



Carrickfergus Model Primary School

"Aspiring to learn, care and grow together."



Neon Day

Let's Glow
CRAZY

Term 2: February Newsletter 2026



Dear Parents / Carers,

The long month of January is finally over and the days will begin to gradually lengthen. It has been frustrating for the boys and girls not to enjoy our outside spaces with the wet weather; they are very good at reminding me how many equipment days have been missed!

I would like to say a huge well done to all the boys and girls for working so hard for their January Assessments and the revision that took place at home. These Assessments will be discussed at Parent Interviews this week.

A huge well done to Primary 7 for their amazing SEAG scores. I know there has been lots of excitement in choosing post-primary schools. Every child is outstanding in their own way and I look forward to hearing which school the children go to next. Our SEAG thoughts now turn to our Primary 6 pupils who will be starting practice papers very soon and the whole process begins again.

Spring is not far away and I know that teaching staff are busy planning special days and trips for the pupils.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if required.

Mrs J Miller
Principal



Monday 2nd February - Friday 6th February

Parent Interview Week

Pupils Finish at 1.45pm Monday 2nd - Thursday 5th and 12 Noon on Friday 6th February

Monday 9th February - Friday 13th February
Half-Term

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th February

School Photographer for all pupils (please register using the information contained in this Newsletter or Seesaw)

Thursday 19th February

Year 8 Applications Close

Friday 20th February

PSNI with P3 - P7 for Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 24th February

SEAG Information Evening for P5 & P6 Parents, 7pm

Wednesday 25th February

Author Visit for Primary 6 & Primary 7

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day (please see information contained in this Newsletter or Seesaw)

Monday 16th March

School Closure: SDD

Tuesday 17th March

School Closure: St Patrick's Day

Thursday 19th March

Primary 4 at Armagh Palace Stables / Noel Arc Visits

Monday 23rd March

P6 Birds of Prey Visit

Tuesday 24th March

PSNI Children's Court

Wednesday 25th March

P6 Aviation Society Trip

Thursday 26th March

P6 & P7 Disco (pm)

Friday 27th March

P1 -P5 Disco / P6 & P7 School Uniform

Tuesday 31st March

School closes at Noon for all pupils

RETURN AFTER EASTER ON TUESDAY 14TH APRIL



Extra Staff Development Days Announced

The Department of Education has announced 2 extra staff development days for this academic year so that teaching staff can prepare for the various elements of TransformEd. **These dates will be Monday 13th April and Friday 1st May.** Further information on the new TransformEd strategy has been included with this Newsletter.



Cool for School Photography

To have your child's photo taken you **must** register!

Register Now!

Complete online registration to ensure your child's photo is taken this year.

Just follow these **three** simple steps.

Get ready for
PHOTODAY!

**16th & 17th
February**

Please register by **7pm** the day before Photoday



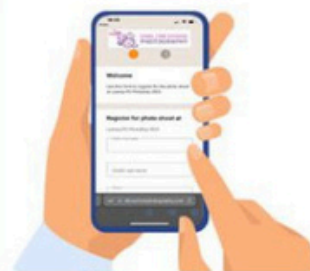
STEP 1

Grab your phone or PC and go to
orders.coolforschoolphotography.com

STEP 2

Enter this unique school code.

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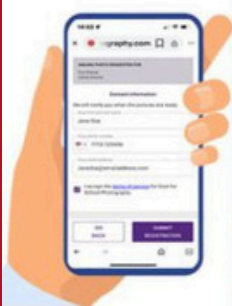
STEP 3

Fill in **Pupil's** name, choose **their** class from drop down menu
Click Add Child.

If a sibling photo is required, complete additional section.

Click **Confirm and Continue** then enter your contact details

Scroll down and **Click Submit Registration**



That's it! After you have hit submit you should receive a confirmation email that your child or children have been registered successfully.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our website for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our us on ...02892683966



WORLD BOOK DAY!

Thursday 5th March!

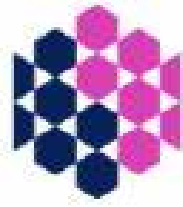
HEROES VS VILLAINS!

Dress Up as Your
Favourite

Hero or Villain
from a Book!

Thursday 5th March





Department of
Education

TransformEd NI

Transforming Teaching and Learning: A Strategy for Educational Excellence in Northern Ireland

10 POINT PLAN

1. A KNOWLEDGE-RICH CURRICULUM

We will review and redesign the Northern Ireland curriculum to ensure every child enjoys an ambitious and knowledge-rich curriculum that develops their learning in a well sequenced and explicit manner.

2. HIGH QUALITY CURRICULUM ADVICE AND RESOURCES

We will provide greater investment in high-quality curriculum advice and resources to support teachers in the classroom.

3. PRIORITISING TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

We will ensure there is sustained investment to provide a coherent approach to Teacher Professional Learning that supports teachers throughout their career.

4. EVIDENCE INFORMED APPROACHES TO LITERACY AND NUMERACY

We will introduce new literacy and numeracy strategies informed by evidence and based on international best practice.

5. HIGH STANDARDS AND SYSTEM LEVEL DATA

We will introduce a new system of attainment measures for end of Key Stage assessment to set high standards for all children and provide reliable system level performance measures.

6. PORTABLE, PROGRESSIVE AND FIT FOR PURPOSE QUALIFICATIONS

We will review the qualifications landscape to ensure availability of high-quality qualifications that are up to date, portable and fit for purpose to support progression to a higher level of learning, training, or into employment.

7. A FOCUS ON CONTINUAL EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

We will introduce a new school improvement policy to provide a framework to support excellence and an improved model of external support for schools.

8. AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO TACKLE EDUCATIONAL DISADVANTAGE

We will deliver an integrated approach to tackling educational disadvantage providing a continuum of evidence-based interventions within schools, families and communities.

9. ALL LEARNERS ENGAGED IN EDUCATION TO 18

We will introduce legislation to ensure all learners remain in education, apprenticeship or training until age 18.

10. EFFECTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY DRIVING IMPROVEMENT

We will introduce a coherent accountability framework to demonstrate value for money to government, taxpayers and parents and drive improvement through responsibility and answerability.

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