



Retirement of Mrs. Broderick

The announcement of Mrs. Broderick's retirement brought a mixture of emotions – sadness at the loss of such a valued staff member but also happiness that she can choose to retire while in good health and she can look forward to doing so many things she didn't have time to do up until now.

Siobhán has worked in Carrig N.S. for 33 years. During that time, she has been a dedicated, hardworking and very caring teacher, who has always had the best interests of her pupils at heart. She was almost like a second "mammy" to those

who went through her hands. We wish to thank her most sincerely for being a wonderful colleague and teacher and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

Miss Fogarty will be leaving us in June to take up a post in Shannon. Ruth has made a huge contribution to Carrig N.S. in a variety of ways – academically, musically, ICT and many more. She has done a fantastic job with the boys and girls in the Junior room and they will benefit greatly going forward from their time with her. Thank you so much Ruth and we wish you every luck and success going forward.

Our Fís Film

For a number of years now, the pupils of Carrig N.S. have been making films as part of the Fís (Film in Schools) competition, run locally by Laois Education Centre. Over the years, our films have been very successful and we have reached the National finals in the Helix Theatre on three occasions.

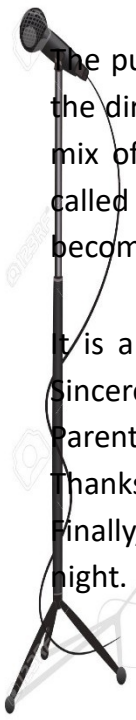
This year, our film “Find Your Voice” won an award for Best Documentary and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we might reach the National Finals again this year. Our thanks to Mr. Madden for all his work on our film and well done to the boys and girls in our senior classes on another great achievement.

DANCE LESSONS

We had a 6-week session of dance lessons for all classes which was highly enjoyed by all the pupils. They look forward to seeing Lisa coming every year and we hope to see her again in September.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SHOW





The pupils of Carrig N.S. put on their annual school show recently in Birr Theatre. Under the direction of Mr. Jared Madden, our Speech and Drama teacher. We were treated to a mix of comedy, song and dance in a fast – moving, slick and highly entertaining show called “Let’s Talk”. These shows just get better and better year by year, with the children becoming more and more comfortable on stage with each production.

It is a great preparation for future participation in school shows, drama, musicals etc. Sincere thanks to all who came along to support the children on the night and to our Parents Association for their great work, not just with the show but throughout the year. Thanks also to the staff of Birr Theatre, who are always so welcoming and accommodating. Finally, well done to all our pupils who provided us with excellent entertainment on the night.

County Final

Well done to the boys and girls of our school’s hurling panel who beat Claren in the County Final in Birr. Having been somewhat sluggish in the first half, they were a team transformed in the second half. The skill level, score-taking and work rate was very impressive and we played some wonderful hurling. Well done to all on a fantastic achievement.



Croíúil

Well done to Mr. McGarry, Mr. Broderick and Mrs. Clarke on their great work with the boys during the year. Well done also to the boys on their hard work and on how well they have integrated into the school community over the past few years.

Pilates

Our Pilates lessons with Amanda were indeed fun and great exercise. Thank you most sincerely for sharing your time and your expertise with us.



Our Juniors, Seniors and First Class pupils had a great day in Turoe Pet Farm which was fun-filled and memorable.

Our 2nd, 3rd & 4th Class pupils also had an exciting day in Castlecomer Discovery Park

Our 5th and 6th Class pupils thoroughly enjoyed their school tour to UL Adventure World and got great enjoyment from both the indoor and outdoor activities alike.

HIKING in KINNITTY MOUNTAINS



Our 5th & 6th class pupils went to the Kinnitty mountains for their annual hike recently. Thanks to the parents who provided lifts on the day.

AFTERNOON CLUB

Our 2-3 club has proven to be very popular and the numbers availing of this service are growing all the time. It has proved to be a very special service which is greatly appreciated by the parents. Thanks to Teresa for all her hard work in running this service.

We had our 6th class graduation and our medals presentation in the school last week. The children were presented with “Class of 2023” hoodies and former pupils Liam Hoare presented our medals. Thanks to Liam and Fr. Tom for their attendance.

HURLING/CAMOGIE COACHING



Thanks also to Ryan Kinahan for his continued work with our pupils in hurling and camogie. Ryan is very popular with the children and has done great work so far. Thanks Ryan and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons for 1st – 6th class pupils concluded recently. All pupils are making great progress and the vast majority are strong swimmers by the time they leave primary school.



LITERACY and NUMERACY

Our Literacy and Numeracy Initiatives continue in all classes. These are proving to be both very popular and very beneficial for the children and the results speak for themselves. Thanks again to all staff members who run these initiatives.

THE CLOWN

Fr y Professor was with us again recently. The children enjoyed his tricks and in laying.



CHARITY/ Le Chéile

The children raised a phenomenal € again this year during Lent. Congratulations to all on a wonderful achievement and thanks to all of you for your help and support. Half is going to and the other half will go to Laura-Lynn Children's hospice and the Jack and

BOOK FAIR

Our annual book fair was again very successful. The children enjoyed reading new k



ATHON

This year, those children who took part in the MS Readathon raised over €.... Well done on your efforts for a very worthy cause.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Martin – Caretaking

Ita – Flowers/Garden etc.



Thanks to the Parents Association

Sincere thanks to our Parents Associations for all their hard work during the year. Their continued support of our pupils and the work of the school is much appreciated.

Thanks to the pupils

Well done to all our pupils on their hard work and good behaviour during the past school year. They really are a credit to you. Finally, sincere thanks to you our parent body for your continued co-operation and support. Enjoy the summer break.

