



Our Monthly Update

28/11/18

Reminder

**We are a
nut free
school**

**Scholastic
Book Fair**

**in school all
week**

Open to parents

2.00 - 3.15pm



Some of the interesting characters who were spotted hanging around our Halloween Disco

From the Principal

Christmas is fast approaching; tree is up and songs are being practised.

Due to enrolment numbers, we can have difficulty squeezing visitors into our school hall at events. For this reason, we are again this year **limiting the number of tickets available for the P1-P4 evening concert on Wednesday 12 December to 3 per family**. There will be opportunity to attend another P1-P4 concert on the morning of Tuesday 11 December, with unrestricted tickets available. Tickets will go on sale next week.

Our Open Night is on Tues 4 Dec and we are also having an Open Morning on Wed 5 Dec, details overleaf. If you have any friends, family or neighbours with young children, tell them to come along. We know that word of mouth is the best way to get the word out about our fab school.

We are very excited to see that the first stage of planning permission has been sought for a 3G youth pitch on our grounds. Various bodies are working together to acquire the facility which will be a great asset for the community.

PTA News

A great night was had at the Halloween Disco which raised a fantastic **£550**. All manner of strange characters attended and Cindy was energetic as always.

There was a tremendous turnout for the Christmas Fair last week and we really appreciate the community support. A massive thanks to the people who helped out on the night, to the PTA committee members and to all the local businesses which supported the event (a list of donations can be found on the PTA page of the website). The PTA is delighted to have raised nearly **£1900** from the event.

We hope this year to replace another aging classroom Interactive Whiteboard with a lovely new ActivPanel costing £3000. With the proceeds from the two events this term, we are well on our way. The PTA has also bought lovely new signage for our school exterior.

Child Protection

All Child Protection (CP) related policies are available on our website, under the 'Information for Parents' tab.

Our designated CP teacher is Mrs Humphries, the deputy designated teachers are Ms O'Callaghan & Mrs Hodkinson and the CP Governor is Mrs Lowe.

We tell the children who they can talk to if they are worried about anything, similarly you as a parent can speak to any of the above staff or the Principal if you have any Child Protection concerns.

International Visitors

We were delighted to be asked to host visitors from Hungary and Sicily who had travelled to NI to learn about the PATHS programme. P3 took a super assembly on feelings, our visitors then joined in lessons in various classrooms.



Carryduff Primary School

Caring family atmosphere

Daily support for SEN

Active learning in all classes

High academic standards and achievements

Model PATHS school

Spacious modern accommodation

Open Night

4 December 2018 6.30 - 8.00 pm

Open Morning

5 December 2018 9.10 - 10.30 am

We'd love to show you around our great school

*Wrap Around Care
7.30am – 6.00pm*

Carryduff Playgroup on site

*Music tuition in strings,
piano, singing and drums*

Spanish tuition P1-P7

*Residential trips for
P6 & P7*

School News

P2 had great fun finding out all about Bears for topic work. They held a teddy bears' picnic and each class also participated in the Duck Race, raising **£122** for Children in Need.

P3 completed a Road Safety programme with help from the Department of Infrastructure. Their last lesson involved them practising their skills out on the street.

Our netball team played their first matches against Moneyrea PS yesterday. The A team won 5-1 and the B team were narrowly beaten 2-1. Some great skill was on show.

All classes participated in exploring the theme of Respect during the recent national Anti-Bullying Week.

Other Bits & Pieces

Please note the 2 pm finishes for all pupils on the two Concert days

Tickets for the Christmas Concerts will go on sale on **Tuesday 4 December**, information to follow.

Scholastic Book Fair will be in school **27—30 Nov.** The children will be able to visit the fair during the school day and parents are welcome to come in after school, between 2pm - 3.15pm.

Governors

Our new Board of Governors has been reconstituted for the next 4 years. Dr G Murphy is Chair and Mrs D Clarke Vice Chair. We are delighted to welcome some new Board members; Mr G Murphy as transferor rep, Mr D Elwood as parent rep and Ms L Hyndman as teacher rep.

We look forward to seeing our Governors in and around the school.

Diary Dates

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| Scholastic Book Fair | 26—30 November |
| Carol Service in Lough Moss 4.00 pm | 2 December |
| Open Night 6.30 – 8.00 pm | 4 December |
| Open Morning 9.10—10.30am | 5 December |
| Christmas Concerts 2.00 pm finish both days | 11 & 12 December |
| Last day of term 12.00 pm finish | 21 December |
| New term begins | 7 January 2019 |