




NEWSLETTER

November 2017

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Important dates:

- 13th December – Carol Service in St Michael's church
- 21st December to 3rd January 2018 - Christmas Holidays:,
School finishes at 12 midday on Wednesday 20th December. Children return to school on Thursday 4th January.

Musical Pathways

Music teachers Grainne Kirke and Gerda Gallegly take classes across the school for Musical Pathways. This weekly musical programme improves children's talking and listening skills and builds their confidence as they take part in the musical activities alongside their peers in class. It is a fabulous opportunity for the children and they really enjoy singing and playing the instruments.



**** Reminder to parents: Payment for Musical Pathways (£10.00) is now due. Please send this in to school. Thank you.**

Ethnic Community Support Group

New service operating out of the Aisling Centre provides free advice and support service to members of ethnic communities living in Fermanagh and surrounding areas. For information contact Karolina on 028 8224 9750.

Safe Guarding Team

The Safeguarding Team is available for the protection and safety of children within the Holy Trinity school community. The team is available to parents, staff and children.

The Safeguarding Team members are:

- Mr John Reihill
(Designated Teacher)
- Mr Brian Treacy
(Deputy Designated Teacher)
- Mrs Majella Jones
(Deputy Designated Teacher)
- Rt Rev. Monsignor Peter O'Reilly
(Chair, Board of Governors)
- Mrs Martha Smyth
(Board of Governors)



In school we have notice boards placed around the school to show so our children who they can speak to if they are worried about something.

If you have concerns about the safety, protection and/or care of a child from our school community please contact a member of our safeguarding team by following the steps outlined in the 'Procedure for parents who wish to raise a child protection concern' which is included at the back of this newsletter, copies will also be available on our school web site.



Halloween at Holy Trinity

Classes across the school dressed brightly for Halloween and our 'Ditch the Dark' day. We had some amazing bright costumes in school on Friday 27th October to celebrate 'Ditch the Dark' day and Hallowe'en. Children very generously brought in £1 each to raise money for £406.95. Thank you for your donations.



Holy Trinity Fun Day

Congratulations to Pearse and Joelyn for organising a wonderful fun day for the Holy Trinity community. There were lots of activities including pumpkin carving, balloon modelling, drama classes, dance, arts and crafts, apple bobbing, pancake making, mask painting, health checks, a craft fair, a bake sale and lots more.

Thank you to the local businesses and school staff who donated prizes for the raffle and to the staff who helped out on the day. A huge thank you to all of the children who created a wonderful display of Hallowe'en artwork and decorated our school so beautifully; their work really added to the atmosphere on the day. It was an afternoon of fun activities for the children in the area.



Preschool Learn about Harvest

In preschool this month we have introduced the idea of 'Harvest' to the children as an extension to our Autumn theme. We learnt where pumpkins grow and how big they can grow from a little seed. We made a Jack-o'-lantern for Halloween and the children got to smell and taste the pumpkin. They also made pumpkin soup from the pulp and enjoyed messy play with pumpkin pulp in the water tray/house corner.



P2s go Batty for STEM!

As part of the STEM programme, Primary 2 looked at how bats fly and the importance of their wing size for flying. Children had great fun investigating, making and flying bats outside, where the wind helped them to fly.



Dental Nurse visit to Primary 2

Sharon, the dental nurse, visited Primary 2. She demonstrated the importance of a healthy diet and regular tooth brushing to prevent tooth decay.

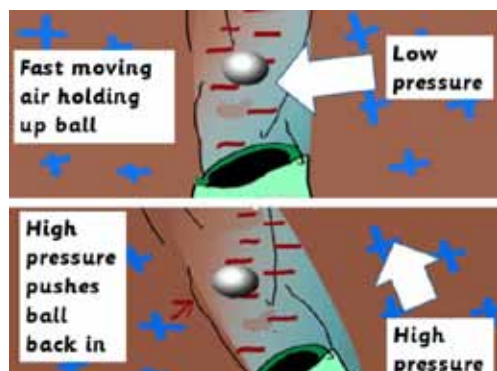
Some important tips are

- An adult should brush a child's teeth twice a day until they are 8 years old
- Use a pea size amount of fluoride toothpaste 3 yrs and over
- Brush all surfaces of the teeth
- Spit out, do not rinse
- Change toothbrushes at least every 3 months
- Visit the dentist regularly
- Brush for 2 minutes



P4 Investigate Forces

In P4 we investigated the forces of flight and looked at the force of lift. We used a ping pong ball and a hairdryer. The low pressure fast flowing air kept the ping pong ball in place and it seemed as if it was floating. The high pressure air stopped the ball from falling.



P3 visit Florencecourt

P3 classes went to Florencecourt for the Hallowe'en Ball. We made clip-on bats and Hallowe'en crowns before heading out on a trail through the grounds looking for clues to solve a puzzle. We finished off our visit dancing at the Hallowe'en Ball, just as the servants in Florencecourt house would have done many years ago after they had finished bringing in the harvest.



P4 Attend a Book Launch

P4 were invited to the book launch of Laura Quinn's book 'Monkey Blue' in Easons. Laura did a reading of her book and signed some copies for us. We had lots of fun. Thank you Laura for inviting us.



SOCLSU - Pat Lunny Visit

On 14th October 2017 our local photographer Pat Lunny came to our class to join us on taking pictures during our walk in the local area. We learnt a lot about fruits and flowers and photography.



P5 Moving Up - First Month

P5 so far has been wonderful. The work we do is so much fun. I love to play outside. I love learning about mini beasts. I enjoy doing my homework. I really liked looking in the wormery and seeing all the worms slithering about! I love everything in P5.
Callum McGourty

I think Holy Trinity is perfect so far. Everybody is so nice. My teacher, Mrs Kelly is so kind to us all. Now we are in our second month and I'm really enjoying all the fun! There is something to do all the time like after school activities, youth clubs and even homework clubs. My favourite is going to the computer suite to complete our mini-beast work. I love learning about and investigating 3D shapes. I enjoyed the trip to the Forum to watch the Ulster Orchestra playing. It was brilliant. Our school is beautiful and wonderful! I am settling in really well thanks to my teacher and our great assistants. *Lillie Dorrian*

P5 so far has been great. My work is not that hard but not that easy either! I love the playground in Key Stage Two. It is really big, fun and lots of room to play football. My teacher is really kind. Mrs Kelly is nice to everyone. I cannot wait to see what happens in P5 next month. I love being on this site. The dinners and snack are brilliant. The trips and after school activities are very good! *Cassie Greene*

This year has started off really good. I have worked well and I like playing with my friends. Tammy is my best friend. I like coming to school because school is fun! I like the dinners and the snack we get every day. I am early for school in the morning and love maths work in P5. *Martha Feehan*



Wormery

In P.5 we made a wormery linked to our mini beast topic. We used some soil and coloured sand to make a wormery. We poured in a layer of soil and then a layer of coloured sand and repeated this several times. We then added the worms on top. Lots of our class brought in worms from their gardens. We fed them each day with apples, bananas, wet paper towels and leaves. One worm kept trying to escape, it was really funny. We observed them making their tunnels through the soil and sand. Everyone in class loved making the wormery.

Kayla Conway and Daire Young – Mrs Kelly's class (P5)



Miss School Miss Out - Attendance

Holy Trinity regard excellent attendance in school as vitally important in allowing a child to fulfil their potential. Children need to attend school to learn, to make good friends, to experience new things in life and to build confidence and self-esteem. Children who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour. A habit formed now of poor attendance can be very difficult to change in adolescence.

In Holy Trinity we encourage children to have excellent attendance by giving monthly class prizes for attendance. We also give out certificates/prizes to individuals with excellent attendance termly. For children who go below 85% attendance, we send out letters and also sometimes invite parents in to talk about the issues around attendance. If a child goes below 85% attendance, then a referral to Education Welfare Service is sometimes necessary.

Our latest class winners for excellent attendance in the month of October are Mrs Farley's and Mr Devlin. Fun class photo - shots go up on displays in school as part of the monthly prize for the best attendance.

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time - not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness - this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- If your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk - Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Do not take family holidays during term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homeworks).
- Attend parents evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.

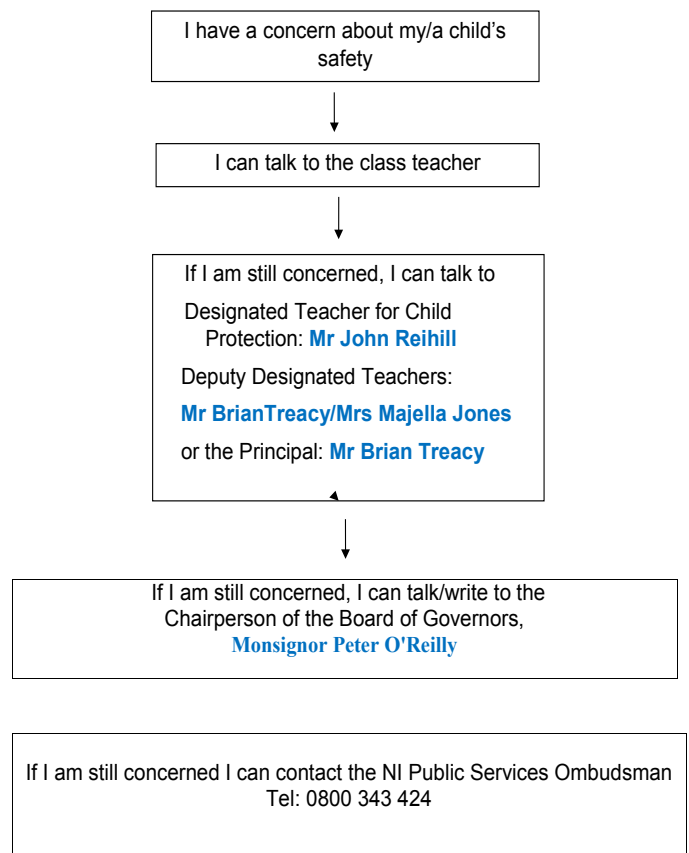
Key Point

Parents of children aged 4-16 who are enrolled in school are legally required to make sure they attend.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Procedure for Parents who wish to raise a Child Protection Concern

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At any time, a parent can talk to a social worker at the Gateway Team (Western Trust) Tel: 028 71314 090 or the PSNI at Central Referral Unit Tel: 999 (Emergency) or 101 (Non-Urgent)



Fire Safety in P5



Fire safety officers visited P5 to give us important information about fire safety and the main causes of fire in our homes. The fire officers taught us about fire alarms and detectors in our homes. Dearbhla got to test a buzzer on a fire alarm. We should all test our alarms to make sure they work. The fire officers gave us fire safety information to bring home to discuss with our parents! The firemen talked to us about planning a fire escape with our parents in case of a fire! We got to see the fire engine that they travel in. The talk was very interesting and we learned a lot from it.

Eoghan Brewster, Matthew Elliott & Patrick O' Sullivan



P3 – Overview of planned work for November

Numeracy: Depending on their group, children will work on doubles and near doubles of number to 20. Counting to 50 /100 in 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s. Place value of number to 99. Adding any digit to 10. Addition and subtraction of numbers to 20/finding the difference between numbers/ missing numbers sums.

Topic work: - Money-recognition of coins and simple shopping activities up to 20p (depending on group).

Literacy: Big book focus - Little Red Hen. Grammar focus is on speech marks and question marks. Letter writing format. Sequencing the story of bread. Writing genre - looking at report writing.

World Around Us: Continue theme of Autumn - investigating squirrels. Making bread linked to Little Red Hen. Investigate breads from around the world. Children will have the opportunity to see bread being made our bread in class. Look at the work of artist Kandinsky.

Other Information: Class visits to 10' o clock mass in Saint Michael's church have started

- 8th November- Mrs Morris
- 15th November- Mrs Mc Manus

P4 – Overview of planned work for November

Literacy: Pupils will know that verbs are doing or action words and that adverbs describe verbs. They will identify and use these in their written work. Continue to complete the LCSWC method for spellings. Pupils will be reading their shared text 'Hurricane' and picture book 'Flood' and will be carrying out activities based on these. In writing pupils will be learning about adventure stories and will be focusing on settings and characters.

Numeracy: Pupils will be continuing to learn their multiplication tables focusing on their 3 times tables and revising their 2,5&10 times tables. They will be learning about addition of numbers bridging the 10 e.g. 35 + 56. They will be looking at written and mental methods for solving addition sums. Pupils will also be solving word problems. Our topic work this month will cover time where we will be revising the times of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, days of the week and months of the year. We will be solving word problems related to time. Pupils will be reading clock times at five minute intervals and using both analogue and digital time.

World Around Us: Pupils will begin a new topic 'Extreme Earth'. They will look at the layers that make up the earth. Pupils will know how volcanoes are formed, how they affect people's lives and the meaning of the terms extinct, dormant and active. We will look at the history of Pompeii. Pupils will know what causes earthquakes and how they are measured. Pupils will make their own volcanoes in groups and will construct "earthquake resistant" buildings to withstand their own simulated earthquake. Pupils will create tornado pictures.

P5 - Overview of Planned work for November

Numeracy: Number: Subtraction of thousands, hundreds, tens and units, problem solving activities (Use of Izak9, problem solving activities).

Topic: Continuation of properties of 3D shape (cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone), symmetry (mirror images), lines (horizontal, vertical, diagonal and parallel) and start co-ordinates work.

Mental Maths – Subtraction of tables. Begin multiplication of tables, language of multiplication and division. Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation

Literacy: Novel: Charlotte’s Web and related activities

Grammar work – Capital letters, punctuation (full stops, question marks and commas)

Writing – Newspaper reports – (how to be a reporter and write their own article)

We will complete Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme – Unit 7 – 10 (ed, ed and ing, irregular past tense and s es)

Spelling test preparation

World Around Us: Topic work – Plants and learn new vocab associated with plants. Study different types of plants and flowers, parts of a plant and conditions for growth. Seasonal change and seed dispersal. Encourage children to view plant life and seasonal change in the world around them.

Other Information:

- 10 minutes Mathletics tasks & AR every night.
- Homework Diary or homework signed. Takeaway homework to be handed in on Thursday morning.
- Bring instrument into school every Wednesday (keep safe at home please) – Use of ‘Charanga Music Programme’ at home (Passwords given to all children).
- Highlight important information or signs in Mental Arithmetic work. Complete corrections on Thursday night.
- Mass Rota:
Mr Mc Elroy – 22nd November
Mrs Kelly – 29th November
Mrs Gormley – 6th December
Mrs Kelly’s class attending Ceili in Lakeland Forum – 5th December

P6 - Overview of Planned work for November

Numeracy: Number. (Addition work to be completed). 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 be able to draw reflections of simple shapes in horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines. Pupils will understand rotational symmetry.

Literacy: (Verbs work to be completed). Pupils will understand the term ‘adjective’ and will recognise and use this term in differentiated activities. Pupils will understand adjectives comparisons. (big, bigger, biggest).

Topic/World Around Us: Pupils will know that the moon orbits the earth every twenty-eight days. Learn about the first moon landing and keep a moon diary. (The pupils will keep a Moon diary for the month of November. Please encourage your child to do this as it is part of our practical science activities.)

Other Information:

We encourage the P6s to keep AR reading and Mathletics activities going alongside their daily homework. Also they will continue to complete one ‘Take Away’ homework each week.

The library is open for P6’s on tuesday and friday Mornings from 8.15am, the ICT suite is available from 8:15 am to complete AR quizzes.

The P6 pupils will be having a trip to The Armagh Planetarium – Keep an eye out for the date over the next few weeks.

P7 - Overview of planned work for November

Numeracy: This month in number, we will be working on algebra, using formulae in words or symbolic form, working on function machines and negative numbers. In ‘Data Handling’ we will be labelling and interpreting a range of graphs, tables, diagrams, spreadsheets and databases. Understand, calculate and use mean, mode, median and range. Use language of probability, use a scale, list possible outcomes and order events. In Measures, pupils will understand digital and analogue clock, use am and pm, become familiar with reading various timetables and calendars, calculate time differences, understand ratio and scale, converting from one unit to another. Times tables from 1-12. Revision of square numbers, cubed numbers, triangular numbers and prime numbers.

Literacy: Pupils will continue to read the novel ‘Twist of Gold’ by Michael Morpurgo and complete associated activities from their novel booklet. Children will complete grammar work on rhyming words, hyphens, conjunctions, synonyms, double negatives and conjunctions. Children will look at newspaper writing this month.

World Around Us: The topic this term is the Famine.

Workhouse and Famine Walk Trip:

Mr Starrs – Friday 24th November, Mr Morris – Monday 27th November, Mrs Daly – Tuesday 28th November