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| Carniny Primary School Carniny 07 LOGO MEDCarniny 07 LOGO MEDParents’ Newsletter |
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**House Points**



Having taken October’s House Points into account the totals are:

Braid - 618 Bann - 579

Maine - 531 Kells - 580

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

**Braid**

Girl: Alex Bailes

Boy: Matthew Wylie

**Bann**

Girl: Lucy McAllister

Boy: Billy Wylie

**Maine**

Girl: Ellen Dickson

Boy: Jamie Smyth

**Kells**

Girl: Rachel McDowell

Boy: Jack Weir

**High Flyers**

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The most recent winners of our High Flyer award are:

P1: Adam Rock, Jennifer Geddis, Ben Coulter

P1/2: David Nicholl, Jessica Little, Ellen O‘Neill

P2: Mia Russell, Lukas Stephan, Jack Cairns

P3:Emma Carroll, Kallie Greer, Ellie Kitson

P3/4: McCauley Shields, Rebecca Kelly, Tom Sittlington

**Blythswood Shoebox Christmas Appeal**



This year we collected 79 shoeboxes for the Blytheswood Shoebox Appeal.

Thank you to all parents who supported this very worthwhile Christmas charity.

**Rotary Club of Ballymena**

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The Rotary Club is organising its annual Christmas Hamper

Scheme for elderly and needy people in the Ballymena district. Parents and pupils who wish to support this scheme are asked to bring their items to school and place them in a special box at the main entrance. Smaller grocery items may be more appropriate as the hampers will be distributed to elderly people living alone.

The collection box will be in school from Monday 21 November - Friday 16 December.

**FOCPS Christmas Fair**

The Christmas Fair will be held on Friday 18 November (6.30pm). The choir will be singing and there will be the usual Christmas Stalls (as detailed in the recent flyers issued to parents).

We would be very grateful for your support.

**Open Afternoon**

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Parents of prospective pupils are invited to our Open Afternoon on Friday 2 December (2.30-4.00pm).

Please ensure Mrs Shevlin or Mrs Anderson have been informed if you have a child due to start school in September 2017.

School will finish at 1.10 pm for all children in P1-P6 to facilitate preparations for

our Open Day (with exception of children in orchestra and choir and other children with specific tasks).

Please complete the attached pro forma indicating you are aware of this arrangement.

**Christmas Dinner**

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The School Meals Kitchen is providing a Christmas Dinner

on Friday 9 December.

**Menu**

Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cocktail Sausage, Peas, Carrots, Roast Potato

Tub of Ice Cream

Milk Shake

The cost of the meal is £2.50. If paying by cash send to school on or by Monday 5 December. You may also pay online via +Pay. Please complete the attached pro forma and return to school.

**P1-7 Carol Service**

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All parents and friends are invited to attend the P1-7 Carol Service in Wellington

Presbyterian Church at 6.30pm on Wednesday 7 December

Additional tickets over and above the initial allocation (£2.50) may be obtained from the school office .

**Annual Report of the Board of Governors**



The Annual Report of the Board of Governors for the 2015/2016 School Year is available from the school office or can be viewed on the school website.

**Children in Need**

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Thank you for your tremendous support in our recent Children in Need charity fundraising event. We raised £729.

Sincere thanks to Mrs Wylie and all pupils in Primary 7 for organising the event.

**Dates for Diary**

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| Friday 18 November | FOCPS/PTA Christmas Fair |
| Friday 2 December (2.30pm) | Open Day |
| 7 December  | P1-P7 Carol Service Wellington Pres (6.30pm) |
| 12 December (10.am) | Choir sing for Radio Cracker |
| 14 December  | P6 Grand-parents’ Day |
| 15 December (2pm) | Orchestra perform to residents of Kintullagh Nursing Home |
| 16 December (11am) | Senior Choir perform to residents at Prospect Nursing Home  |
| 19 December (10am) | P1-7 Christmas Film at IMC |
| 20 December  | Last Day of Term (12.20pm) |
| 4 January 2017 | Exceptional Closure |
| 5 January 2017 | Exceptional Closure |
| 6 January 2017 | Spring Term Begins for Children |

**Sustrans Active School Travel Programme**

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We have exciting news to share – our school has been chosen to be part of the **Sustrans Active School Travel Programme,** starting this term! We are teaming up with the country’s leading sustainable transport charity, Sustrans, to encourage more journeys to school by foot or wheels. Active travel, such as cycling, walking and scooting to and from school, has a range of benefits including:

* improving health through physical activity
* promoting independence
* improving safety awareness
* benefiting the environment
* reducing the number of cars around the school gates, making our school safer for everyone

We will be working closely with Johnny McCrystal, our Sustrans Active Travel Officer, who will help us promote active travel throughout the year:

* organising **activities and events** to encourage pupils to cycle, scoot and walk to school;
* offering **cycling training** to help pupils ride safely and feel more confident on their bikes;
* working to get **better facilities**, including bike and scooter parking;
* **working with parents and guardians** so that they can help support the programme.

We understand cycling or walking to school is not easy for every family, and there will be opportunities for all children to participate in some activities/the programme.

Safety is very important to our school. Parents can help by accompanying their children to and from school and ensuring children are wearing helmets and bright clothes to help them be seen by other road users. The decision as to whether a child is competent to cycle, scoot or walk to and from school rests with the parents/guardians.

If you are interested in helping out or have any questions about the project, please get in touch. You can also support this initiative by watching out for cyclists and pedestrians on your journey to school.

We look forward to seeing more children and parents/guardians cycling, walking and scooting to school this year!

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Raymond Ross

(Principal)