at the beginning of the school day from 8.30am.

Visitors in School

To ensure safety of pupils we ask all visitors (parents/friends/teachers / Education Authority personnel) to report to the office on entry to the school.

Parents wishing to collect children from school during the school day (ie for medical appointments) must first report to the school office. Your child will be collected from the classroom by a member of staff. This also includes children who are in the mobile classrooms.

Football Team



The football team must be congratulated for winning a

recent 7-a-side tournament at Ballymena Showgrounds.

The team has had a very successful year having also won The Owen Daly Tournament in the Autumn term.

Congratulations to the team and I wish them every success in the upcoming Senior Cup and 5-a-side tournaments.

Netball Team



The girls must be commended for their great efforts in recent matches against St Mary PS (Portglenone), Ballymena P.S., Portglenone PS, and The Diamond PS.

I wish the team members every success in their final match against Camphill PS and in the forthcoming tournament at the Seven Towers Leisure Centre.

Walk to School Week



Another Walk to School Week has been scheduled for the week commencing Monday 19 February.

There will be two starting/meeting points:

- Carniny Road, near the entrance to Carnview Park
- Old Cullybackey Road, near the entrance to Sunningdale Park

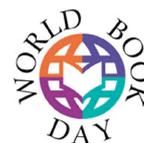
Teachers will be based at each starting point where pupils will receive a coloured sticker to mark their participation in the Walk to School initiative.

Certificates will be awarded to children who walk on 4 or 5 mornings during the week.

Please note parents must decide if pupils should be accompanied on the walk to school.

Thanking you for your support in what should be a memorable experience for the boys and girls.

World Book Day



The children will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 1 March. Activities will be organised with a particular focus on reading. This will be a non-uniform day -All children should come to school dressed as a book character with whom they are familiar. We ask for a contribution of £1 to come to school dressed in costume.



Attendance Policy



Carniny Primary School recognises that punctual and regular attendance is an essential prerequisite to effective learning and is therefore committed to maintaining high levels of attendance and punctuality. The school's Attendance Policy on the school website outlines our procedures in more detail and the Document "School Attendance Matters - A Parent's Guide" outlines the importance of each day's attendance at school. Please take time to read both documents.

There are three steps parents should follow in relation to any absence planned or unplanned, brief or otherwise:

Contact the school by telephone on the first morning of the absence and inform the school the reason for and expected length of the absence. Keep the school informed if the absence is going to be more prolonged than initially anticipated. On return to school provide teacher with written explanation for the absence.

Medical/Dental appointments where possible should be taken outside school hours. If an appointment has to be made during school hours a written explanation must be provided stating clearly the time of the appointment. If a child attends

an appointment during school hours a present mark is awarded providing the child returns to school for the remainder of the school day.

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the year - that's nearly 4 school weeks!

The school monitors attendance throughout the school year and parents will be notified by letter if an attendance figure falls below 90%.

Give your child the best start in life - every school day counts!

Positive Behaviour Policy



Our Positive Behaviour Policy has recently been amended and placed on our website. The policy remains firmly based on the Golden Rules and all children receiving their reward for keeping all the Golden Rules by participating in our weekly Golden Time. Misbehaviour results in loss of Golden Time. The school has a zero tolerance of certain unacceptable behaviours such as use of bad language and deliberate physical and emotional abuse of other children. In such situations Red Cards will be issued immediately to children and sent home for parental signatures. Other appropriate sanctions will normally

accompany the issuing of Red Cards.

Kirkland Rowell Survey

As a further step on our self-evaluation journey we would be grateful for your thoughts and ideas on various aspects of our school.

Please spare 10 minutes to complete a questionnaire by going to <http://survey.glassessment.co.uk/s/1Z6ZL/> and logging on using the password (case sensitive) provided below.

Your password is:
CAR14789parent

Each completed questionnaire is vital in helping us to find out what our parent body think about our school. Your answers will make a difference and will form a valuable contribution to our planning process.

All questionnaires should be completed by Wednesday 21 February.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance.

Raymond Ross
Principal





