

Dates to Remember:

- **14 November 2016: Parent/Teacher Meetings at Mill Street, more details later.**
- **14 December 2016: Carol Service**

Note: Please label your children's uniform, lunch boxes and shoes so that if lost, items can be returned.



NEWSLETTER

November 2016

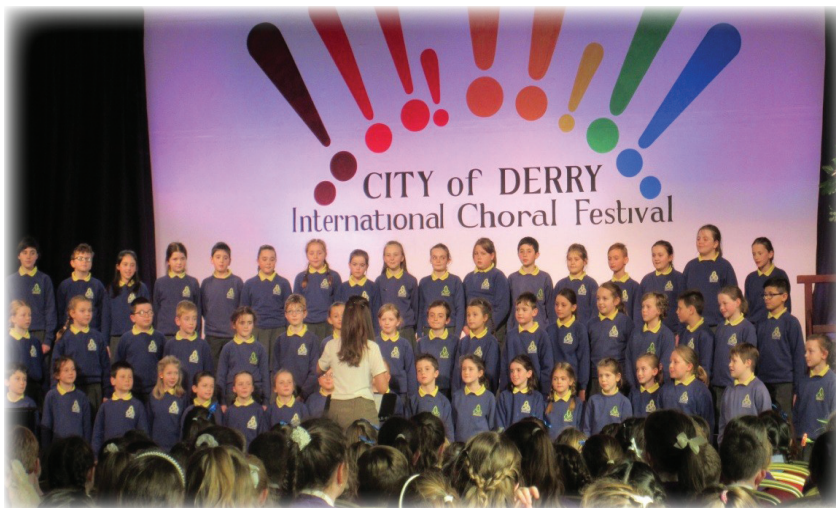
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City of Derry International Choral Festival

The Key stage 2 choir recently took part in the City of Derry International Choral Festival. They sang two beautiful pieces "Sun Arise" and "We'll Sing a Round".

The children enjoyed listening to other school choirs from across Northern Ireland and were also treated to a performance from a Polish choir and SLIXS group who sang, rapped and used body sounds. The SLIXS group then took a 'Big Sing' workshop where they taught the children a song with accompanying body movements and actions.



It was a wonderful day and they performed excellently. We were all so proud of them.

Sustrans Prize Winners

Sustrans, along with Holy Trinity, is running a scheme to encourage our KS2 pupils to walk, scoot or cycle to school. KS2 Children who have walked, scooted or cycled to school over the past weeks have been filling in their loyalty card. When a pupil has filled a loyalty card they will receive a prize. Please remember that any child cycling to school must wear a helmet and obey the 'rules of the road'.



Nursery trip to Castlecoole

Holy Trinity Nursery classes went for an autumn walk to Castlecoole. They found acorns, chestnuts and lots of colourful autumn leaves. Everyone really enjoyed their trip.



European Language Day

For European Language Day Mrs Smith's P4 class visited Mount Lourdes Grammar School, Enniskillen. The children enjoyed activities in French, Spanish and Irish. They also watched role play by Mount Lourdes pupils in Irish, French and Spanish. It was a lovely visit.



We would like to thank everyone in Mount Lourdes for giving us a great experience on the day.

Holy Trinity Running Club

Following the recent Olympic Games in Rio, athletics has grown from strength to strength with more children getting involved in running. At Holy Trinity Primary School, we value the importance of supporting and developing promising young athletes in the sport. The Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League is a great way to get children involved in running and encourage a healthy, active lifestyle.



On Thursday 13th October many local primary school children descended on the Lakeland Forum playing fields to compete in the popular Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League. The ideal running conditions and spectator friendly event added to the atmosphere, where twenty five enthusiastic Holy Trinity athletes completed the 1000m course with determination. Many of the children were ranked in the top twenty positions, proving that their effort and motivation at training is certainly paying off. Congratulations to all children who competed in this event.

Results on this event can be found on <http://www.athleticsni.org/Results>

The Holy Trinity Running Club thoroughly enjoyed participating in this competition and we are looking forward to celebrating further success at upcoming running events in the near future.



Holy Trinity Primary School raise £620 for Macmillan Cancer Support



The staff at Holy Trinity primary school organised a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support recently and raised over £600. Staff baked buns, cakes, pies and biscuits in a Holy Trinity "Bake Off" and then everyone took time to enjoy coffee, tea and cakes and a quick chat. Thanks to everyone's generosity £620 was raised for a very worthy cause. This is just part of the school's on going work of supporting the local community which involves children and staff in the school supporting a number of worthy charities in the local area. Over the next month staff will undertake a fun run in aid of The Aisling Centre in Enniskillen.

Pictured are pupils Kylan Thacker, Zara McGourty and Rogan Boyd handing over the cheque along with Una Williams, teacher, and Brian Treacy, Principal, of Holy Trinity.

The Fire Safety Crew visit P5

The Fire Safety Crew based in Enniskillen Fire Station visited P5 children to explain the importance of fire safety in the home.

They talked to the children about what they could do if there was a fire. They told them who to call and how to make that call. It was a very useful and thoroughly enjoyable visit for everyone.



Remember: **Keep Safe in Your Home.**

P1 trip to Florencecourt

P1s headed off to Florencecourt on an autumn adventure! They had great fun following Trusty's Trail. They had opportunities to explore the different habitats of animals and had many sensory experiences. They really enjoyed mixing and having fun while learning. All of us loved learning in the outdoors and had a great day out!



P4 Trip to Enniskillen Museum

P4 visited Enniskillen Museum as part of their World War II work. They had a great trip. Staff at the WWII exhibit told them stories about the war and about the evacuees who were moved from their homes to be safe from the bombings. The children really enjoyed trying on army uniforms. They got to sit in the Air Raid Shelters where families would have sheltered during bombings and they also had the opportunity to handle replica guns and bombs. After that they were told about how families used ration books to obtain food and were given time to spend in the war time shop.



Holy Trinity Best Attenders for September

Mrs Smith's P4 class and Mr McElroy's P5 class won the best attenders for September. The classes got to dress up for a special school photo which are displayed on both sites. Well done to both classes. This is part of our focus this year on improving attendance in the school. Please continue to make sure your child attends school on time each day. Classes start at 9 o'clock.



KS1 Best Attenders



KS2 Best Attenders

P3 had great fun at Florencecourt for the Halloween Ball



P3 classes visited Florencecourt for a Halloween Ball.



We made rocking black rats and crowns for Halloween.



We went on an autumn trail and joined in the Halloween ball.

Holy Trinity Parent Support Group

We are currently looking at the possibility of setting up a parent support group for the school. The idea behind the group would be to use the skills and expertise which our parents have to further benefit the education of the children at Holy Trinity. Some of the areas where we feel your skills could benefit the children include; giving time to work with the children to develop their reading in school, helping out on school trips, organising social events such as the Holy Communion Tea, organising fundraising events or using art, music or other talents to help the children in school. A letter will be issued to parents over the coming weeks to identify those parents or grandparents who would be interested in supporting the children in this way.



Holy Trinity pupils enjoy 'The Celtic Rathskallions' music group visit.

The Celtic Rathskallions music group visited Holy Trinity Primary School on Tuesday 25th October. The group, from Canada, performed for the children at Mill Street and Cornagrade. They played lots of different musical instruments including the flute, guitar, ukulele and harp. They even made a few of their own instruments, making music from plastic bottles and balloons.

The children enjoyed singing along to the Celtic Canadian folk songs and joining in on all the actions.



Please remember that Microsoft 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).

P3 overview of planned work for November 2016

Maths:

Depending on their group children will work on:

- Doubles and near doubles of number to 20
- Counting to 100/50 in 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s
- Place value of number to 99
- Adding any digit to 10
- Addition and subtraction of number to 20/finding the difference between numbers/missing number sums.

Topic work:

Money - recognition of coins and simple shopping activities up to 20p (depending on group).
Time: o'clock/half past, special times of day, week, year etc.

Literacy:

Continue to look at books by Julia Donaldson-The Gruffalo, Big book focus- Little Red Hen. Work on speech marks, question marks, report writing, daily phonics work and spellings workbooks.

World Around Us:

- Continue theme of Autumn- investigating squirrels
- Making bread linked to Little Red Hen.
- Look at the work of artist Kandinsky

Other Information:

- The poet Len Graham will visit all P.3 classes on 15th November.
- Children will be working with money as one of our maths topics and we would encourage parents to let children experience simple shopping activities involving making small amounts and getting change when you go shopping.

P4 overview of planned work for November 2016

Numeracy:

- Addition of TU with and without bridging.
- Solve simple addition word problems

Topic:

Properties of 2D shape. Pupils will know:

- the different types of lines (vertical, horizontal and parallel)
- what symmetry is and be able to identify symmetry in 2D shapes

Mental Maths:

- Subtraction tables & calculate addition sums mentally
- Encourage use of everyday maths eg. shapes in the environment, time and money/ shopping to enable children to see maths in a day to day context.

Literacy

- Novel: Little Manfred and related activities
- Grammar work – verbs (doing words)
- Spelling – continue to use Schofield and Sims programme preparing children for their weekly test
- Writing: Letter writing -link with World Around Us topic (WWII)

World Around Us:

- Continue topic work on WWII

Other Information:

- Sign diary or homework every night when checking homework activities
- 10 minutes Mathletics tasks every night
- 10 minutes Accelerated Reading every night
- Please encourage independence when tying laces
- Holy Communion Dates: 13th & 27th May 2017

P5 overview of planned work for November 2016**Numeracy:**

- Number: Continuation of subtraction of Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Units, problem solving activities (use of Izak 9, table top games and worksheets).

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 – 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 Prim Ed Spelling Programme Unit 4 & 5 (Learning root word and sounds)
- Fortnightly spelling test preparation.

World Around Us:

- Topic work – Plants and learn new vocabulary 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 – Trips, Visits etc.

- 10 minutes Mathletics & Accelerated Reading every night.
- Homework diary or homework signed and homework completed every night.
- Bring instrument into school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home please).
- Highlight important information or signs in Mental Arithmetic work and complete corrections
- Woodland Explorers Trip to Florencecourt
 - 10th November 2016: Mrs Gormley's class & Mrs Farley's class
 - 11th November 2016: Mr McElroy's class & Mrs Kelly's class

- Mass Rota:
 - Mrs Farley – 9th November 2016
 - Mrs Kelly – 23rd November 2016

P6 overview of planned work for November 2016

Maths:

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 the term 'adjective' and will be able to recognise and use adjective's 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.
- They will 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.)
- We encourage the P6s to keep Accelerated Reading and Mathletics activities going alongside their daily homework.

Other Information:

- ICT suite is available from 8:30am to complete AR tests.
- Mathletics clubs also take place after school Mon and Tues.
- 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 2016

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 a.m and p.m, 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 and double negatives.
- Children will look at newspaper writing this month.

World Around Us:

- The Topic this term is the Famine.

Other Information:

23rd November: P7 Football Blitz