



# NEWSLETTER

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## School Closures

- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February: Mid Term Break, school reopens on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March : Election
- 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> March: St Patricks Day, school reopens on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March
- 13<sup>th</sup> April -21<sup>st</sup> April: Easter, school reopens on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
*12<sup>th</sup> April is a half day to start the Easter holidays, class ends at 12noon*

## P1 & P2 School Mass at Mill Street

Catholic Schools Week was celebrated in our school from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February. The theme for this year was "Caring for our Common Home". We celebrated God's gift of the earth and learnt about St Francis.

Father Raymond celebrated a lovely mass for the children in P1 and P2 in the hall at Mill Street.



## Mr Starrs' P7 Class Perform Their SMART Assembly

Mr Starrs P7 class assembly took place on 27<sup>th</sup> January. For the assembly our class talked to the school and our parents about e-safety. We performed two sketches, one of us acting out two teachers (Mr Morris and Mr Starrs) with some pupils; it explained how to be internet smart by following the SMART rules.

The second was of a pupil and his mother in a discussion about using his phone. It raised the issue of children contacting strangers online. It is important to always remember what SMART means: **S**afe, **M**eeet, **A**cccepting, **R**eliable and **T**ell. We hope we got the message out to all the pupils and their parents. Stay smart and E-safe.

*By Mya & Niamh, P7*



### W5 visited KS1

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January W5 visited KS1. We took part in some STEM activities where we used K'NEX to build vehicles. We had to modify our designs to see if we could make our vehicle go faster down a ramp. What did our pupils think?

'I enjoyed making the cars.' *Molly Boyd*

'I enjoyed working as part of a team.' *Amelia Sekula*

'My favourite part was testing the cars to see if they would go faster.' *Niall Smyth*

'I enjoyed the fact that everyone took part and had fun.' *Kiera Kelly*

'My favourite part was when we won the race.' *Noah Boyd*

'I enjoyed the way that we kept making improvements to our cars.' *Christy Hoy*



### P6 Trip to the Planetarium

Last Thursday our class and the rest of P6 went to Armagh Planetarium. We split up into two groups and my group saw a meteorite that was around 4.7 billion years old. Then we went and learnt about life in space for astronauts. Water in space is actually cleaner than water on earth, who knew! After that we then went and made rockets in teams and blasted them off in the sky. It was a.m.a.z.i.n.g!!! The groups then joined together again to go inside the big dome that shows us what space looks like, e.g. there are 5 dwarf planets in our solar system. We learnt a lot of facts but everyone had fun. *By Hannah Burke*



### Celebrating St Brigid's Day

Today our class went to mass with Mrs McGirr's P4 class to celebrate the feast of St Brigid and Catholic Schools Week. We learned that St Brigid was a holy woman who gave food to the poor and there is a story about her when she gave her last tub of butter to a poor woman. When we came back we made some St Brigid's crosses. We made them out of rushes and tied them at the ends with rubber bands. *By Alicia and Kiril*



### Holy Trinity Nursery Children Celebrate Grandparents Day

Grandparents' day was on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February. To celebrate this special day Holy Trinity Nursery children invited their grandparents to visit their nursery class and spend time with them. The children were very excited to see their Grandparents in nursery. They had good fun playing and spending time together. Thank you to all the grandparents for visiting our Nursery.



## Holy Trinity Running Club News

St Michael's playing fields played host to the final round of the Flahavan's Porrige Cross Country League for nearly 200 running enthusiasts. Congratulations to all the children who competed at this event and to Shannon Clawson on finishing the course in third position. We are very proud of the children in Holy Trinity Running Club for the continued dedication and commitment they have demonstrated in preparation for this event. Congratulations also to the Boys' and Girls' Teams who ranked in third position overall in the Flahavan's Porrige Cross Country League. This means that both teams will represent Holy Trinity in the Northern Ireland Primary Schools Cross Country at Mallusk in February. We look forward to hearing all about this competitive event.



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### Overview of planned work for February - Primary 3

**Numeracy:** Children will continue to count in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s up to 50 /100. They will be familiar with the patterns which occur eg: Quick way to make 16 by adding 10 and then 6 more. Doubles and halves of number to 20. Word problems relating to addition and subtraction. Continue to reinforce addition and subtraction number bonds to 20. Addition of T.U. while bridging the 10 and subtraction of T.U.

**Topic Work:** Fractions halves and quarters of number and shape. Data handling relating to recording of weather.

**Literacy:** We will look at some of the works of Dick King Smith - class novel is his book Funny Frank - through which we will complete narrative and recount styles of writing. We will also focus on comprehensions and book reviews. Related to W.A.U. topic of weather –procedural/ how to make a windmill. Topical poetry. Grammar focus is identifying verbs and adding ing /ed. Study of poem The Owl and the Pussy cat with related literacy lessons.

**The World Around Us:** We will continue our weather theme looking at ways to gather information and record the data (linked to Numeracy). Look at map of Ireland - locate places of interest eg. cities, Enniskillen. History - Great Science Inventors /the Hot Air Balloon.

**Other Information:** Each class will attend Mass in St Michael's church during the term.

- 1<sup>st</sup> February - Mrs Reihill
- 8<sup>th</sup> February - Mrs Morris
- 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Mrs McManus
- 1<sup>st</sup> March –Mrs McMenamin

All classes will also visit the town library during the month. More detailed information to follow.

### Overview of planned work for February - Primary 4

**Literacy:** Pupils will know that adverbs are words that add information to a verb and can tell when, where or how something happens. e.g. the birds sang cheerfully. Pupils will know that conjunctions are joining words which can be used to connect words, phrases or sentences. E.g. I saw the mouse as I walked across the room. Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rule. Pupils will be reading their class novel, 'Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery' and will be writing a newspaper report based on Stanley's adventure.

**Numeracy:** Pupils will be learning about subtraction and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. Our topic work this month will cover weight and capacity where children will be carrying out practical activities to find the weight of objects. They will also be solving word problems and reading various scales. We will also be continually revising the times of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, days of the week and months of the year.

**World Around Us:** Our topic this term will be Ancient Egypt. We will be researching Ancient Egypt to help us complete PowerPoints in ICT. Pupils will be learning about the skeleton and the major organs of the body. They will be creating a holiday brochure for Egypt. Pupils will know how society was organised in Ancient Egypt and they will be learning all about Tutankhamun. In art pupils will make a cartouche using clay.

**Important dates:**First Confession (St Michael's Church):

- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm- Mrs Smith's class
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March: 7.30pm- Mrs Greene's class and Mrs McGirr's class

Holy Communion (St Michael's Church):

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

**Overview of planned work for February - Primary 5**

**Numeracy:** Number: Consolidation of division work. Division with remainders. Word problems around the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Topic: Measures (length, weight and capacity). Mental Maths – Multiplying and dividing (weekly tables linked). Estimation of length, weight and capacity. Problem solving activities and word problems for division, length, weight and capacity. Weekly tables test preparation.

**Literacy:** Novel: Continue work on 'Kaspar The Prince of Cats' and related activities from novel booklet. Grammar work – Apostrophes, possession – showing ownership), contractions (can not = can't,) and antonyms (opposites of words). We will complete 'Schofield & Sims' Spelling Programme – week 10, 11 & 12. Writing – Newspaper reports – skimming and scanning for important information. Write own report linked to novel/ World Around Us topic

**World Around Us:** Topic work on Titanic – Cross section of the Titanic, Survivors of the Titanic, Morse Code and who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic. Independent research at home on the survivors and the music played when the ship was sinking.

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

- 10 minutes Mathletics tasks & Accelerated Reading every night
- Homework signed and fully completed every night
- Highlight important words/symbols in Mental Arithmetic
- Ju-Jitsu on a Tuesday for all Year 5 classes
- Instrument to be brought in every Wednesday - Charanga programme at home
- Trip to the Titanic Quarter in Belfast (March)

**Overview of planned work for February - Primary 6**

**Numeracy:** Pupils will know and be able to use division facts. They will be able to divide whole numbers and understand remainders. They will understand the link between multiplication and division. Topic – Complete Area. Pupils will know there are different types of angles and be able to calculate angles within shape. They will learn how to use a protractor and measure a variety of angles in different shapes.

**English:** Pupils will be learning how to use apostrophes as contractions and for possession in their writing. Written activities will be linked to Report writing and the P.6 pupils will be taking part in an Irish News Readers project for the next 8 weeks receiving a certificate of achievement at the end.

**Topic/World Around Us:** Pupils will continue work on our Viking topic looking at Viking long ships and Raids. They will work in groups to make a mini movie related to the topic. Trips to be confirmed. AR Reading and Mathletics should be on going at home. Keep up the great TABLES work!

**Overview of planned work for February - Primary 7**

**Literacy:** Persuasive Writing- we will be looking at advertisements and writing arguments for and against. Pupils will be expressing their opinions and using emotive and persuasive language. Grammar work – Proofreading and cloze exercises, grammar (Verbs) and punctuation revision. Twelfth Day of July novel and related activities.

**Numeracy:** Fractions – equivalence, comparing and ordering, adding and subtracting. Percentages – link to fractions, of set and quantity, comparing and ordering. Time – 12 and 24 hr clock, timetables, calendars, durations and world times.

**World Around Us:** This term our topic is Ireland/Northern Ireland. We will be looking at the history of Northern Ireland and learning about individual counties

**Religion:** We are starting our Confirmation Preparation. Children will need to bring in a photo of their Baptism, a photo of their Holy Communion Day and a photo of their sponsor as soon as possible. Please place in an envelope and put your child's name on the front. They will also need to begin to think about choosing their Confirmation name. This is usually a Saint's name.

**PE:** Swimming continues for all. Mrs Clarke's & Miss Quigley's class will have 4 weeks of Hurling.