



NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

- Saturday 13th & 27th May First Holy Communion
- Sunday 21st May Confirmation
- Monday 29th May School closed - Bank Holiday
- 31st May – 2nd June KS2 Sports Days (Cornagrade) – weather dependent
- Thursday 1st June Summer Concert, Mill Street
- Monday 5th June: KS1 Sports week (Mill Street) – weather dependent
- Thursday 8th June: School closed, General Election
- Monday 12th June – Thursday 15th June Manchester Trip
- Thursday 22nd June P7 Induction in new schools
- Wednesday 28th June End of year Mass, 1pm

School Enhancement Programme

During our Easter break the two murals, which were being painted at Cornagrade, were completed. These were designed by our pupils and I am sure you will agree they look wonderful. Children and Staff at KS2 are enjoying them every day. Thank you to Kevin McHugh for this fantastic piece of work.



At Mill Street the P3 and P4 rooms have also had a makeover with new flooring, new tables & chairs and freshly painted walls.

We are really delighted with all these great improvements. Future planned work includes continued improvements in classrooms, external work as well as updated security measures at our Cornagrade site.



Miss Corrigan's Class Enjoy a Trip to the Swimming Pool

The pupils in Miss Corrigan's class were exhausted when they returned from their first swimming session of the term in the Lakeland Forum! They had a great time splashing, racing and playing in the water. The swimming sessions encourage the children to be more confident in the water; it also develops their dressing skills and basic knowledge about being safe around the water. This year the cost of the swimming and transport is covered through funds which were greatly received from the Enniskillen Yacht Club. The staff and pupils of the ASD class would like to thank Enniskillen Yacht Club for their generosity.



Holy Trinity Pupils Raise Funds for Children's Cancer Charity



Holy Trinity's pupils organised a cake sale at school to raise money for some of the schools chosen charities. The sale was a great success, parents and children baked some fantastic buns and cakes. In total the cake sale raised £750. Thank you to everyone who donated buns and cakes and to everyone who bought and enjoyed them.

The photo shows Gareth McElduff representing 'Clic Sargent' receiving a cheque for £350 along with some of the school council.

Best Kept Schools Award

This is the second year our school have entered the 'Best Kept Schools Award'. Along with our new mural which is lovely and bright, we have been busy weeding and planting when the weather is good. We have to do this every few weeks as the weeds grow back very fast. Here is a photograph of some of our P5 children and Paddy, one of our classroom assistants, working at the front of the school. Didn't they really do a good job of making our school a lovely place to work and learn in?



Mr Starrs' TV Stars



Our class was lucky enough to be chosen to be part of a BBC documentary. A camera man called Ian filmed us doing an activity for Healthy Me. Rosie was the lady that led us in the activity. Niamh and Cillian were interviewed by Ian and explained about what they had learnt. The experience was absolutely fabulous and we are all excited to watch ourselves on TV. The programme will be aired on the third Sunday in September.



By Niamh and Zoe, P7

Book Boxes at Holy Trinity!!

On 16th Feb 2017 Holy Trinity had a 'Book Box Day'. You're probably thinking what is that? Book Box Day is where everybody gets a cereal box and paints it like their favourite book and puts their dislikes, likes and if the author had a message, then you would put it down on the side.

Every pupil from P4 up in Holy Trinity got to do it and believe me the whole school cheered up because we got off literacy homework for one and a half weeks! On the back of your cereal box you had to write your own blurb about what had happened in the start, middle and end of the story and on the front you drew your picture of your choice of book. Now here is the best part of all, once you were finished the outside then you got on to the fun bit, you got to make stuff and put stuff inside it, then you could hook up with the book. You got to tell your whole class about your book when you were finished.

It was really good fun and interesting and we enjoyed ourselves for the two weeks we had to make our book boxes and thank you for reading our book box fun!!!

By Riona Dooris and Aoibhin Kelly



Takeaway Homework Tasks



As part of our work on making homework a better learning experience for the children P4 and P7 classes have been using 'Takeaway Homework' tasks. The children are involved with the teacher in devising a set of tasks each month. The tasks range from mild (easier) to extra hot (more difficult). Each Monday pupils choose a task which they will complete by Thursday. All children must attempt an extra hot task each month.

The pupils have enjoyed being able to choose their own tasks to complete. This pilot scheme will run until the end of June after which we will review the benefits of the programme before the start of the next academic year.



Emily and Daire (pictured) are very proud of their Takeaway Homework. Here's what our pupils are saying:

"I like the fact that I get to choose what I want to do for my homework."

Molly Boyd P4

"I enjoyed helping decide what tasks we could put in our Takeaway Homework."

Cormac Rooney P4

"I have enjoyed completing the tasks where I am able to build things."

Charley Breen P4

Bryson House Visit – April 4th 2017

P5 pupils enjoyed a visit from Elaine Brownlee of Bryson house. Her visit was all about reducing our energy consumption and 'Saving Energy' in our homes. Here are some of the things I learned about energy:

- Energy is very important. We should save energy and stop wasting fuels.
- We must switch off our lights when we leave the classroom and keep windows and doors closed to keep the heat in, especially in the winter time.
- We should use insulation in our homes.

Some people in our photographs dressed up to show how important it is to save energy. The main things that I remember about saving energy are:

- switch off the TV or computer, don't leave it on standby
- only boil the kettle with small amounts of water
- try to keep our school and homes warm by closing windows or doors



By Ali Janjua

Mrs Fee's P3 After School Drama Class perform their show 'All About Talents'

Mrs Fee's P3 drama class have been working really hard over the past term getting ready for their big performance 'All About Talents'. The drama class put on a show for all of the KS1 pupils and then again for the P3 families.

The P3's showed great confidence throughout their performances. They recited 'Little Red Riding Hood', sang some wonderful songs and raps. There was even interaction with the audience. Well done everyone and thank you to Mrs Fee and Mary for such a wonderful show.



P5 Maths Club

Maths is fun

I really enjoyed times tables bingo, times tables snap and the pumpkin game on the interactive whiteboard. I liked giving the person clues to find out what number they had on their head. Doing the times tables grid helped me learn all my tables, especially my 6 and 7 times tables. I am really good at them now! Maths club was really exciting because we did different games and activities every week.

By Katie Maguire

Maths club was lots of fun. I liked wearing the headband and asking my friends questions to find out what number was on my head. I also liked learning about fractions because I am better at them now. I loved going to Maths club.

By Gerard Carney



Trocaire 2017

For the Irish charity Trocaire our class discussed how much money we thought we could raise in the six weeks of Lent.

We decided our target would be £80 and agreed to all work together to try to achieve this. We knew the money would go to poor people in Honduras and we found out where this country was and some other information about it.

We tried hard all Lent and managed to raise £95. We were very proud of ourselves because it is important to help people who have less than we do.



By Amy-Leigh and Hannah P5

We are Learning about Dinosaurs in P2

We have been learning about what Palaeontologists do. They are scientists who study fossils. They have to carefully remove mud and rock from fossils. We tried being Palaeontologists. We had to carefully remove the chocolate chips from some cookies using tooth picks.



Mrs Kelly's Class visit Titanic Belfast



I went on a class trip to the Titanic Belfast with my class. I was amazed when I saw the height of the building. There were rocks on the wall of the building. I thought they were going to fall off. My favourite part was lying on the glass floor. When I looked down I could see the ship and the wreck. I also loved the cart ride. It was a little scary but I got to see the builders working on the ship. I would love to go back here with my family.

By Nikole Bagdonaite – P.5 Mrs Kelly



On the last day of Term 2, our class went on a trip to the wonderful Titanic Belfast. We went for a walk along the slipway first, before entering the building. A man in a fancy suit took our lunchboxes. We looked at the layout of information about the journey and the sinking. There was also a tablet that had a list of all the ships that H&W ever made and information about them. My favourite part was the cart ride that showed stages of building the ship. There was also a room that had machines that you could discover Ireland on. I had great fun on my trip.

By Paddy O' Hare - P5 Mrs Kelly

Building Bridges in P7

As part of our Ireland topic, we were given a challenge to build a bridge using only glue or sellotape, straws and card. We had to make sure the bridge was stable so it would not fall over, and strong enough to hold a creme egg! Our bridge was strong enough to hold 3 creme eggs! We asked Pearse to judge our bridges based on design and structure. Then we got to eat the Easter eggs and they were yummy. We really enjoyed making the bridges.

By Karolina and Mantas



P3 overview of planned work for May

Numeracy: Depending on group children will work on the place value of number to 999, addition of H.T.U. and T.U. (while bridging /not bridging the ten) and decomposition-subtraction. Work on multiplication of 2s 5s 10s is on-going with some groups beginning to look at division of 2s 5s and 10s.

Topic work: We will begin to revise all topics covered throughout the year.

Literacy: Children will look at the author Roald Dahl with study on Fantastic Mr Fox and work beginning on The Twits. Grammar work will look at punctuation -commas, revision of letter names, alphabetical ordering and dictionary work. They will also know when to use there/their, were/wear and adding -ed. Our writing genre focus for this month is Report Writing.

Topic: The World Around Us. Water -its uses, the water cycle, floating and sinking. STEM Children will work in groups to plan, design and test a bridge which is strong enough to hold a toy car.

P4 overview of planned work for May

Literacy: Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rules. Pupils will be reading their class novel, 'Danny the Champion of the World.' In grammar pupils will look at homophones, synonyms, antonyms, colons and commas in lists. We will be writing a play script based on the Three Little Pigs.

Numeracy: Pupils will be learning about division and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. We will be looking at fractions of objects and fractions of numbers. Our topic work this month will cover handling data where we will be looking at bar graphs, venn diagrams, tally charts and carroll diagrams. Pupils will also use ISAK9 and complete problem solving investigations.

World Around Us: This month we will be introducing our new topic of Houses and Homes. Pupils will learn about habitats of particular animals. They will discover the differences between their houses and homes around the world. Pupils will look at homes in Victorian times and will be able to name different types of houses eg. detached, terraced. Pupils will look at the work of LS Lowry and complete pictures using perspective and collages. In science pupils will plan investigations and learn about electricity. They will begin their stop motion animations in ICT.

Important dates:

Saturday 13th May - 12 noon - Holy Communion- St Michael's Church - Mrs Greene's class and Mrs McGirr's class

Saturday 27th May - 12 noon - St Michael's Church - Holy Communion - Mrs Smith's class

Please note PE is on Wednesdays and Fridays so children need to bring their PE kits on these days.

P5 overview of planned work for May

Numeracy: Revision of all topics – addition, subtraction, multiplying and dividing, fractions and decimals and extension booklets.

Topic: Compass points and directions. Different types of angles (acute, right angle, obtuse, straight and reflex).

Mental Maths – Continuous revision of all tables – multiplying and dividing for speed and accuracy. Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation.

Literacy: Novel: Start new novel - 'James and the Giant Peach' and complete related activities. Grammar work: Proof reading and editing exercises. Revision of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Exclamation marks, Prepositions (word that tells you where or when something is in relation to something else, for example: on, under, inside, outside), Prefixes (letters you can add to the beginning of a word) and Suffixes (letters you can add to the end of a word) to build longer words. Writing: Fantasy writing – Look at images from Michael Foreman and write stories and poems on these. Start looking at Play scripts. Children will look at the features of a play script and write their own scene from a play script. (Look at characters, plots, stage direction and perform scenes). We will complete spellings from Schofield and Sims – looking at suffixes, revision of topic words and shortened forms (you've, you'll, we've they'll). Weekly spelling test preparation.

World Around Us: Topic work – Starting a new topic: 'World War 1'. Complete K (what we know) and W (what we want to know), War vocab, causes of war, countries involved in the war, timeline of events and looking in detail at a soldier's uniform.

Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc.

- 10 minutes Athletics tasks and AR every night.
- Homework signed and homework completed every night.
- Museum visit – Tuesday 30th May/Wednesday 31st May
- End of Year trip to 'Waterworld' Bundoran – Wednesday 7th June

P6 overview of planned work for May

Numeracy: Pupils will be working on fractions and moving onto decimals and percentages. They will also be introduced to prime, cube and square numbers.

Topic - Pupils will be working on Data Handling activities, 12 hour and 24 hour time.

Literacy: Pupils will know when to use apostrophes, both for contractions and showing possession. Written activities will focus on persuasive and procedural writing.

Topic/World Around Us: Pupils will complete work on the Vikings and in May begin the topic of 'Europe'. They will complete a leaflet on a country of their choice as part of an ICT task. AR reading – Congratulations to all the children who have achieved their Term 2 AR target, hopefully your 3rd term target has now been set. Also, congratulations to our newest P6 Millionaires.

Mathletics: Pupils should be achieving their 1000 points each week in Mathletics as tasks are revision activities on what pupils have already covered in class. Mrs Cathcart's class will be trialling a new maths app "Doodle Maths" which will take the place of Mathletics for her class in May.

P7 overview of planned work for May

Literacy: Novel work – 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. Revision and proof reading exercises. Poetry linked with Rainforest Topic. Spelling work – Spelling lists and related activities.

Numeracy: Percentages, Area & Perimeter and Angles work. Children should be achieving their bronze award in Mathletics on a weekly basis.

World Around Us: – Rainforests

Reminder:

- Money for Manchester Trip.
- Confirmation photographs. (Baptism, Holy Communion and Sponsor).

Dates for your diary:

- Service of Light – Thursday 4th May 2017
- Confirmation – Sunday 21st May 2017
- Manchester Trip – Monday 12th June – Thursday 15th June
- P7 Induction in new schools – Thursday 22nd June
- End of year Mass, 1pm – Wednesday 28th June