CARNIVAL BALL AT SCHOOL

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Children with their parents at the ball and (inset) teacher Magdalena Kozyra.

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AN old Polish tradition was revived in Carlow when children attending the local Polish School enjoyed a carnival ball.

Dressed in masks and costumes the young students danced and played games while the parents had prepared a feast of cupcakes and treats.

'This year with the wonderful music by Max Band from Borris we could not resist to dance altogether, children, staff and parents,' said teacher Marta Szutkowska-Kiszkiel.

'These happy moments are to be the beginning of the very happy New Year 2013.'

The Equal Chances school, located at Presentation College Askea, was set up in September 2008 and classes take place every Saturday from 9 a. m.

The pupils, five to 18 years, are taught Polish, history, geography, maths and English for the parents.

'The school has a rich Polish library and every Saturday morning we arrange a reading room, where reading classes are provided,' she added.

Equal Chances cooperates with a number of institutions such the Polish embassy, the VEC, St Vincent de Pau l, Integration Centre, Carlow Integration Forum and Carlow Volunteer Centre.

'Every year our school community participate in St Patrick's Day parade. Children wear traditional Polish costumes and this year we will join Carlow Integration Forum for this event.

'We wish do further step towards integration and organise classes of Polish as a foreign language,' she said.

Agnieszka and Kardinka enjoying the fun.

Alicja Bobrecka and Oliwia Sadowska.

Vincent Gornick.

Piotr Kramarczyk.