



SCOIL MUIRE CARLANSTOWN APRIL CALENDAR & NEWSLETTER 2023



Best wishes to all our boys and girls in Second & Sixth Class who are receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion this month. It is wonderful to celebrate these special milestones with the children. We are very proud of them.

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | |
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| 09 | 10 | | | | | 14 | 15 |
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| | SCHOOL REOPENS TODAY FOR TERM 3 | | GAA COACHING CONTINUES EVERY WEDNESDAY 1 ST – 4 TH CLASS | CONFIRMATION @ 12PM IN CASTLETOWN CHURCH. SCHOOL WILL OPEN AS USUAL FOR ALL OTHER CLASSES. | CYCLE SAFETY FOR 4 TH & 5 TH WORKSHOP 1 OF 7 CODING WORKSHOP FOR 2 ND CLASS | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| | | | GAA COACHING 9.30 – 12.30 1 ST – 4 TH CLASS | SCHOOL SAVING SCHEME CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY PRACTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 3.15 – 4.15 IN KILBEG CHURCH | EXCEPTIONAL CLOSURE No Electricity | | |
| 30 | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 | 05 | 06 | |
| | SCHOOL CLOSED MAY BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND | SCHOOL CLOSED STAFF INSERVICE FOR PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM | HSE VISION & HEARING SCREENING – SENIOR INFANTS | PRACTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 3.15 – 4.15 IN KILBEG CHURCH | WORKSHOP 2 OF 7 4 th & 5 th Class CODING WORKSHOP FOR 2 ND CLASS | FIRST HOLY COMMUNION @ 11 IN KILBEG CHURCH | |

APRIL NEWSLETTER

Our school calendar for 2023 – 2024 has been agreed as attached. Our school will reopen for all classes on Wednesday 30th August. A printed copy of the calendar will be sent home with the school reports in June.



to everyone who supported our Drama Night on the eve of the Easter holidays. The children were absolutely amazing on stage and we are so proud of them. It was so wonderful to welcome back grandparents, extended families & many past pupils. I would like to thank all the parents who helped behind the scenes on the night to help make the show such a success. We didn't tell the children before the show because we didn't want to put unnecessary pressure on them but we arranged for Shay Casserly to be there on the night to record the show. When I told them the next day in school they were absolutely thrilled and said they felt like movie stars! The recording which includes the two shows is fantastic and will be wonderful to look back on in years to come. **If you would like to order a copy of the show, please send an email to office@carlanstownns.ie before Friday 12th May** stating the number of copies you would like to order and whether you'd prefer a DVD or USB.

○ DVDs cost €10

○ USBs cost €15



A reminder that **Stay Safe lessons** will continue to be taught this term.. Your child may bring home worksheets which will inform you on the topics being covered & how you can reinforce the messages at home. We encourage you to familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe lessons <https://www.carlanstownns.ie/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/CNS-stay-safe-policy.pdf>

Best of luck to our boys and girls who will be competing in the Cumann na mBunscoil Rounders Competitions over the next few weeks. It's a knock out competition for our Senior Boys and Girls who have their first matches in the coming days. Mini Rounders Events for 3rd & 4th are scheduled for mid May.



As part of our STEM programme First Class, with mentors from Fifth Class, held their Science Fair for Junior Infants last week. There were four stations of practical investigations covering magnetism, floating & sinking, static electricity and coding. The classes had so much fun as they engaged in the experiments and made their conclusions. The Bee-Bot station was a huge hit with early coding activities. Please visit the school website to see photographs from the day. The fair was a great success and forms part of our schools application for a Gold STEM Award which is being co-ordinated by Ms Donohoe. We will be notified of the outcome of our award in June.



We have invested almost €1000 from our Department of Education School Library/Book Grant on new reading schemes which will be utilised in the junior classes. This investment in additional reading schemes ensures that classes from Junior Infants to 2nd Class, have enough readers to differentiate for readers of all abilities and promote fluency & decoding skills and build the children's confidence in children. We will utilise the commission from our recent Scholastic Book Fair to add lots more fiction and non-fiction titles to our Accelerated Reader Library for our middle & senior classes.

As has been well documented in the media, **the New Free School Book Scheme** announced by the Department of Education just before Easter, aims to alleviate the cost of books for all our families. Schools will receive a grant of €96 per pupil to purchase schoolbooks and workbooks. Over the last number of years in Carlanstown, we have operated a very successful book rental scheme and have tried to keep costs as low as possible. However, costs for licences such as Accelerated Reading, art & crafts and photocopying are not covered under this new scheme and we will have to ask for contributions towards this. We are currently working on our booklists and will circulate more information to families in the coming weeks.



North Meath Hurling & Camogie are calling all boys and girls who were born within [2011-2017](#) to come and give Hurling a try! Training Sunday at DeerPark, Carlanstown. A82 N9P8 All welcome!!