

December Newsletter:

Christmas activities are in full swing at Carlow National School as we write these notes.

We plan to hold our Christmas Show in our School Hall in a few days. Each classroom will perform a variety of seasonal pieces including musical items, songs, poetry and a Nativity play. We are so very proud of all of our wonderful children for taking part and our Teachers for all their work in preparation for this event too.

We are now looking forward to our special Christmas Assembly in St. Mary's Church shortly, where we will sing the traditional Christmas hymns and hear the retelling of the Christmas story in a pupil led format. We will also have the involvement of all the other members of our school community - representatives from the school staff, Board of Management, Parents group and of course our Clergy. We are very grateful to Rev. Paul, Rev. Ger and Rev. Catherine (from the Methodist community) who take turns to visit us for Assembly each Friday.

We are sad to say farewell to a much valued member of Staff our School Secretary, Mrs. June Corcoran, who has worked with us for over twenty six years. We thank her for all her hard work always carried out in good humour and in such a caring and kind way. We wish her and her family every happiness in this new chapter in their lives.

We are delighted to have 10 Wellbeing Ambassadors in our yard at C.N.S. Jessie, Mark Óg, Jane, Ethan B, Taylur, Jamie, Nomsa, Ethan C, Isabelle and Alexandra all underwent training with our Wellbeing Practitioners after applying for the role last Easter. The Wellbeing Ambassadors promote positive interactions, friendship and overall wellbeing. They take turns in the yard to help everyone feel included and to spread kindness - whether it's helping a friend, including someone in a game, or offering a kind word our Wellbeing

Ambassadors are always on the lookout to lead by example in helping to make our school an even more welcoming and supportive place. We thank Mrs Meredith for all her wonderful work with this school initiative.

We are opening our annual Food Bank collection this coming week where the children will make a donation of non-perishable food items which will be made into food hampers by the Methodist Church for less fortunate families in the area. Thank you to all the families in our school who so generously donate these food gifts each year.

The Lyons Club Visited our Senior pupils recently with Keith Sothern and John O Donohue where they spoke about healthy eating and exercise as part of their campaign to raise awareness about Diabetes. Each child received a healthy goody bag - Thank you to the Lyons Club. We were also delighted to receive a huge Thank You from Team Hope to all of our families for their generous donations of many Shoeboxes for this very worthy cause.

Thank you also to our Parents Group, REA Sothern Auctioneers and Aylmer Solicitors for their amazing support in this unique fundraiser for our school.

https://www.carlow-nationalist.ie/news/carlow-national-school-to-raise-funds-through-house-sale_arid-77278.html

We are now looking forward to our Red Fun Day soon when our school becomes a sea of red as a fun fundraiser for school activities and we look forward to a hopeful visit from a special guest (also dressed in red !) soon .

All the Staff of Carlow N.S wish you a happy and healthy New Year.