

February Newsletter

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Pancake Tuesday

Many thanks to our parent association members for the lovely treat of pancakes in the school on pancake Tuesday! This always provides for excitement and smiles all round (for the adults too!) and is much appreciated by all.



Badminton

Congratulations to our 6th class children who represented the school, for the first time ever, in a badminton event in Roundwood recently. It was a novel experience for all concerned and our thanks go to Ms Gegan for coordinating the trip.

Green schools news

The Green Schools committee has been busy this year. They are working on the theme of Global Citizenship Litter & Waste. Wicklow Co. Council

Environmental Awareness officer Jim Callery paid a visit to the school in term one to advise the committee on how to start their work in the school environment. The goals of Global Citizenship are 1) End Poverty and 2) Reduced Inequality. On the End Poverty goal the committee held a Christmas Jumper Day just before Christmas and raised €100 for the children's charity Barnardos. Our thanks go to Ms Collier for coordinating the work of Green Schools.



Closure

Our next school closure is St Patrick's Day 17th March. We reopen on Monday 20th March. School closes for the easter holidays on Friday 31st March at 12:15pm.



Free Schoolbooks Scheme

The government are currently working on having a free schoolbook scheme in place for next September. As one of the first schools to introduce a book rental scheme many years ago, we in Carnew NS look forward to working on putting this in place in time for the new school year in order to give some relief to hard pressed families. We will let you know as soon as possible if there are any developments on this plan.

Punctuality

Now that COVID measures have been removed, by and large, from school, we urge everyone to aim to have the children on site by 9 am each morning in order to maximise their time in school. As part of our DEIS school improvement plan, we will be trying to reduce the number of teaching and learning hours lost to late arrivals and early collections.

This is for the benefit of the children. Obviously, medical appointments and illnesses will affect these decisions but let's see if we can, together, improve time spent in school.

If your child is having difficulties coming to school, please come and talk to us about the reasons why this might be so that we can work together on a solution.

Wicklow Parks Outreach Programme

We were delighted to welcome facilitators from the Wicklow National Parks office to the school recently. They provided workshops to the classes on all manner of wildlife topics from mammals to bugs. It proved to be a good learning experience for the children.



Grandparents Day

Thank you to all who attended our special Grandparents Day service on the 25th January. Your presence made the event more special for the children.

Hopefully, next year, we will be able to return to a full programme to mark this special day. Our thanks go to Fr Casey for hosting the event.