

- We held our **Sports Day** on the 12th of June which was enjoyed by all.
- 5th and 6th class exhibited class science projects at “Science Blast” in the RDS. A great day was had by all.
- On the 13th of June, as a special treat , an **Ice-cream** van visited the school with ice cream for all!
- Well done to the boy’s hurling team on reaching the Cumann na mBunscol final. The team played Coole N.S.
- Congratulations to 4th class project group ‘The Royal Imagineers’ on the success of their ‘Carnaross Cosán’ project in the STEPS Young Engineers Award Project. The group reached the final 6 from over 200 projects and were highly commended. Well done to Ava May Carpenter, Muireann Tynan, Jack Brady, Dillon Finn, Michael Dunne and Lila-May Lydon.
- **Our end of year school Mass** was held on Wednesday 19th June in Carnaross Church. This Mass was followed by our 6th class Graduation ceremony. 6th class pupils and their parents enjoyed a cup of tea in the school hall after the ceremony.
- The whole school enjoyed engaging with the school garden and we entered the Pride of Place awards. The children were commended for their work.
- We will miss our 6th class as they move on to secondary school. We thank them sincerely for the enormous contribution they have made to the school. We wish them every success and are confident that they will continue to do very well. A sincere thank you to those families who will be finishing up with the school this year for all your support over the years and we hope you will continue to be friends with our school.
- We would like to wish Mrs. Moloney the very best of health and happiness in her retirement. We thank her for her many years of hard work, dedication and kindness to all here in Carnaross NS.
- As this school year closes, I wish to express our pride and gratitude for all the great work which is on going in our school. We wish to thank each and every one of our very dedicated teachers, staff, Board of Management and you parents for the total commitment to the school during the year. Your support and consideration is greatly appreciated.

Dervilla Finnegan



*Have a wonderful summer and see you all on
Thursday 29th August 2024*



Newsletter June 2024

- All staff returned to school on 30th August, 2023 with John Paul Garvey and Niamh Smith joining us as 1st/2nd class teacher and SET teacher respectively.
- We opened our two new modular classrooms in September. On the 8th September, Father Walsh blessed them.
- We held a **Junior Infant** information meeting on Thursday 5th October.
- A Representative of the **Road Safety Authority** visited the school and held workshops with each class.
- **4th Class** enjoyed a trip to Kells Library for a workshop with the Author Emma Larkin.
- **St. Colmcille’s (Kells) Credit Union** poster competition was held in October and congratulations to Anna Woods, Cian O’Reilly, Hughie McEvoy, Bobbie Newman and Cara O’Reilly who were all winners in the Credit Union Art Competition.
- Harry Long resumed his music classes in school in September.
- Swimming also resumed for pupils from 1st to 6th Class and was enjoyed by all.
- The girls of 6th class enjoyed a Gaelic football Blitz Day in Eureka.
- Once again our pupils enjoyed the Meath Primary Schools Cross Country Competition at Bellewstown and congratulations to all who took part.
- **Congratulations** to our girls’ football team on winning the final of the Cumman na mBunscol competition. They did the school proud!
- The Mini’7’s **Hurling and Camogie Blitz** was held in November. The boys got through to the final round.
- The **Carnaross GFC Under 15** winning team brought their cup to school and visited the classes.
- The **Hope Shoe Box Appeal** was a great success with 68 boxes collected and we thank you for your generosity.
- Our **new Board of Management** convened in December and we would like to thank our outgoing Board for their hard work and commitment.



- On Thursday December 7th our 5th and 6th Classes performed at a fundraising Christmas Concert for Tommie Reilly in St. Colmcille's Church Kells.
- Ian Malone Games Promotion Officer with the GAA, provided **Gaelic football training** sessions for all classes throughout the year.
- Eamonn O'Callaghan provided **hurling training** in school throughout the year also.
- Damien Sheridan of Inclusive Sports provided sports sessions for Ms. Moloney and Mr. O'Connor's classes.
- **'Christmas Jumper Day'** was held on **Friday 15th December**, with the sum of **€178** being donated to **Carnaross Meals on Wheels** and **€178 Carnaross Senior Citizens'** Christmas party
- The sum of **€312** was raised from **'Guess The Number of Sweets in the Box'** and was sent to St. Vincent de Paul. We thank you for your generous donations.
- **Santa** came to school on Tuesday 19th December with a treat for all the pupils.
- The **Christmas Hamper Raffle** was a great success with **€2149** raised. Thank you all for your generosity.
- The school is delighted to have been included again in the enhanced **Christmas lights** in the village this year and many thanks to all involved for this.
- We held our Christmas Nativity Celebration in the school hall It was led by our Junior Infants supported and accompanied by 6th class and the school choir which is made up of all classes.
- Once again the school was well represented at the St. Colmcille's Credit Union Quiz on 26th January, with our U11 team going on the next level. Well done to those who took part.
- **Safer Internet Safety Day** was held on 6th February. Children from all classes engaged in lessons exploring the opportunities and challenges of "Tech in Our World". Congratulations to Cillian Shields, Bobby Newman, Evie Kirk, Ava May Carpenter, Erin Smith and Sally Reilly who were winners in our school Safer Internet Poster Competition.
- **Confirmation** was hosted by Kilskyre this year. A lovely day was had by all. The 6th class children made a donation to the Irish Cancer Society.
- Carnaross National School was delighted to be part of the **Youth Daffodil Challenge**. As part of this project we picked the daffodils from our school garden and 6th class sold them after Mass on Sunday March 24th. €366.35 was collected and donated to the Irish Cancer Society.
- **Lá Glas**, organised by the Parent's Association as a Fundraiser, was held on March 16th. A total of € 269.50 was raised.
- During the month of March the mini 7's competitions were held. Carnaross hosted the girl's competition.
- **Easter Raffle** was a great success and the amount of €1680 was raised. Many thanks for your generosity.
- Our **Health Promotion Week** ran from Monday 29th April to Friday 3rd of May. The focus this year was on healthy eating and wellbeing – *Healthy Mind Healthy Body*. The pupils walked a 'Daily Mile', sampled smoothies, took part in Yoga classes with Dervla Grall, enjoyed Gaelic training with Ian Malone and dancing with Chantelle from Dance Mania. The highlight of the week was our **Grandparents/Special Persons Coffee Day and Cake Sale** which raised €2300. It was wonderful to meet all the grandparents who visited on the day.
- **Enrolment Day** was held on Friday 26th April when we welcomed our new entrants for September 2024.
- In May, 4th Class girls and boys attended a Rounder's Blitz day in Trim GAA pitch.
- The interest in the **Community Games** this year was again overwhelming. The children participated very successfully and prizes were won in all events. The community was very well represented at the national finals.
- **First Holy Communion** took place on **Saturday 18th May 2024** in Carnaross Church. All the children looked lovely on the day and were a credit to their families and their school.
- 6th class visited the Dáil on 21st of May on the kind invitation of Damien English. Ms. Sarah Reilly subsidised the cost of the bus.
- **School Tour** days were held in May and June and were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Parents Association for covering the cost of the buses.
- On the 10th of June, 4th class participated in The Dream Space Showcase programme in the Microsoft Headquarters, Dublin. The children created STEM projects using micro bits and presented them to the software engineers and judges on the day. This initiative is designed to encourage STEM in young students in rural parts of the country.
- Children from 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class represented our school at a **Track and Field** event in Claremont, Navan in May. We had a very enjoyable day.