



NEWSLETTER

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The Principal and Staff of Holy Trinity would like to wish all our pupils and their families a very happy and holy Christmas.

Preschool, Nursery and P1 Classes put on Wonderful Christmas Shows

Holy Trinity Preschool, Nursery and P1 have been very festive places these past weeks as children from all the classes prepared for their Christmas shows. They have learnt songs and lines for their nativity plays and all about the 'First Christmas'. Their performances were enjoyed by their families who attended.



KS2 Classes Prepare for their Christmas Show

The learning support units Christmas show takes place on Friday 16th December. This year Ms Devine's class are performing the nativity musical 'Super Star'. Children from all of the link classes are involved in the production and the choreography is by Gemma and Grace. The nativity play will be followed by Mrs O'Connor's class performing their own Christmas assembly. Through drama and songs Tiernan, Che, Siobhan, Patrick and Samuel will share the true meaning of Christmas and why this is such an important time of the year.



Holy Trinity Fundraise for Children in Need

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Children in Need

The P1 children dressed up in their pyjamas, slippers and cosy socks for a fun day to raise money for Children in Need. The children had a fun dance lesson, and took their teddy bears for a teddy bears picnic in the afternoon. For our group photo we all shouted "Children in Need" and amazingly Pudsey the bear heard us and arrived in for a surprise visit. We all gave him a cuddle and got to shake his hand. We were so excited to see him on television.



A Message from the Dentist

The dental nurse paid a visit to P2 and has provided the following guidelines to care for the children's teeth:

Prevent tooth decay

- Restrict food/drinks containing sugar to mealtimes.
- Choose fruit as a snack.
- Choose milk or water to drink between meals.
- Read labels for hidden sugars.
- Always ask for sugar free medicines

Tooth brushing

- An adult should brush a child's teeth twice a day until they are at least 8 years old.
- Use a pea size of fluoride toothpaste.
- Brush all surfaces of the teeth.
- Spit out, do not rinse.
- Change toothbrush at least every 3 months.

Remember: Register your child with a dentist and attend regularly.



Holy Trinity P6 boys win the St Joseph's Tournament in style

Holy Trinity Year 6 pupils participated in a 5-a-side football competition organised by St Joseph's A-level students as part of their Business Studies A level.

Pupils Caelan Jones, James Tierney, Luke McAnespy, Shay Johnston, Rhys Williamson, Alex Nikolof and Rory Morris represented Holy Trinity in the 5 a-side competition. They were competing against teams from The Model, Jones Memorial, St. Mary's Tempo, St. Patrick's Derrygonnelly and Killyhommon PS.

Holy Trinity won the overall competition and were presented with medals and the tournament trophy by Mr O'Rourke, St Joseph's PE teacher. Mrs Palmer, St Joseph's Principal, thanked the boys for showing great sportsmanship and excellent behaviour throughout the tournament.

Well done to all our footballers who took part in this tournament



Nursery News

Elsa from Frozen came to visit us in the Nursery. She talked to us and sang songs for us. We had lots of fun.



Pre-school Enjoy a Trip to Lidl

Miss Keaveney's preschool class visited Lidl to help the children understand the importance of fruit and vegetables, where they come from and to link with this month's theme of harvest.

In the morning they also enjoyed a fruit tasting session and used the vegetables in the creative area making prints. The children used all they learnt during this visit in the preschool fruit & vegetable shop.



P3 Shape Bingo

We played 2D shape bingo by choosing the names of four 2D shapes. We then played a shape reveal game on the IWB. We had to guess what the shape was by looking as a little bit of the shape was slowly revealed. If we had the shape on our board we were able to mark it off.



We played 'What Shape am I?' One child had the name of a shape stuck to their back. They were only allowed to ask yes/no questions to try and guess what the shape was. E.g. Do I have 4 sides? Are my sides all the same length? Next we played a game using a feely bag where we had to feel a 2D shape in a bag and describe what we could feel. Then the class had to guess what our shape was.



P5's Trip To Florencecourt – What Mrs Gormley's class thought.

We went to Florencecourt and looked at the sycamore trees. We looked at different leaves; it was good fun going on a leaf hunt. The weather was cold but dry and there was a lovely sunshine just before lunch.

By Abbie McManus



It was fun at Florencecourt when we were looking at different kinds of leaves and minibeasts, my partner was Mikie. Then we went back out and took a closer look at the minibeasts under the microscope and we ate lunch. I really enjoyed our day out.

By Daniel Chen

We went on the bus to Florencecourt and when we got there we went out to look for bugs and plants. My group found a rose and then we found a spider with eight legs, he was black. We found a seed on the flower, the seed was brown. We found a beech tree it was big and under the tree were some gigantic roots. Then we went in for lunch. I had a great day.

By Connor Boyle

We went to the forest in Florencecourt. We saw different types of trees like Birch, Oak and we also saw different types of leaves like Roach, Birch and Evergreen. We also saw conkers on the way back to Florencecourt house. We heard a robin and we were able to look at minibeasts under a microscope. We have been learning about minibeasts and plants in our class.

By Darragh McKenna

In P3 we have been reading the story of The Little Red Hen.

Like her we made our own bread. First we mixed the ingredients. Then we kneaded the dough. After that we left it to rise. We put it in the oven to bake.



We ate it with butter and jam. It was delicious.



Writer and Poet Len Graham visits P3



A writer and poet called Len Graham visited P3. He came to our class and told us some stories and poems. He sang some funny songs too and we joined in. We liked the story about the monkeys and the hat. He also told us a story about when he was a boy and he had a pet crow who could say his name. We had great fun. *By Daithi, Grace and Charlie.*



P6 use IZAK9 to Solve Maths Problems

Mr Devlin's P6 class have been using Izak9. This is a large cube, made up of smaller cubes, which allow pupils to interact with each other and learn co-operatively while solving maths problems.

Pupils are given maths tasks to complete by online characters called Abacus and Helix. They share and discuss their thought processes and ideas on how to go about solving the problems.

Pupils really enjoy using Izak as a fun and interactive learning experience.



Please remember that MS office 365 is available free to all pupils. For Information on how to download this visit the Parent Info on our school website (under Information for parents)

Dates for your Diary

- 12th December: Nursery open day
KS1 Choir school and parent assembly
P1 children go to Chanterhill Post Office to post their Santa letters
- 14th December: Carol Service
- 15th December: P1 Open Day
- 15th December: School Choir sing at the Mill Croft Nursing home
- 16th December: Ms Devine & Miss Quigley's class perform their Nativity play
Mrs O'Connors class perform their Christmas assembly.
- 19th December: Choir sing in the community
- 20th December: Half day, last day of term. **Children finish school at 12.00 noon**, there will be no dinner or afternoon bus.
- 5th January: Children return to school.



P3 overview of planned work for December 2016

Maths:

- Counting in 1s, 2s, 3s 5s, 10s & numbers before, after and between up to 100.
- Adding a single digit number to a double digit up to 100.
- Adding 2, 3 numbers horizontally and vertically.
- Read and spell number names to 20.
- Recognition of coins and their value.
- Use coins for simple shopping activities up to 20p and giving change.
- Word problems relating to money.
- Parents are encouraged to engage children in real everyday shopping activities.
- Name and identify the properties of 2D shapes.

Literacy:

Pupils will learn how to:

- Lay out and write their own letter to Santa
- Sequence and write a recount of the story of Christmas
- Complete comprehensions related to Christmas theme
- Write instructions on how to make a Christmas decoration.

Grammar work will continue to focus on capital letters and full stops, speech marks and question marks & adding 'ing' to a word. We will also look at a variety of stories and poems related to Christmas.

World Around Us:

- Exploration of light and uses (in relation to Christmas lights and decorations).
- Design Christmas decoration using clay - Make our own moving Rudolph.
- Look at Christmas traditions.

P4 overview of planned work for December 2016

Numeracy:

Pupils will be continuing to learn their subtraction tables. They will be beginning to learn about multiplication. They will know that multiplication it is repeated addition and that it can be done in any order. They will begin to learn multiplication facts. Our topic work this month will cover 3D shape where children will be identifying common 3D shapes. 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.

Literacy

Pupils will know that adjectives are describing words and they will identify and use these in their written work. 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, 'Little Manfred' and will be carrying out activities based on this. In writing pupils will be learning about the features of diary entries and will be writing their own entries.

World Around Us:

Pupils will be learning all about VE day and the end of World War 2. The children will be carrying out some simple experiments linked to air resistance. They will be watching Spy Watch and reviewing what they have learned about the topic of World War 2.

Important Dates to Remember:

- First Confession in St Michael's Church:
 - Monday 13th March 2017- 7.30pm: Mrs Smith's class
 - Monday 27th March 2017- 7.30pm: Mrs Greene's class and Mrs McGirr's class
- First Holy Communion in St Michael's Church:
 - Saturday 13th May 2017 - 12 noon: Mrs Greene's class and Mrs McGirr's class
 - Saturday 27th May 2017- 12 noon: Mrs Smith's class

P5 overview of planned work for December 2016

Numeracy:

- Number: Language of multiplication and division. Multiplying work (by 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10).
- Topic: Position, movement and angle (grid references, coordinates and compass points).
- Mental Maths – Multiplication of tables. Language of multiplication and division.
- Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation.
 - o Learn rule for finding coordinates 'Over the hall and up the stairs'.
 - o Learn rule for compass points – 'Naughty elephants squirt water'.

Literacy:

- Novel: Complete Charlotte's Web novel and related activities.
- Grammar work – Past tense work and revision of work covered to date.
- Writing – Narrative writing: Retelling a story in their own words and creating an advertisement.
- We will complete work relating to new spelling scheme (differing levels). Christmas spelling words.
- Weekly spelling test preparation.

World Around Us:

- Topic work – Complete all work on plants and finish carrying out rest of investigations.

Other Information – Trips, Visits etc.

- 10 minutes Mathletics tasks every night.
- 10 minutes Accelerated Reading every night.
- Homework Diary signed and homework completed every night.

P6 overview of planned work for December 2016

Numeracy:

Number: Pupils will be able to:

- Subtract with and without decomposition.
- Subtract whole numbers using a range of mental, written and calculator methods
- Solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Know 2-12 times tables and use these in solving simple problems.

TOPIC: (2D shapes to be completed)

- Pupils will identify and record lines of symmetry in simple 2D shapes
- Pupils will be able to draw reflections of simple shapes
- Pupils will understand term area and be able to work out the area of squares and rectangles counting squares

Literacy:

- Pupils will understand use of speech marks and use them appropriately.
- Pupils will understand the difference between direct and reported speech.
- Pupils will know the key elements of a Recount (of a story or something that has happened) and be able to write one.
- Pupils will write a story in the first person – Nativity story.

Topic/World Around Us:

- Pupils will complete Space powerpoints.
- They will know what a constellation is and be aware of the legends connected with them.

Other Information:

We encourage the P6's to keep AR reading and Mathletics activities going along side their daily homework.

- AR Books can be changed most days; classes have a time for library.
- ICT suite is also available at these times to complete AR tests.
- Mathletics clubs also take place after school Tues-Thurs. If your child is not achieving their weekly mathletics award then you should consider sending them to Mathletics club. Please let their teacher know.
- P6 Dates to remember: 12th January 2017 – Trip to Armagh Planetarium

P7 overview of planned work for December 2016

Numeracy:

- In number, we will be extending our understanding of place value to three decimal places. as well as covering addition (of two, three, four and five digit numbers), subtraction (of two, three, four and five digit numbers). We will be working on problem solving tasks

Topic:

- For topic work we will be covering co-ordinates

Literacy:

- Children will complete spelling lists from 'Complete spelling programme' and matching activities from workbook.
- Children will finish 'Twist of Gold' by Michael Morpurgo
- Children will read and complete work on 'A Christmas Carol' by Charles Dickens
- Children will begin looking at different types of poetry

World Around Us:

- We will complete the Famine topic.

Gaelic:

- Mr Morris & Mr Starrs classes – each Wednesday
- Mrs Clarke & Miss Quigley's classes – each Friday

P7 Dates to remember:

- Visiting the Enniskillen Museum, the Enniskillen Workhouse, Pauper's Graveyard. Children will bring a letter home showing the date and time for their class.
- 16th December - Mrs Devine and Miss Quigley's classes perform their Christmas show