

SCOIL MUIRE CARLANSTOWN

OCTOBER CALENDAR & NEWSLETTER 2021



MIDTERM BREAK: SCHOOL CLOSSES ON FRIDAY 22ND OCT & REOPENS ON MON 1ST NOV.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 <p>We would like to welcome Ana and Victor Ferreira who have joined our Third & First Class respectively this month. We hope they are very successful learners and happy children in our school!</p>					01	02  FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
03  For further information please log in to www.meathlibraries.ie	04	05 MINI- MUSICIANS STARTS TODAY JUNIOR INFANTS – SECOND CLASS 	06	07  DON'T FORGET THE 'SCHOOL SAVING SCHEME' CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY	08	09
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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



We recently received the fantastic news that the school has achieved an SFI Discover Science and Maths Award for the second year in a row! SFI evaluated our Log of Evidence, coordinated and compiled by Ms. Donohoe, and were satisfied that we met all the criteria for the Plaque of STEM. We are really looking forward to the virtual awards ceremony! Here is some feedback on our Log of Evidence:

Congratulations to S.N. Mhuire on achieving the SFI Plaque of STEM. This award is in recognition of the wide variety of teaching and learning in STEM carried on in a number of classes across the school in 20 - 21. It is lovely to see the learners busy and engaged in hands on investigations from an early age. The bird feeders look great and will continue to help biodiversity in the school grounds through the year. I liked the paper chairs that were designed during Engineers Week and the very creative slides that the learners produced at home. The mattress on the stairs must have been fun as was the little one made from playdough for the doll and of course the very tall slide made from cardboard. These were all wonderful designs and develop all the scientific skills. Well done to you all and keep up the good work!



On Friday 22nd October

all children are invited to wear fancy dress as we celebrate Halloween. I would like to remind parents that costumes should be practical and comfortable. Please mark all items of clothing clearly with your child's names. Children will be outside at break/lunchtimes therefore they will need to be bring a coat and have footwear which is suitable for being outdoors. Our 'Fancy Dress Day' is a fundraiser for the school. We kindly ask families to make a donation of €2 donation per pupil or €5 per family (with three or more children).



On Thursday, we welcomed members of the Meath Minor All Ireland winning team and their management to our school and the excitement levels reached an all time high. The school was festooned in green & gold for our champions. The children got to meet the players, ask them questions, get their autographs and most importantly lift the cups. Even Ms Donohoe wore a Meath jersey! Please check the school website www.carlanstownns.ie for lots of fantastic photos of the day!

ENROLMENT IN JUNIOR INFANTS SEPTEMBER 2022

Traditionally we always ran our admission/enrolment processes in the Springtime however in line with the law governing admissions to school, we must now run our enrolment in the Autumn of the year preceding enrolment. **Therefore Carlanstown NS will be accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants September 2022 from Monday 11th October until Friday 12th November 2021.** Application forms are available on request by emailing carlanstownns@gmail.com or by phoning 046 9246803. Please spread the word among friends, family and neighbours that enrolment is now open.

As you are aware our First Class are in a temporary classroom in the PE Hall. Despite having advised the Department of the need for additional accommodation as far back as last October and hounding the Dept. with phone calls and emails across the year, they were still unable to have the prefab on site for September. This week we were advised that the groundworks may be completed over midterm break and that the prefab may be on site in December. We really hope that there will be no further delays and look forward to a new classroom for the children.



Traditionally we host our Parents Association AGM in October, but with restrictions on large gatherings in place until 22nd October, we will defer our AGM until November. The date will be confirmed once we are back after Midterm. The Parents Association greatly supports the work of the school and through their two main fundraising activities provide many fantastic learning opportunities and experiences for children in all our classes. They have enabled the school to purchase additional resources such as the tablets, IT equipment for all classes, maths & science equipment, restocking the library and much more. We would like to have as many families as possible represented at the meeting to generate new ideas & build on the successes of the previous committees.



On Saturday 2nd October Cian, PJ, Dylan, James, Conor, Eimear, Shannen, Noah, Ella- Jane, Sarah, Joel, Sophia, Max, Isabelle, Lauren, Emily, Seán & Daniel received their First Holy Communion in Kilbeg Church surrounded by their families. It was a very special morning and we were very proud of them. It was wonderful to meet last year's Sixth Class pupils when they received their Confirmation on 23rd Sept in St. Mary's Church Navan. We wish them the very best in their new schools.

