



# CARLANSTOWN NS - JANUARY 2025

*Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!*

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>BEST OF LUCK TO OUR CHILDREN FROM 3<sup>RD</sup> – 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS PARTICIPATING IN THE PEACE PROMS CONCERT IN THE RDS ON SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY @ 1PM</p>					<p>SCHOOL CLOSED MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY - BANK HOLIDAY</p> <p>FEBRUARY MIDTERM BREAK THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> &amp; FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY</p> <p>SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY</p>	
05	06 	07	08	09 THE 'SCHOOL SAVING SCHEME' CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY	10 <b>WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY</b> CONTINUES EVERY FRIDAY FOR ALL CLASSES	11
12	13 KEEP PRACTISING SONGS & DANCE MOVES FOR THE PEACE PROMS CONCERT 	14 CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL INTERSCHOOLS QUIZ IN NAVAN	15 DANCE WORKSHOPS START TODAY FOR ALL CLASSES 	16 DRAMA CONTINUES EVERY THURSDAY THIS TERM 1 – 2 pm 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class 2 - 3 pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Class	17 <b>CATECHIST VISITS ALL CLASSES TODAY</b> SIX WEEK CODING PROGRAMME BEGINS TODAY FOR 4 <sup>TH</sup> – 6 <sup>TH</sup>	18
19	20 SCHOOL VISIT BY CHILDREN'S AUTHOR & PAST PUPIL AISLEEN HARTE WHO WILL VISIT CLASSES WITH HER NEW BOOK	21	22 DANCE WORKSHOP WEEK 2	23 DRAMA CONTINUES FOR 3 <sup>RD</sup> – 6 <sup>TH</sup> CLASS 	24 CODING WEEK 2 4 <sup>TH</sup> – 6 <sup>TH</sup>	25 <b>O' CAROLAN COLLEGE</b> CAT4 TESTING FOR NEW ENTRANTS SEPT 2025
26	27 JUNIOR INFANT IMMUNISATIONS TIME TO BE CONFIRMED	28	29 DANCE WORKSHOP WEEK 3	30 MEDAL PRESENTATION EVENING FOR OUR CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL CHAMPIONS	31 CODING WEEK 3 4 <sup>TH</sup> – 6 <sup>TH</sup>	

# JANUARY NEWSLETTER



A huge thanks to our energetic & hardworking Parent's Association & Volunteer Group and also to all the wonderful local businesses and families for your kind & generous donations to our Christmas Raffle in December.

**We raised €6571**

Without your support we couldn't hold this fundraiser which is one of our most successful events to date. A special thank you to SEM Construction and Gaffney Mechanical who were our generous main sponsors again this year. Please visit our school Facebook page to see all of the local businesses who supported our fundraising efforts.

Congratulations to Dylan, Darcie & Bobby Clarke & Isabella McQuaid McGovern who won the Top Sellers Prizes of Arc Cinema Vouchers. Both families sold 5 cards each for the raffle! Well done also to Jack, Daniel, Ryan & Alex Sweeney who won the chocolate hamper which was raffled among the children who returned full cards. Congratulations to all our winners & ticket sellers. The full list of winners has been emailed to all families and is available on the school website.



Best of luck to Dylan Clarke, Grace Rasdale, Tom Moriarty and Alex

Sweeney who will represent the school at the Cumann na mBunscol Interschools Quiz this month.

The first stage of the Credit Union Schools Quiz competition takes place at the end of January. Our pupils are busy preparing to take part and we are delighted to have CNS represented again this year. We wish our teams every success and know that whatever the result, they'll make us proud.



In December, the Student Council spread festive spirit with two exciting events for our younger students! Junior

infants, Senior Infants, and First Class students enjoyed fun-filled Christmas-themed art sessions. Students from Junior Infants to Second class had a blast at the Christmas disco, dancing and celebrating the season together. It was a wonderful way to wrap up the week before the Christmas holidays!



Your response to our SVP Charity Appeal throughout December was incredible. Of the twenty six hampers distributed by Kilbeg/ Nobber SVP in our area fifteen of the hampers were donated by Carlanstown NS. Thank you for thinking of others and giving so generously.



## PEACE PROMS TICKETS

If you wish to purchase a ticket for the Peace Proms

Concert on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February in the RDS please click on the link below. Please note it is unreserved seating & the children in the choir do not need a ticket.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/peaceproms/1448793>



Ms Murray's Parent Teacher Meetings will be held in February and appointments for meetings will be scheduled via Aladdin Connect at the end of January.



We would like to welcome Ms. Katie Smith who has joined our teaching staff this term. As in previous years, we have clustered our additional special educational teaching hours with Stackallen NS to create a full post. These hours were covered by Mr Darragh Smith before Christmas. Ms. Smith will be with us on Monday and Tuesdays until Easter and she will be working with children and groups from various class levels. Ms Amy Farrelly and Ms Lauren O'Brien are also with us this month completing their teaching practice.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST CONFESSION FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> CLASS WILL BE HELD ON WED 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH @ 7 PM IN KILBEG CHURCH



## SMARTPHONES AND DEVICES

Following Christmas, it's timely to bring up the issue of mobile phones, smart watches and electronic devices which are wifi-enabled. While these are useful tools that can provide hours of fun and learning, there are very real dangers associated with them. We'd like to remind you that our **pupils are not permitted to have a mobile phone/electronic devices with them in school or at a school event.**

The use of mobile phones and other electronic devices/games contravenes the provision of a safe and secure school environment and is not conducive to learning - a provision which is central to the mission statement and ethos of Carlanstown NS.

In relation to smart watches, the children cannot wear a smart watch to school **IF** there is a camera or an audio recording function.

Please speak to your child about internet safety and their use of social media at home. The consistent advice around social media sites is that they are not suitable for anyone under the age of 13. Our Mobile and Electronic device policy and anti-cyber-bullying policy can be viewed on the website. For practical advice on staying safe online you might find [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) useful.



In line with the Dance Strand of the PE Curriculum, Chantelle from Dance Mania will deliver a six week dance programme to all of our classes. The cost of the workshops will be deducted from the saving scheme

