



NEWSLETTER

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Winter time in P1

Primary 1 classes have been busy learning all about Winter time. We have made hot chocolate and set up The Cosy Café in all our classrooms! The children are enjoying taking on the roles of waiters, waitresses, chefs and customers! We also made Winter themed play-doh and painted snowmen. We wrote a sentence about Winter onto our snowmen and cut them out.



Making Parachutes in P4

We had to find out which material made the best parachute. We planned a fair test to answer this question. We made a parachute out of a plastic bag, a piece of felt and a paper towel. We made sure the surface area of all three pieces of material were the same, that the length of string was the same and that we had the same paper person attached each time. We also made sure that the parachute was dropped from the same height each time. We enjoyed watching them float to the ground.



Reminder for Parents

Please remember that black shoes, boots or trainers are now part of our uniform. Winter tights should be grey. For PE pupils must wear the Holy Trinity Yellow PE t-shirt with the school logo.

Please label all parts of your child's uniform clearly so that we can return any items that may have been misplaced in school.



Christmas Hampers sent to St Vincent De Paul

For Christmas, lots of Holy Trinity classes made and sent Christmas hampers to St Vincent De Paul. We had lots of fun filling and decorating the boxes and Volunteers from the St Vincent De Paul collected them from school. They were very pleased with our efforts.

Lots of people received our hampers at Christmas and we hope they made them very happy. We all brought in one or two things for the hamper. We know they were for people who are not as well off as us and some people may have no house. We counted how many things were on the list for the hamper and there were 29 things. We were sure families would be very happy with them and we thought of and prayed for those families at Christmas.

"I wrote a Christmas card to the person who might get our Christmas hamper and I wished them a very Happy Christmas."

Ethan and Anna from Mrs Cathcart's class



Best Attenders for November/December



Mrs McGirr's P4 class are best attenders for November/December



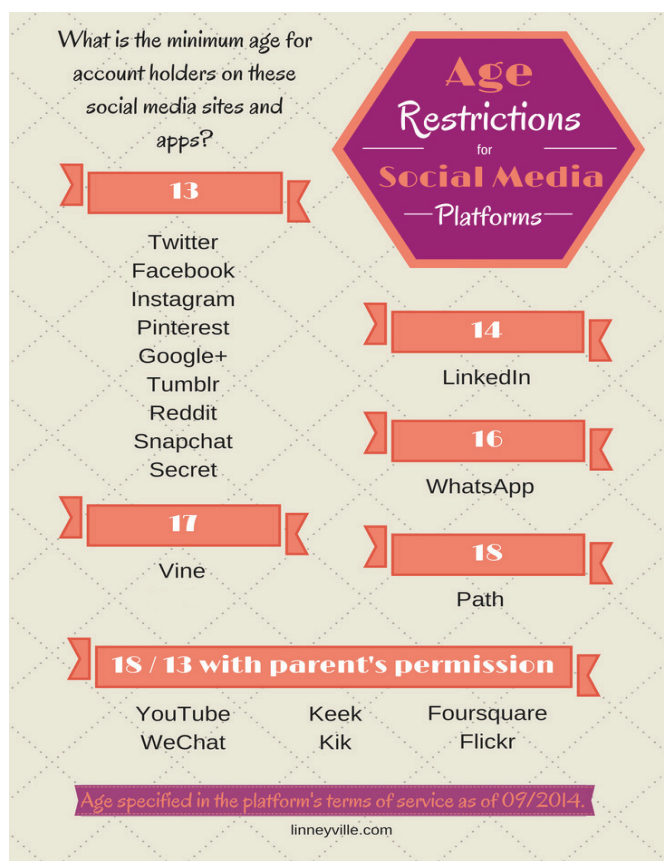
Mrs Cathcart's P6 class are best attenders for November/December

Age Restrictions on Social Media

It is difficult for parents to know when a child should have access to different areas of social media. The WHSC Trust has produced the following illustrated guidelines which you may find useful.

Please note that children below the age of 13 should not be on social media.

If we become aware of any concerning issues involving our children on social media these may be reported to the Western Health and Social Care Trust.



Holy Trinity raise £500 for Cancer Fund for Children

Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery school held an 'All Wrapped up for Christmas' fundraiser to raise money for Cancer Fund for Children. Staff and children wore their Christmas jumpers and hats and made a donation to this very worthy cause.

Mrs Trudi Roche, a parent at Holy Trinity, came to accept the cheque for £500 on behalf of Cancer Fund for Children. Trudi's daughter Kerri was helped by the charity while receiving treatment for leukaemia. Trudi is very grateful for the help and support given to her daughter, "They organised trips and did arts and crafts with Kerri and brought a little normality to her life during a difficult time". Trudi approached Mrs Cathcart at Holy Trinity to raise some money for Cancer Fund for Children. Holy Trinity was really pleased to be able to help Trudi and Cancer Fund for Children by holding this fundraising event.

Pictured: Mrs Trudi Roche with her children Kerri and Ryan being presented with a cheque for £500 for the Cancer Fund for Children charity.



Mrs Gormley's P5 Class

Our class had so much fun making dream-catchers, we all had different jobs to do. The dream-catchers were made from recyclable materials. We used bamboo sticks, string, wool, glue, feathers, bells and buttons.

Paddy cut the bamboo sticks and showed us how to glue them together. Then Aideen showed us how to decorate them. Everyone took a turn building the dream-catchers, we hung them with string and let the glue dry overnight. The next day we tied the ends with wool and string and then we decorated them.

We put them on display at the front of the school and then took a class photograph. We had so much fun making our dream-catchers we hope we can do it again.



By Grace McCrory, Breffni Carty, Daniel Chen & Kajus Bubliauskas



P4 – Forces of Flight

We have been learning about the forces of flight in P4. We carried out an experiment on the 'Bernoulli Effect'. Firstly we asked a question - would the ball fall or hover in the air if it was held above the hairdryer? Next we made a hypothesis. Then we tested our hypothesis. We discovered that the ball hovered in the air because of the fast flowing air from the hairdryer and the air pressure that surrounded the ball.



Holy Trinity Running Club

In December many young running enthusiasts descended on St Michael's playing fields to compete in the second round of the Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League. In perfect running conditions, the runners set off on the lapped course with Leah McAloon and Shannon Clawson leading the way in the girls' race to finish in joint first position. Congratulations to all the children who competed, they have made fantastic progress and shown great determination in training over the last number of months and should feel very proud. Results on this event can be found on <http://www.athleticsni.org/Results>

The Holy Trinity Running Club thoroughly enjoyed participating in this competition as well as the hot chocolate to refuel afterwards!



Dearbhla becomes a KS1 AR Millionaire

Dearbhla Clawson, who is in Mrs Smith's P4 class, has been reading lots of books this year and has become Holy Trinity's first KS1 AR Millionaire for the current school year. Dearbhla is reading the Harry Potter books at the moment and has just finished 'The Chamber of Secrets'. She says it is amazing to have become an AR Millionaire. Congratulations to Dearbhla, keep up the great reading.



Enniskillen during the Famine

On 30th November P7 visited Enniskillen Castle Museum. Catherine, our guide, taught us about the Famine tragedy using the letter P; 'Population, Potatoes and Paupers'. We learnt that women got married at a very young age and had lots of babies. Afterwards, we got a name-tag to wear showing a name, gender, age and date of birth; I was called Lucy Maxwell!



Paupers' Graveyard Memorial.

We went to the new museum and saw leather, wrecked shoes belonging to victims of the workhouse. There was even a baby size, I felt really sorry for everyone during the Famine.

These are the old, tattered shoes from famine victims, which were found in Old Enniskillen Workhouse and are now on display in Enniskillen Castle Museum.

We walked around Enniskillen and were told that during famine times the Ulster Bank had been a hospital, KB Music was a barracks and Johnston's Bridge wasn't there so the Workhouse was outside the town. You had to travel in a boat across the lake. We then visited the site of the Enniskillen Workhouse and drove to the site of the Pauper's Graveyard.

We all enjoyed the trip and learnt so much about the Famine! It was so interesting! *from articles by Rachel Megahey & Muireann O'Sullivan (P7)*



***This is us
outside Old
Enniskillen
Workhouse***

P3 - Overview of Planned work for January

Maths:

Depending on group children will focus on counting in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, numbers before, after and between up to 50 or 100. Adding a single digit number to a double digit up to 100. Adding 3 numbers horizontally and vertically. Read and spell number names to 20. Missing number sums. Doubles and near doubles. Continue to work on number stories up to 20 consolidating with addition and subtraction tables – groups working at different tables. Some groups will recognise what is the ten and unit of a given number and add T. U. without bridging the 10.

Topic Work:

Name and identify the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Recognise the symmetry in shapes. Fractions/half and quarters.

Literacy: We will begin to look at the novel 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson – associated work will include character profiles, book reviews & comprehensions. Writing genre focus for this month is Recounts. Connected to our winter theme children will look at poems, complete their own acrostic poetry and creative writing. Grammar focus will be on punctuation of sentences, adjectives and adding s to a word to make it plural. Big book focus will look at positional language.

The World Around Us:

Our main theme is Winter. Children will devise ways of measuring and recording weather and make their own weather symbols. They will investigate permanent and non-permanent changes which occur when looking at ice-cubes. They will be able to make simple plans of their classroom using a key.

Primary 4 – Overview of planned work for January

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, 'Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery' and will be carrying out activities based on this. In writing pupils will be learning about instructions and will be writing instructions for mummification linked to their WAU topic.

Numeracy:

Pupils will be continuing to learn about multiplication. They will know that multiplication is repeated addition and that it can be done in any order. They will begin to learn multiplication facts. Pupils will solve simple multiplication word problems and learn how to multiply a 2 digit number by a single digit. Our topic work this month will cover 3D shape where children will be identifying common 3D shapes and their properties. 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. They will be able to locate Egypt on a map and will be able to name the 7 continents. Pupils will learn about the features of rivers and learn about the importance of the River Nile. They will look at what has survived in Egypt today and they will learn about mummification. In science, pupils will design a fair test to mummify an apple. In art, pupils will look at self-portraits and complete their own. We will be researching Ancient Egypt to help us complete powerpoints in ICT.

Important dates for the P4 Diary:

First Confession

Monday 13th March at 7.30pm: St Michael's Church- Mrs Smith's class

Monday 27th March at 7.30pm: St Michael's Church- Mrs Greene & Mrs McGirr's classes

Holy Communion:

Saturday 13th May- 12noon: St Michael's Church- Mrs Greene & Mrs McGirr's classes

Saturday 27th May- 12noon: St Michael's Church- Mrs Smith's class

Primary 5 – Overview of planned work for January

Numeracy:

Number: Finish all multiplication work. Start division work.

Topic: Measures: Estimation, measuring and recording in m and cm, problem solving activities linked to this. Co-ordinates work (Link to novel and World Around Us topic).

Mental Maths – Multiplication and division of tables, Learn times tables that are set each week.

Problem solving activities and word problems for multiplication, division and measuring.

Maths at home e.g. estimation and practical measurements of their own height etc. Learn times tables.

Literacy:

Novel: Starting 'Kaspar Prince of Cats' novel and related activities from novel booklet.

Grammar work – Compound words (combination of two or more words that function as a single unit of meaning, homophones (said same but with a different meaning and spelling) and synonyms (similar words).

Writing – Diary writing – important features of a diary account, writing in the 1st person, sequencing events in chronological order and including feelings and emotions.

We will complete Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme week 7, 8 & 9.

World Around Us:

Topic work: Start new topic - Titanic. (Who built it, where it was built, construction and departure, sections of the ship and passengers on the Titanic)

Other Information:

- 10 minutes Mathletics tasks and AR every night.
- Homework signed and fully completed every night.
- Highlight important words/symbols in Mental Arithmetic.
- Ju-Jitsu starts on Tuesday 17th January – full P.E gear to be worn.
- Musical Instruments to be brought into school every Wednesday. Could children practise instruments at home and follow the Charanga Programme.
- W5 are coming into school for a Stem Project on 26th January 2017.

Primary 6 – Overview of planned work for January**Numeracy:**

Pupils will know how to do short and long multiplication to 10,000. Pupils will solve word problems associated with multiplication. Pupils will understand the relationship between multiplication and division.

Topic: AREA

Pupils will be able to calculate perimeters of a range of shapes. Pupils will understand the term Area and be able to work out areas of 2D shapes(regular and irregular) – counting squares/ formula.(cm²). The pupils will know that the area of square/rectangle (LxB). Pupils will know area of a triangle is LxB divided by 2.

Literacy:

Pupils will recognise a play and how it is structured. Pupils will design a comic strip and begin to write a short play script. Pupils will understand and know the correct punctuation and grammar needed to write a play script. They will know how dialogue is set out and be able to use adverbs to qualify verbs in writing dialogue.

Topic/World Around Us:

The pupils will complete our space topic by visiting the Planetarium. The pupils will begin The Vikings topic and find out Who the Vikings were? Where they came from? Why did they travel to new lands? Children are encouraged to visit their local library and take out books that may be relevant to our topic.

PE:

Pupils will have Yoga and Football this term as part of their PE.

PLEASE TRY to keep Mathletics and AR Reading going at home.

Primary 7 – Overview of planned work for January**Numeracy:**

This term in number we will be covering place value, addition (of two, three, four and five digit numbers), subtraction (of two, three, four and five digit numbers), multiplication (by of Th, H, T,U, four digit number by a single digit, a three digit number by a two digit number, doubling and halving) and division (by 10,100, 1000 and multiples).

For topic work we will be covering measures – looking at length, weight, conversions and imperial units. Times tables from 1-12.

Literacy:

Children will begin the new Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme. In writing children will focus on different types of poetry. Children will complete grammar work on nouns and revision of punctuation. They will complete proof reading activities. Novel – Twelfth Day of July.

World Around Us:

The Topic this term is Northern Ireland.

PE

Children will be swimming at the Forum this term.

Reminder:

Homework to be signed and checked every night.

Children should have a library book every night to complete Accelerated Reading.

Children should be achieving their Mathletics certificate every week.

Musical Pathways will continue on a Thursday.