

# NEWSLETTER

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## Important Dates

- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April: Half day. Children finish at 12 noon to start their Easter holidays. School reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: School closed, bank holiday
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May: School closed, bank holiday
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> May: Holy Communion
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017: Confirmation
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June: Manchester Trip:



## SUSTRANS Big Pedal

Holy Trinity KS2 pupils took part in the SUSTRANS Big Pedal to school event on 31<sup>st</sup> of March. Lots of pupils and their parents cycled to school in the morning and then enjoyed a hearty breakfast in the canteen. Well done to everyone who cycled and thank you to our canteen staff for putting on breakfast.



## Holy Trinity receive the SUSTRANS Bronze Award

Congratulations to everyone who helped our school achieve a Bronze SUSTRANS award. The award was presented to our school for 'Excellence in Sustainable Travel', it is the result of our KS2 pupils' cycling, scooting and walking to school and taking part in the Big Pedal events. Ann-Marie Cox from SUSTRANS presented the award. Keep up the great work.



Children from Holy Trinity were part of a very enjoyable concert in St Michael's college on Tuesday night

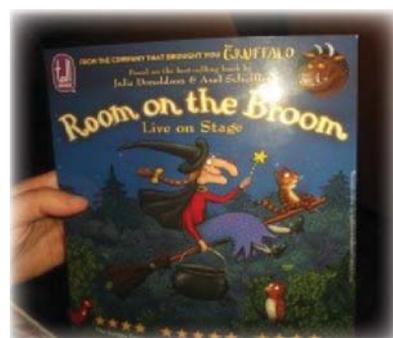
### P3 visit enjoy a Medieval Banquet at the Enniskillen Museum

The P3 classes visited the museum recently to look at life in Medieval times. They attended the medieval banquet and dressed up in costumes where they also had some food. They learned about weapons which would have been used at that time and got to see some of them in action. They had a great morning and loved listening to Catherine and Julian and their stories.



### P3 Millennium Theatre Visit

P3 really enjoyed their trip to the Millennium Theatre in Derry where they watched the Room on the Broom.



### Marian, Our Librarian, Reads Stories in P4

Marian, our librarian read us some stories about Ancient Egypt. She brought some items with her that she had bought when she visited Egypt five years ago. It was really interesting and we really enjoyed her visit to our classroom.

*Miley Hicks P4*



### Holy Trinity School Enhancement Program

The ongoing work to develop the school facilities for our children has included refurbishment of the P6 classrooms, which is now complete, and the P3 & P4 rooms, which will be refurbished over Easter. We are also painting a number of murals on the school grounds, these were designed by the children. The mural in the picture is at our Cornagrade site and it is really taking shape. This mural will be finished before Easter.



## Learning about Shadufs in P4

In World Around Us Primary 4 have been learning about shadufs. Egyptian farmers used shadufs to get water from the River Nile to dry land. We made our own shadufs by using a variety of materials.



## Internet Safety

Wayne Denner (<https://waynedenner.com/>) gave an excellent talk on 'Growing Up in a Digital World'. Please look at his website, Facebook page or Twitter feed for information or updates on how to protect your children while they are on the internet.

\*\*Please note: The minimum age for accounts on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat is 13. Children below the age of 13 should not be on social media.



## P6 Visit Enniskillen Library

This year, in celebration of World Book Day ALL the classes in our school got a chance to go to Enniskillen Library. Our P6 class went last week and we learnt about William Shakespeare because it was 'Shakespeare Week'. After the discussion, some of us got to go on the computer and take quizzes while others got to do word searches. The librarians were surprised at how much our class knew about Shakespeare.

One of the librarians said someone in our class looked like Juliet from Romeo and Juliet with her hairband on. We are very lucky to have the library so close to our school and the staff there are really helpful and friendly. There are also lots of AR books in the library to get your words up, so make sure to go check the library out.

*Hannah and Kerri P6*



## National Cheerleading Competition

Over the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> March some Holy Trinity pupils, Rebecca from P3, Lilly-Kate and Lucia from P5, Grace from P7 and I, went to the Irish All Stars Cheer and Dance Nationals 2017 representing the Jets! The competition took place in Co. Mayo at Breaffy Woods Hotel at the International Sports Arena. There were loads of teams from all of Ireland from places like Galway, Dublin and Omagh. We got some second places, sevenths and some fifths for our team. I was the third eldest group up, Silver. I did a trio with my friends Mia and Amy. It was a dance trio with no gymnastics in it. In our trio routine we won a **FIRST PLACE TROPHY!** I felt really excited and happy about this result. Overall, I had a wonderful weekend.



*By Emma Snow P5*

## Homework Survey Results

Thank you for the fantastic response to our homework survey, we had over 440 responses which included over 100 written comments. The results of the parent surveys, along with the ideas of the student Council and discussions with staff, will be used to inform changes to the homework we set. Thank you for your response to this work which we hope will lead to better outcomes for the children. A copy of the results from the parent questionnaires can be seen below.

Mr B. Treacy  
Principal

### Review of Homework Policy - March 2017

## Parents Questionnaire



### Total Responses 444

What do you think? Please tick one box for each question.	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1. My child's homework is very beneficial to my child	183	213	41	7
2. Homework is an important feature of linking school with home on a daily basis.	183	217	40	6
3. Homework helps to consolidate and reinforce what is learned in school.	194	206	40	4
4. Homework can cause anxiety in my home and for my child	94	145	149	56
5 Homework helps to encourage my child to develop confidence and self discipline to study independently.	123	237	75	9
6. Homework provides opportunities for me and my child to work together to enjoy learning experiences.	157	193	87	7
7. My child can cope with the amount of homework given in the recommended time allocated for their year group.	127	209	88	20
8. If my child has difficulty with their homework I am confident I can speak to their teacher.	216	202	19	7
9. I find the homework diary or Home link book as a useful way of communicating with the teacher.	238	188	15	3
10. Written homework should be set on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday night each week	122	173	128	21
11. Non written homework ie. Reading, key words, tables, spelling etc. is as important as written homework?	233	200	8	3

### P3 overview of planned work - April 2017

**Mathematics:** Depending on group children will begin to work on multiplication of 2s, 5s, and 10s. Place value of H.T.U. and T.U. bridging and not bridging the ten. Vertical addition of 2 digit numbers eg.  $21+33 =$  Using the 100 square to explore patterns and quick methods of adding (+9) (+11).

**Topic Work:** Money-finding the cost and giving change within 20p/99p. Measures- Capacity using standard measures eg. Litres and ml

**Literacy:** Continue our theme of traditional/fairy tales. Introduce our new author for term 3 (Roald Dahl) and begin our class novel, Fantastic Mr Fox. Range of activities related to both, including cloze procedure, diary writing, persuasive writing. Continue work on verbs – adding ed, ing,

**The World Around Us:** Observations of signs of Spring. Mother and baby animals. Life cycles of the frog. Continue our great science stories- Miners lamp and Dinosaur Discovery. Investigation of Materials and their properties.

### P4 overview of planned work - April 2017

**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 the 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:**

Holy Communion - St Michael's Church

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May- 12 noon: Mrs Greene's class and Mrs McGirr's class

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May- 12 noon: 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 - April 2017

**Numeracy:** Number: Negative Numbers and temperatures (Link to W.A.U topic). Topic: Money and Time work – Identifying and using money and times linked to problem solving activities. Mental Maths – Use and discuss mental strategies to calculate total amounts and give back change. Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation. Parents/Carers – Could you encourage children to handle money at home in real life situations, use the clock to tell the time, recognise digital and analogue times. Revision of conversions table – (e.g. mm to cm)

**Literacy:** Novel: 'Kaspar: The Prince of Cats' Novel and related activities. Grammar work: Revision of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Proofreading and editing work. Writing: Fantasy story writing (looking at settings, plots, characters and being able to plan, write and edit a

story. We will complete spelling words with suffixes and revision section. Weekly spelling test preparation. Parents – All children need to have their Mathematics award by Friday and complete at least two quizzes a week (reading book, library book or class library book).

**World Around Us:** Continue work on water topic – e.g Water shortage in different countries, cleanliness of water in our country compared to others. Looking at fundraising for a water charity. Water experiments related to the above.

**Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc.**

- 10 minutes Mathematics tasks every night Accelerated Reading every night.
- Homework diary signed and homework completed every night.
- P.E – Dance programme to continue.

### **P6 overview of planned work - April 2017**

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

**Topic:** Pupils will be working on 'Data Handling' activities and on 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.

**Other Information:**

- P.6 pupils will have a 'Healthy Me' talk this month and take part in a 'Young Enterprise' morning in school.
- AR reading –Congratulations to all the children who have achieved their Term 2 AR target, it is now time to think about your Term 3 one. Also, congratulations to our newest P6 Millionaires.
- Mathematics – Pupils should be achieving their 1000 points each week in Mathematics as tasks are revision activities to what pupils have already covered in class.

### **P7 overview of planned work - April 2017**

**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 Mathematics on a weekly basis.

**World Around Us:** Rainforests

**Reminder:**

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

**Dates for your Diary:**

- Retreat to Lough Derg Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017
- Service of Light Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017
- Confirmation Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017
- Manchester Trip Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

