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Dear Parents

Credit Union Quiz

Congratulation to the following children who won prizes in the Credit Union Quiz: Mr Keenan's Winning Team: Ardan O'Loughlin, Megan Bottell, Sarah Byrne, Casey Campbell, Annie McMahon and Matthew O'Neill, Mrs Harkin's Winning Team: Lucy Gribben, Eva-Rose Kenny and Darcey O'Leary, Mrs Doran's Winning Team: Aidan McNally, Charlie Rafferty, Theo Gambold and Alex Granat, Mr Murdock's Winning Team: Aiden McGivern, Liam Bradley, Lauryn Quinn and Rosa McGreevy. Well done to these boys and girls and to all the children who participated in the quiz. Thank you to the Warrenpoint, Burren, Rostrevor Credit Union for supplying the quiz questions and the lovely prizes.

P3's Healthy Me Project

Primary 3 classes have been given the opportunity to take 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 will be delivered by experienced Action Mental Health MenSana staff in school via workshops, which are taking place on:

- Wednesday 25th May 9.30-10.30am (class 1) & 10.45-11.45am (class 2);
- Tuesday 7th June 9.30-10.30am (class 1) & 10.45-11.45am (class 2).

In preparation for this programme there will also be a Parents'/Carers' workshop which will provide 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
- Sources of support

This session will take place in school on **Monday 30th May 2022 from 7-8.30pm** and tea and coffee will be served from 6.45pm onwards. **All the P3 parents are invited to come along to this event.** Northern Ireland's Mental Health Champion Professor Siobhan O'Neill praised Little Healthy Me stating: "Preventative intervention programmes such as this make an important contribution to our efforts to improve mental health in Northern Ireland. Little Healthy Me uses play to foster connections and build strong social and emotional awareness, which will better equip our children to cope with life's difficulties and to flourish". Many thanks to Mr Collie Loughran for facilitating this programme.

Rights Respecting Week

Rights Respecting Week took place from Monday 16th 2022 until Friday 20th May 2022 and the children were busy at a whole range of activities and took part in an art competition to raise the children's awareness and understanding of children's rights. Congratulations to all the boys and girls for making a great effort with their RRS activities and to the children who won the Rights Respecting Art Competition.

Mrs Brónach O'Grady

As you may already know, Mrs Brónach O'Grady has had a new baby boy. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs O'Grady on the birth of baby Oisín.

Gaelic Football News

The boys and girls played their second league match against Saval on Friday 20th May 2022. The children all tried hard and played well despite the wet conditions. The boys won their matches and have qualified for the League Semi-Finals. The girls, who were missing three of their starting team due to injury, were narrowly beaten by Saval. Good luck to the boys in the Semi-Finals and also in the Connor McConville Tournament in early June.

Visit by Sam Maguire

On Tuesday 17th May the Sam Maguire Cup came to Carrick Primary School. The P4-7 children gathered in the assembly hall to welcome this historic cup into our school, and they got a chance to ask questions about the cup and its history. The children also got an opportunity to lift the Sam Maguire! Thanks to Mr Eamon Fegan and Mr Paul Fegan for organising this event.

Visit by Art Cart to Carrick Primary School

On Thursday 19th May 2022 the Art Cart came to Carrick and the Primary 7 pupils enjoyed a range of art and technological activities. The children really enjoyed the opportunities offered to them and learned so much about animation and recording apps. Many thanks to NMDDC and Mrs Aveen McVeigh for facilitating this event.

Tennis Fundraising Day 10th June 2022

The Friends of Carrick Committee members have organised a Tennis Fundraising Day on Friday 10th June 2022. The School Councillors will be selling tennis resources each morning from 8.45-9.00am including tennis balls £1.50, foam balls £1.50, Biff Bats £1.50, plastic bats (£3) and Teloon tennis rackets (£10). There are plenty of tennis resources for the children to use in school for PE lessons and to use on 10/6/22, so there is no need to buy anything unless they're needed. The children can bring in their own resources if they wish (with their name on everything please) to use for practice sessions and to use on the Tennis Day (10/06/22).

Thanks to the Friends of Carrick for all their fundraising efforts. The money raised last year has been used to buy beautiful new play resources and art resources. The children are really benefitting from these resources especially the paint boxes, easels, chalk and glitter. Thanks to all the parents for supporting the events organised by Friends of Carrick. The Annual General Meeting is due to take place on Monday 19th September 2022 at 7pm. 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 1st August – 5th 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 are preparing for their Readathon on Tuesday 31st May 2022. The children have been encouraged to read and/or listen to as many of the books listed below as they can and they will then compete in a quiz based on these books.

The P7 Readathon books include:

- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl
- Floods by Sally Prue
- Ancient Egypt by Fiona Macdonald
- The Paper Bag Princess by Robert Munsch
- The Iron Man by Ted Hughes
- The Twits by Roald Dahl
- The Dancing Bear by Michael Morpurgo
- Cup Winners by Martin Waddell
- The Hodgeheg by Dick King-Smith
- The Champion Storyteller Roald Dahl by Andrea Shavick

Best of luck to our Primary 7 pupils with their preparations for this event.

Sustrans Active School Travel Programme

Our Big Walk and Wheel Challenge took place between Monday 9th May and Friday 13th May 2022 and many of the children and staff completed this challenge successfully.

During this week the children were invited to complete 10 Active Journeys to and from school, or after school. Each active journey was at least 15mins in duration. Well done to all those who participated. As a reward the children enjoyed "Double Break" on Tuesday 17th May 2022.

Some of the P5 and P6 children were also involved in a Bike Skills event during this week, which was led by Mr Dave Wiggans (Sustrans Officer). The children really enjoyed the cycling workshops and learned so much about safe cycling.

Visit by Mr Declan Carville

In May 2022 Mr Declan Carville visited the school and talked to the P4 children and P5 children (Mrs Fitzpatrick's Class) about writing stories. Mr Carville read extracts from his new book which is called, "The Rhythm of the Night" and features Warrenpoint Park. The children really enjoyed listening to Mr Carville and our young, budding writers benefitted from his words of inspiration. Many thanks to NMDDC for funding this event.

Sports Day 2022

Our school's Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 1st June 2022 (weather permitting) over at the club. The classes will walk over to the pitch and races normally begin about 9.30am and conclude about 11.30am for P1-P3 and about 12.00 noon for P4-P7 classes. Everyone is very welcome to attend.

P7 Pupils – Programme of Events

As the Primary 7 children are in their last term in Carrick Primary School they will be busy with a whole range of activities and events including:

Credit Union Quiz

Growing Up Programme

Transition Programme

Townlands Walk

Visit to Irwin's Ring

Movie Day

Picnic at the Pitch (lunch provided)

Rounders Day (at St Mary's Club, Burren)

Football Competitions

Leavers' Mass

Castlewellan Outdoor Pursuits Trip

We wish the Primary 7 children the best of luck as they prepare to move to secondary school.

Puffin Crossing

We are delighted that the Puffin Crossing between the Village Green and our school (along the Bridge Road) is now almost completed. This crossing will be very useful for children crossing over and back to the Village Green. Thanks again to the parents, staff, pupils and Governors for all their support and help with our application for this crossing.

Holidays June 2022

June

Thursday 02/06/22

School Development Day 4 (Children on Holiday)

Friday 03/06/22

School Development Day 5 (Children on Holiday)

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

Confirmation and Communion Ceremonies

- First Holy Communion took place on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 11.00am (Mrs O'Hare's Class) and Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.00pm (Mrs O'Grady's/Mrs C Kelly's Class). Well done to the boys and girls who worked so hard in preparation for this Sacrament.
- Confirmation will take place on Thursday 26th May 2022 at 6pm (Mr Murdock's Class) and on Friday 27th May 2022 at 6pm (Mr Doran's Class).

Well done to our P7 classes who have worked very diligently in preparation for their Confirmation.

Awards

On Thursday 16th 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.

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.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Mrs Claire Kelly is the Designated Teacher for Child Protection/Safeguarding while Mrs Patricia McPolin and Mr David Keenan are the Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection/Safeguarding. Please contact the Designated Teachers or any member of staff if you have any concerns re Child Protection/ Safeguarding.

Health Needs

Children in the Primary 2, 4, 5 and 6 year groups have severe nut allergies. Reactions can be fatal. Consequently, we would ask you to avoid sending in nuts or nut products and would appreciate your co-operation with regard to this matter. If your child develops any allergies and/or any medical complaints during the course of the year, please let us know as soon as possible, so that we can take any necessary action.

Traffic at Hometime

Can we ask all those dropping off or collecting children at the school, to be extra careful and **to observe the normal rules of a roundabout.** We appreciate that it can be very frustrating having to wait in the queue until the traffic moves on, but we would ask everyone to exercise caution so as to try and avoid accidents.

McAnulty's Bus

McAnulty's bus runs from the bottom of the Bridal Loanan, Warrenpoint (Leaving at 8.30am) and travels along the Upper Dromore Rd and up Milltown Street to Carrick Primary School each morning. In the afternoon, the bus leaves the school at 2.40pm and goes as far as St. Mark's High School. If you would like more information about this bus service, please contact McAnulty's on 028 417 52228.

Parking Spaces for Disabled Drivers

We would like to ask all drivers to remember to always leave at least 1 disabled parking space free, at the front of the school, for disabled drivers. We would really appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Road Safety

We are asking parents to reinforce road and vehicle safety messages at home, particularly in relation to wearing seatbelts on the bus and in the car and crossing roads safely.

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.

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.

Burren Football Gear

Football gear for St Mary's Club, Burren is available from Mr James McGrath (07720812991).

Easy Fundraising

Thank you for all those who have helped to raise funds for Carrick Primary School since October 2017 through the Easy Fundraising Scheme. We currently have over 100 supporters. Remember you can book hotels, flights, holiday tickets and can buy from many retailers including Tesco, Sainsbury, Amazon and make money for Carrick Primary School.

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3....

1. Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendscarrickps/> and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you have checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

Another option is to:

1. Go into your App Store;
2. Search Easy Fundraising;
3. Download;
4. Create an Account/Log in;
5. Click "Support a good cause";
6. Search Carrick Primary School; and
7. Click Support

There are no catches or hidden charges and Carrick Primary School would be really grateful for your donations. If you experience any difficulty registering with easyfundraising, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist.

Archived Videos

We have archived videos of over 34 school plays and events from 1994 onwards. These are available via the internet. Please google Carrick Primary School Vimeo to access these lovely memories!

Extra-Curricular Activities

During Term 2 the following extra-curricular activities will be available:

Mondays	P4-7 Soccer	3.00-4.00pm
Tuesdays	P4-7 Art	3.00-4.00pm
Wednesday	P4-7 Soccer	3.00-4.00pm

Fridays P4-7 Camogie/ Hurling Training 3.00-4.00pm
Fridays P4/5 P6/7 Gaelic Football Training 2.00-3.00pm/ 3.00-4.00pm
Notes will be circulated to the pupils, which will provide more details about the activities on offer.

Many thanks for your continued support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully
Mrs Amanda Duffin
Mrs Mary McCann
Mrs Anne Cassidy
(Leadership Team).