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Dear Parents

### **Connor McConville and league Semi-Finals**

The footballers travelled to Hilltown to participate in the annual Connor McConville tournament on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The boys played very well and after playing 10 matches in sweltering conditions, they won the cup!

The footballers also played their league semi-final match against Hilltown on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The children all played well and at the full time whistle, it was all square. At the very start of extra time the boys managed a few unanswered points and ended up winning by 5 points.

Well done to the whole school panel and thanks to David, Sean, Jim and Dan for all their hard work with the team. Good luck to the whole panel as they prepare for Finals Day on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### **Garden Show**

The P7 children have been involved in preparing for a Garden Show which took place in Warrenpoint Park on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The children had received a grant from NMDDC for £250 for plants and pots, to create a display for the Garden Show. Thanks to Mrs Aven McVeigh for organising this event and for offering this opportunity to Carrick Primary School.

### **P3's Healthy Me Project**

Primary 3 classes have taken part in The Little Healthy Me Project which is a vibrant and engaging, mental health promotion programme aimed at children between the ages of 4-7. It explores emotional/mental health, healthy lifestyle choices and pathways to effective support through imaginative and interactive play and song.

This programme was delivered by experienced Action Mental Health Menssana staff in school via workshops, which took place in the P3 classrooms. A Parents'/Carers' workshop which provided information on mental health awareness, common signs/symptoms of mental ill health, understanding The Little Healthy Me programme, self-care techniques for building resilience and confidence and sources of support also took place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Thank you to all those parents who attended and many thanks to Mr Collie Loughran and his team for facilitating this programme.

### **Rights Respecting Week**

Our Rights Respecting Week took place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and the children who won the Rights Respecting Art Competition were Isla Murtagh, Dylan Harris, Hanna Jaszczuk, Pola Jaszczuk, Rose McKernan, Eve Murtagh, Niamh Morgan, Cullen Hanratty, Ryan Matthews, Ava Mackin, Lottie Benson, Caleb Rafferty, Harrison Threlfall, Leah White, Tommy Armstrong, Freya Rohrs, Aoife McGivern, Logan Burns, Daniel Coulter, Heidi Fegan, Faye Gaffney, Matthew Rooney, Aoibhinn Mulligan, Charlie Downey, Eoghan Rooney, Freya Fegan, Rosa McGreevy and Mhyrren Hughes. Congratulations to these boys and girls and well done to all children for participating in this competition.

### **Tennis Fundraising Day 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

The Friends of Carrick Committee members organised a Tennis Fundraising Day on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This was a great event and it raised £5147 which was a fabulous amount. Thanks to Mrs E Hickey and the School Councillors who sold tennis resources each morning for the last month. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Lennon for sponsoring water for this event. Thank you also to Mr McMahan for providing a “Happy Box” meal which was a lovely treat for the children.

Thanks to the Friends of Carrick for all their fundraising efforts over many years. The money raised last year has been used to buy beautiful new play resources, PE resources and art resources. The children are really benefitting from these resources especially the paint boxes, easels, chalk, glitter and balls for playtime. The money raised from our Tennis event will be used to purchase extra resources for children, to supplement our ICT resources and to help finance Sports Day Awards, birthday rewards and prizes for competition winners throughout the year.

Thanks to all the parents for supporting the events organised by Friends of Carrick. The Friends of Carrick Annual General Meeting is due to take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 7pm, in the school assembly hall. New members are very welcome.

### **Bolster Community Summer Scheme**

The Bolster Community has organised a Scamps Summer Scheme in St Patrick’s Primary School, Newry from 1<sup>st</sup> August – 5<sup>th</sup> August 2022 from 8.45am – 3.30pm at a cost of £30 per day with discount for additional children. Children can attend for 1 or more days. The activities planned include Arts and Crafts, Archery, Sports, Science Experiments, Assault Courses, Kite Making and Mindfulness. For more information, contact Paula on 028 308 35764.

### **Readathon**

The Primary 7 children participated in a Readathon on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022. The children read many books in preparation for this event and they competed in a quiz based on these books.

Well done to the winning teams:

The winners in Mrs Doran’s class were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: The BFG’s: Orla Byrne, Ryan Carragher, Alex Granat, Niamh Walsh, Cara McKinley and Tomas McGivern.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The Twits: Shane Quinn, Daíthí McGovern, Charlie Rafferty, Freya Fegan, Amy McManus, and Aoife Collins

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: The Burren Book Ballers: Eoghan Rooney, Theo Gambold, Ella Cunningham, Emily McConville, Jarlath Braham and Annie Fitzgerald.

The winners in Mr Murdock's class were: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: The Big Brains: Lauren Quinn, Eve Woods O'Hanlon, James Toner, Jay Feenan, Aidan McGivern, Mhyrren Hughes.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Readathon Rhinos: Rosa McGreevy, Liam Bradley, Laura McMahan, Connor McLoughlin, Patrick Cunningham and Aaron O'Hare.

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Book Bouncers: Darcie Blair, James O'Hare, Sophie Magee, Daniel McKibben, Luke Doherty and Ellen McCormick

### **Sports Day 2022**

Our school's Sports Day took place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 over at the club. This was a great event and the children really enjoyed the races and the fun.

Photographs of Sports Days will be added to the school's website shortly. The children will be receiving medals and rewards for their sporting achievements on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Thanks to Tesco for sponsoring water, apples and bananas for this event and to Ella McArdle and James Toner for writing a letter to ask Tesco for this sponsorship.

### **Puffin Crossing**

We are delighted that the Puffin Crossing between the Village Green and our school (along the Bridge Road) will be completed on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This crossing will be very useful for children crossing to and from the Village Green. Thanks again to the parents, staff, pupils and Governors for all their support and help with our application for this crossing and to Mr Declan McAteer for liaising with Roads Service to secure this crossing.

### **Visit by Mr Michael Hughes**

On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June Mr Michael Hughes (Community Foundation) visited Carrick Primary School to talk to the P4-7 assembly about the new Community Hub. Mr Hughes thanked James O'Hare (P7) for sending a letter to the Community Foundation, to thank them for part funding the new facility, which is a fantastic resource for our community.

### **Summer Holidays**

Carrick Primary School is due to close for the Summer Holidays at 12 noon on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### **Awards**

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022 we will be holding our annual Awards Day. These awards complement our Awards Programme which runs throughout the school year and includes weekly and monthly awards, including Student of the Month Awards, ICT Awards, Easy Read Awards, Star Awards and Best Group Awards. Well done to all the boys and girls who have won awards throughout the year.

### **Visit to Irwin's Ring and the Townlands of Burren**

On 6<sup>th</sup> May the Primary 7 pupils visited Irwin's Ring on Mr Seamus Doyle's land. The Primary 7's really enjoyed the visit to this site which is of great historical interest. On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 the Primary 7 pupils went on their annual Townlands Walk and thoroughly enjoyed their tour of the Burren locality and learned so much about the townlands and our local landmarks. Photographs of these trips have been added to the school's website.

### **Sustrans**

**Our Big Walk and Wheel Challenge which took place in May 2022 was a great success and lots of pupils and staff walked/cycled/scooted to school.**

Our school has applied for the Gold Sustrans Award for the promotion of Active Travel.

### **Annual Reports**

The children's Annual Reports will be sent home today (Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022). Please sign one copy of each report and retain the second copy for your own records. Please feel free to add comments to the reports being returned to school. Your feedback is very valuable to us and is used to help us to continue to make improvements.

### **School Dinners**

The cost of a school dinner is £2.60 per day or £13 per week. Please send in dinner money each Monday and please make cheques payable to Carrick Primary School. Prompt payment is very much appreciated.

### **Free School Meals/ Uniform/PE Uniform Assistance Application Forms**

Please see the Education Authority's website for information about free school meals/uniform allowances/PE uniform assistance. Additional information and help are available from the office for parents who wish to apply for meals and/or uniform assistance. Please apply even if there is only a small chance of success, as the school budget increases significantly if more children are receiving free school meals.

### **Home to School Transport**

The Education Authority has introduced a new online application process for parents applying for home to school transport. Information on eligibility for transport assistance and how to apply online can be found at [www.eani.org.uk/transport](http://www.eani.org.uk/transport)

### **Lego and Books**

There has been a great resurgence in the children's interest in Lego. If any family has any Lego or books which they no longer want, the school would certainly be able to put these resources to good use. Any donations would be very much appreciated. Thank you to all those families who have already sent in donations of books and Lego. And to those who have returned school books to the school already

### **Contact Numbers**

**We are currently updating our contact numbers on the school's computer system and would ask parents to inform the school of any changes in addresses, home telephone numbers, work telephone numbers and/or mobile numbers.**

### **Early Exits**

If a child is taken out of school early, could parents please: send in a note to inform the teacher or ring the school secretary; call at the office to collect your child; and also sign the exit book.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Amanda Duffin

Mrs Mary McCann

Mrs Anne Cassidy