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FLOUR POWER: Eimear Caulfield and Sophie Horgan enjoying cooking class at Carriganima National School, Co Cork.
Picture: Dan Linehan

Inside: Carriganima National School is cooking up a storm

OUR SCHOOL

Welcome awaits at Carriganima National School

CARRIGANIMA National School is a three-teacher, mixed primary school, situated on the main Macroom-Millstreet road, just six miles from each of these towns and approximately a nine-minute drive, with no traffic congestion.

Our staff includes two mainstream class teachers, a special education teacher, a full-time and part-time SNA, and ancillary staff.

The school caters for children from junior infants to sixth class, who get individual attention due to the excellent pupil-teacher ratio and small class sizes.

Our mission:

Children of all nationalities and cultures are welcomed and we encourage learning about other traditions and faiths.

Our history:

Founded in 1935, in recent years, our school building, playground, and car park facilities have been developed and upgraded.

A new extension comprising of two classrooms, and a major renovation of the two old classrooms, have enhanced the school.

Carriganima Childcare Centre is situated on the school grounds, and includes a breakfast club, Busy Bees Preschool, and Afterschool Club.

Our achievements:

Pupils have competed successfully in Cork City Sports, West Muskerry Schools Cross Country, and Scór na bPáistí competitions.

We are currently working on the final year of the fourth Green Schools flag.

We are an Active School and a Digital School of Distinction.

A big hit with the pupils is baking day, when all the boys and girls get to bake and enjoy lots of yummy treats.

Our website, www.carriganima-nans.weebly.com, which is updated regularly, received the Scoilnet Star Site Award.

We have a designated Aistear room for junior/senior infants.

Working on a new theme every month, the children learn new vocabulary and implement their numeracy and literacy skills in a meaningful way through the use of role-play, real-life situations, and games.

Carriganima National School prides itself as a small school and visitors to the school consistently comment on the welcoming, inclusive, and friendly atmosphere.

Our plans for the future:

We plan to build a sensory garden and to upgrade the playing yard to an all-year-round AstroTurf surface.

Open week:

An open week will take place from Monday February 3 to February 7, when prospective pupils and their parents can visit the school to see our excellent facilities, meet the staff, and see how our school can best meet the needs of your child.

Visit any time between 9.20am and 3pm during the open week.

No appointment is necessary, but call (026) 44107 or (086) 794 3289 to arrange a time if required. All enquiries are welcome.





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1. School principal Patsy Dineen with her class of Elena, Eimear, Sophie and Leonardo with back from left, Tycho, Zachair, Daithi and Shóna at Carriganima National School, Co Cork.
2. Playtime for Eimear Caulfield and Sophie Horgan.
3. Leonardo Bella, Elena Manning and Shóna Creedon.
4. Something is cooking in the kitchen for Elena, Eimear, Sophie, Shóna, Jacob and Leonardo.
5. Tycho Rondelez, Jacob McHugh, Daithi Creedon and Zachari McHugh.
6. Time for music with 3rd and 4th class, Darragh Manning, Colm Caulfield, Justin Wojnicki and Jamie McCarthy.
7. School principal Ms Patsy Dineen with her class using their ipads.
8. Mr. Seán Newman, Teacher and Kay McDonagh, SNA with their class of Justin Wojnicki, Zack O'Mahony, Darragh Manning, Anna Konrad, Jamie McCarthy, Colm Caulfield, Seán Kelleher, Dara Caulfield and Sammy Murphy.
9. Fifth and sixth class pupils enjoy computer class. Seán Kelleher, Zach O'Mahony, Anne Konrad, Dara Caulfield and Sammy Murphy.
10. Sports break with Anna Konrad, Seán Kelleher and Zach O'Mahony.
11. Anna Konrad in computer class.
12. Yoga class for pupils, Sophie, Shóna, Eimear and Jacob.



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Pictures: Dan Linehan

'Carriganima is amazing'

Tycho, 1st class:

My name is Tycho and I am in first class. I like Maths, Irish, Sports, and Games. Everyone in Carriganima School are my friends. I like the school because we do nice Art and the teachers are nice and I have a lot of friends.

Dáithí, 2nd class:

My name is Dáithí and I am in second class. I like to play football and I like when we bake. My favourite subjects are Maths and Science. My friends are Tycho and Zachary. I like this school because everyone is nice and we all play together. I really enjoyed the Christmas Concert and we all had a part in it. Our parents and family members are invited to watch our performance. After the concert, we have refreshments.

Sophie, Shóna, Eimear, and Jacob, Senior Infants:

We are in Senior Infants. We love baking as it is so much fun and we get to bake lots of nice things. Our yoga teacher comes to the school on Fridays. We really look forward to that. We love going to the Aistear room as we play games and role play.

Zachary, 2nd class:

My name is Zachary and I am in second class. I like going on the iPads and going out for PE. My friends are Tycho, Jacob, Dáithí, Sophie, Eimear, Shóna, Elena, and Leonardo. I like Carriganima School because of the teachers and my friends and I have lots of fun there.

Colm, 3rd class:

I like Carriganima NS because it is a small school and we get to know each other really well. My favourite subject is Maths because it challenges me. I enjoy that we do different things in Sport.

Another favourite subject is baking. I think my teacher is nice and everyone in the school is friendly and kind.

Zack 5th class:

Hi I am Zack. I like Carriganima School because the teachers are very nice and organise a lot of things for us, such as, school tours, baking, Christmas plays, and swimming. Everyone is very nice and thoughtful. The school is near snowy hills and farms with cows, horses, and donkeys.

The uniform is comfortable and nice. My favourite subjects are History, English, PE, Irish, Maths, Music, and Art. I enjoy working on the iPads and laptops. I really love this school.

Dara 6th lass:

I enjoy coming to school here be-



The pupils of Carriganima National School, Co Cork with school principal, Patsy Dineen, teachers, Séan Newman and Lavinia Sheahan, and SNA's Deirdre Buckley and Kay McDonagh.

Picture: Dan Linehan

cause we have laptops, iPads, football, yoga, hurling, and baking. We go on school tours also. We have a Christmas Concert, Dancing, and Swimming. I like the fact that we have small class sizes. Every school day is different. I like learning about the rich history of the Carriganima area and the famous people that came from this small area. I have lots of fun on the history and geography walking tour around my village.

My favourite subject is Irish as I enjoy learning the language and it challenges me. My best friends are Sammy, Anna, Zack, and Justin.

Darragh 3rd class:

I like Carriganima NS because it is a friendly place. The school is small which makes it easier to make friends and we get more attention from the teachers. My best friend is Seanie. My favourite subject is singing. Síle Ni Dhubhghaill teaches us singing and music. We try out loads of different things in the school like yoga and baking. I love when it is school tour time as we go to great places and I have great fun with my friends. The students and teachers are very nice

and make going to school fun and enjoyable. I like spending my time in Carriganima National School.

Jamie 3rd class:

I like Carriganima NS because we have hurling and football training. I also like this school as all the students and teachers are so nice and caring. We enter football and hurling blitzes. My favourite subject is PE and essay writing. We also do baking. We learn about the school's history. I like that the classrooms are newly decorated. My four best friends are Justin, Seanie, Darragh, and Colm.

Justin 4th class:

I enjoy going to Carriganima School because it is a fun school. Everyone is very nice in Carriganima. They are warm, kind, and thoughtful. I like learning about the history of Carriganima.

My favourite subject is PE because we do Football, Hurling and Yoga. The teachers are very nice to the pupils. The location is beautiful and the view of fields and the river is very nice. We have a basketball court and we play soccer on the bigger yard. My friend's names are

Anna, Zack, Sammy, Jamie, Colm, Michael, Dara, Seanie, and Darragh.

Anna 5th class:

I enjoy going to Carriganima National School because we do a lot of fun activities. Everyone is very nice. The teachers make learning fun!

Our school is a small school so it is easier to make friends, our teachers have great personalities. We have a beautiful view of the river and glen.

We get to do hurling, yoga, music, art, dancing, running, swimming, laptops, iPads, quizzes, baking, soccer, and football. We study lots of fun subjects. Overall this school is an amazing school.

Seanie 5th class:

I like going to Carriganima NS because the teachers and pupils are very nice and kind. The atmosphere in the school is nice and relaxed which makes it enjoyable to work in. I like that everyone gets on well with each other. My favourite time of the year in school is when we hold the Christmas Concert. We put on a play, some step

dancing, music, and singing. We have many activities in the school such as football and hurling blitzes, quizzes, baking, and a walking History tour of the village. My favourite activity in the school is Baking.

I love the smell of baking and eating what we made for lunch. I am friendly with everyone in my school but my best friends are Darragh, Jamie, Colm, Justin, and Anna.

Sammy 5th class:

I go to Carriganima NS I like Carriganima School because we do soccer, football, laptops, yoga, dancing, running, quizzes, baking, art, science, and music. It is a small school which is good because it is easy to make friends and you get more attention.

We also go on school tours every year. My favourite subject is Irish as I like to speak the National language and we are not far from the Muskerry Gealtacht.

The teachers are a great help and good company. The people in this school are very nice. The subjects are interesting. Overall, this school is great place to learn.