



# Your School Around the Corner!

**Scoil Náisiúnta Donaigh is on the outskirts of Carndonagh town. It is a small, two teacher school with a very favourable pupil -teacher ratio.**

Pupils have access to large spacious grounds for outdoor play and P.E. They use the all weather pitch and basketball court on a regular basis. The school also has a spacious general purpose room for indoor P.E. lessons. They enjoy regular coaching sessions with our GAA coach, John Gibbons.

The junior pupils are taught by Ms Diane Magee in a classroom that is warm, welcoming and encourages a love of learning. The junior pupils enjoy a full curriculum and benefit greatly from the play-based Aistear curriculum. There is a strong emphasis on early literacy and numeracy skills. Baineann na páistí an taitneamh as an gcuraclam Gaeilge freisin, trí chluichí, trí chomhrá agus tríd an teicneolaíocht.

Ms Caroline Carey (principal teacher) maintains responsibility for the senior room pupils. Ms Carey is a past pupil of Donagh N.S. and C.C.S. She has a vested interest in ensuring that the standard of teaching and learning is high across the school. Ms Carey has training in delivering programmes that tackle mental health issues (certified Friends for Life facilitator.) Pupils have access to excellent ICT resources to further enhance their learning. They can create digital projects, publish creative work and carry out research online using the school's laptops. Both classrooms have interactive whiteboards. Pupils are taught about staying safe online.

A love of our Irish culture,

heritage and language is nurtured in the school. Pupils from 2nd- 6th enjoy tin whistle lessons with Múinteoir Róisín McGrory and all pupils can sing and recite a variety of rannta, dannta agus amhráin.

We maintain close links with our local community. Pupils participate in events run by the local library. We have performed at the Carndonagh Hospital Christmas service. We use the local environment as part of our S.E.S.E curriculum, visiting the woods, beach, sites of historic interest etc to enhance the learning experience for pupils.

Donagh N.S. are proud to have four An Taisce Green Flags, an Active Flag and also a Junior Enterprise Flag. Work continues in all these areas, each school year. We are particularly proud of our green school work... we have a fantastic veggie garden which the pupils maintain. We are keen to cultivate a sense of environmental awareness in our pupils. Empathy is a characteristic that we believe must also be fostered in our pupils. We participate in the Team Hope "Christmas Shoebox" appeal each year. In December 2018, we raised €217.00 euro for CMRF Crumlin by hosting a Christmas Jumper Day. Pupils and parents also compiled three baskets of goods in aid of the local SVDP branch.

Donagh N.S. have a very enthusiastic and committed P.A. They are involved in school life in a variety of ways. They meet on a regular basis to plan activities, fund-raising and how to best support the work of the school. The P.A. are currently running a charity shop in Pound Street, Carndonagh. Pop in and pick up a bargain! Ní neart go cur



Christmas Play 2018

le chéile.

Donagh N.S. is under the patronage of the Church of Ireland. We welcome children from all faiths and none. We have a dedicated Special Education Teacher, shared with Drumfries N.S. We have a full time Special Needs Assistant assigned to the school. Visit our website for more information about our school - <http://donaghns.ie/>. Application forms for enrolment for September 2019 can be sought by contacting the school secretary, Mrs Canny on 074 -9374556 or emailing [donaghns.ias@eir-com.net](mailto:donaghns.ias@eir-com.net)



Kieran and Samuel enjoying some practical learning- baking in Maths.



Our Christmas collection for the SVDP.



Jessica & Aimee, with their teacher Ms Carey, learning all about the Ancient Egyptians online.