


**School reopens on  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September.**



# NEWSLETTER

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## A Message from the Principal

I would like to wish everyone in our school community an enjoyable summer break; it has been another very successful year for our school. Thank you to all our staff and governors for their constant work throughout the year and to the parents and carers of our children for your support this year. To our P7 pupils who are leaving us this year I wish them every success in their new school and in the future. I hope everyone has a good break over the summer months. School will reopen for the children on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September. **Please note that black shoes are compulsory next year as is our PE kit (yellow t-shirt with crest and blue shorts).**

B Treacy, Principal

## Holy Trinity Running Club

There was great excitement among the children from Holy Trinity Athletics Club as they participated in the Fermanagh Schools' Cross Country Competition. Children from P4, P5, P6 and P7 competed against a strong field of competitors from schools in the surrounding area.

Well done to all children from Holy Trinity who completed the course with determination, proving that their effort and motivation at training certainly paid off. Congratulations to Lorcan McGrath, Dearbhla Clawson, Shannon Clawson, Kelly McAnespy, Tegan Boyle, Jack Mullally, James Tierney who all represented Holy Trinity with a podium position. Adding to the silverware, the girls' team were awarded first overall in the Fermanagh Schools Cross Country, this is an excellent achievement and everyone at Holy Trinity is very proud.



## Erne Vets Visit P1 Classes

To link in with the P1 topic of 'Farm and the Vets', Veterinary nurses Maggie and Katie came from Erne Veterinary Enniskillen to visit P1. They brought Lenny the parrot, Snap the bearded dragon and Kelly the collie puppy! The children learnt lots about the animals and some children even came up to hold and feed them!



## GAA Art Competition



On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May we were told about a GAA art competition. We were asked to design a poster for the GAA Feile. I thought it would be fun so I got to work straight away. When I was handed my picture in on Tuesday I did not think I was going to win, especially when I saw all the other great posters. The next day everyone lined up in the playground to greet Aoghen O'Farrell, the GAA President, Mr Greg Kelly and Mr James Duffy who were there to present the prizes. First prize was a Fermanagh jersey signed by all the Fermanagh players.

After they had called out fourth, third and second place I was almost positive that I was not going to win but then they called out my name and I was shocked. I slowly walked up to where they were standing and they gave me the jersey and took some pictures. Mr Treacy got the whole Fermanagh team to sign it for me. *By Mya Davey*



## Sports Week

Miss Corrigan organised a fun packed sports day at KS1. The classes enjoyed sprint races, egg and spoon races, trike races, ball games, obstacle courses, penalties, unihoc, throw the welly and much more. The ice cream van came and everyone had ice cream. To end the day children enjoyed watching Aldo the Magician work his magic.



Sports week in KS2 was lots of fun. We took part in a lot of new events like the javelin, shot putt, standing high jump and speed jumps. We walked to Brewster Park on Friday for all the running races. We competed in a tug of war competition against the other P5 classes. After all the races we got burgers and hot dogs. My favourite part of all the sports was competing in the sprint. *By Ronan Morris (Mrs Kelly P.5)*



**Holy Trinity Primary School is the first “Champion School of Music”  
in the EA’s Western Region**

We are delighted that our school has been recognised for the wide range of musical programmes which children across the school enjoy. P5 classes have whole class instrumental tuition each week, The Musical Pathways Programme runs from Nursery through to P7. We also have wind and string ensembles as well as junior and senior choirs. Our pupils have wonderful opportunities to enjoy music as part of their life in Holy Trinity. To showcase the great musical talents within the school we held the Summer concert again this year. Children performed in front of their parents and families. It was a wonderful afternoon of music enjoyed by everyone who attended.



## 'Helping Out with Maths in the Evening' - Parents Information Night

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, Holy Trinity hosted an information night for parents on how they could effectively support their children with Numeracy at home. The session was facilitated by Timothy Doyle who specialises in early intervention in Numeracy. Timothy emphasised the importance of children having a sound understanding and quick recall of number bonds to 10, e.g.  $3 + 7 = 10$ ,  $6 + 4 = 10$  and  $10 - 2 = 8$  as this knowledge is transferable to other aspects of Numeracy such as HTU, money, measure and time. Timothy shared some websites that are useful in supporting children with Numeracy. We hope you enjoy working with your children through the games on the websites. You may download the parent booklet for KS1, 'Helping out with Maths in the Evening', from our school web site ([www.holytrinityps.com](http://www.holytrinityps.com)) see the Parent Info/Information for Parents page. Thank you to the parents who attended the information night.

- [www.primarygames.co.uk](http://www.primarygames.co.uk) (the game 'Give the Dog a Bone' is an excellent game on using the 100 square)
- [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) (Diennes and coins, Hit the Button)
- Google [NLVM](http://NLVM) – this is the website Timothy used to model Decomposition
- [www.nrich.org](http://www.nrich.org) (a fantastic website promoting problem solving)



### P3 and P4 Happily Solve Puzzles

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, the Happy Puzzle Company visited P3 and P4 children. The children had to work in small groups to solve a variety of puzzles. Each puzzle encouraged the children to work as part of a team, share ideas, to problem solve and have fun learning!

Orin P3 said 'I liked solving the pipe puzzle because I got to make different shapes and connect colours together.'

Reece P3 liked building the jigsaw. 'We had to connect different shapes together to make a picture. We had to talk to each other about what to do.'

Finn P3 really enjoyed all the puzzles but his favourite was the Penguin Game. 'We had to work together as a team to get all the penguins onto the iceberg. We had to take turns putting the penguins on the iceberg carefully.'



### P5 Classes Visit the Millcroft Nursing Home



P5 classes enjoyed a trip to the Millcroft Nursing Home in May. The children brought their Titanic models to show the residence. Here's what they had to say about their visit.

"I enjoyed going round talking to the residents in the home with my partner. We got to show them our presentation on the Titanic. My favourite part was when they played a song for us to listen to". *Gabriele Vaitkute. P5*

"I got to bring my Titanic model back into school to show the residents in the nursing home. I loved showing them my model and explaining how I made it. We got crisps and juice after our presentation. It was a lovely day and we walked back to school in the sunshine". *Andrea Blake. P5*

"On 8<sup>th</sup> May our class visited the Millcroft Nursing Home. We prepared a presentation on what we had learned about the Titanic. I was a wee bit nervous at first but then I saw the smiling faces of the residents and my nerves ceased. My part was to tell them about reading our novel 'Kaspar' and how it linked to the Titanic. I really enjoyed our visit". *Conor Rice. P5*



### **SOCLSU William Visit 2017**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May, William Graham came into school for a game of Boccia and a chat. The children from Mrs O'Connor's class introduced William to KS2 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June as part of our inclusive work in the school.



### **Charlotte's Web Production for P5 & P6**

In May 2017 Year 5 & 6 pupils were invited to watch a production of Charlotte's Web by 'M & M Productions'. There were four members of the cast who played different roles in acting out the whole story. The children and staff loved the production and clapped and sang along to the music. It was highly amusing and we all thoroughly enjoyed it.



### **Baking with Mrs McDonnell**

Mrs McDonnell has been taking some of our P4 children after school for an introduction to baking. So far the children have prepared pizza and apple crumbles, they then take them home to bake. Everyone is really enjoying the class; we hope the families are enjoying the food when its baked at home.





## Fun in Bundoran

The P2 classes have been learning about life 'Under the Sea'. They have found out many facts about dolphins, sharks and fish. As part of this topic, the children visited Bundoran beach. They had lots of fun playing in the sand building sand castles. They enjoyed having a paddle in the water and jumping over the waves! It was a great day out!



In early June all the P5 classes went to Water World in Bundoran and then to the beach. We got a chance to play in the park because we arrived early. When we went into Water World, there were so many water slides and swimming areas to go into. I thought the whole place was great and I had lots of fun. We heard a loud siren to tell us that the wave pool was going to start up. It was very exciting. We all ate lunch together on the grass outside. We walked down to the beach and got to take off our socks and shoes and play in the sand. We were glad the sun was out so we could play outside. It was a great trip away.

*Darragh Devine (Mrs Kelly P5)*



## Dairy Council Visits P5

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, Eimear and Tessa from the 'Dairy Council' visited us to talk about food and fitness. They talked to us about the foods we should be eating and those foods we should take in moderation. We got to look at the different food groups and what food goes into each section. We learned a rap about healthy eating and exercise. It was great fun. They discussed how much exercise we should get every day and we all came up with lots of ideas of ways we can carry out this exercise. I like to go on my bike around Castle Coole and have lots of walks around the Forum with my mum and my two sisters. *Saoirse Mc Dwyer (Mrs Kelly - P5)*



### **Holy Communion in Holy Trinity**

Our Holy Communion was a great occasion this year with three classes making their first communion. Our school welcomed the children's families back to Mill Street for light refreshments after each ceremony. Everyone got to enjoy some time catching up and the children in particular loved having time with their friends outside of the classroom. The P4 children looked beautiful on the day; thank you to parents and families for helping make First Holy Communion such a special occasion for the P4 children.



### **Holy Communion: My Favourite Memory**

There is a picture of my sister in my living room when she was seven years old and I've always loved it. She was wearing a tiara and a white dress and she looked just beautiful. I always wanted that same photo of me and this May I got mine. It was perfect - just like a fairytale. All my family were there and everyone was smiling and happy. I had prepared for months and imagined what it would be like. I picked my dress myself and I felt like a princess in my satin and lace, with my tiara perched on my curls. When I got my Holy Communion I felt very special and I was relieved that I did not drop the host. All the cards and gifts are now in my memory box. I know that when I look at them I will remember my day. My photograph is now in the living room beside Lauren's and I couldn't be happier. *By Emilia McGeoghan*

### **P7 Soccer Tournament**



On 12<sup>th</sup> May Holy Trinity's P7 soccer team took part in the 'Greg Turley Memorial Soccer Tournament'. The team played six group games and remained undefeated; winning four and drawing two. They qualified for the semi-finals winning that game 2-1 after coming back from being 1-0 down. The team were so delighted. They then played in the final, but were beaten 2-0. During the tournament Patrick Regan scored an amazing goal; it was a superb volley from just in front of the halfway line. The whistle blew about ten seconds after he scored. At the end of the day the team were presented with second place medals. When 'Player of the Tournament' was revealed, the award went to Aabin Jaison, Holy Trinity's goalkeeper. The winners were a very good St. Paul's team.

### **RNLI Talk to P3 Classes**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June Killian Creggan and Peter Scott from the RNLI came to talk to P3 classes about the work that the RNLI do. They talked about water safety and about what we should do if we are in danger. The children got to try on some of the equipment they use.





## Manchester 2017



On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 the P7's left Enniskillen and travelled by bus and boat to Manchester. We were so excited when we arrived at the port in Dublin and when we arrived at the Mercure Hotel in Manchester. We were given our room keys and enjoyed some hot snacks. It was a long day travelling and time for bed.



On the second day we went to the Chill Factore, Old Trafford and the cinema. The Chill Factore was an experience we will never forget. We loved the slides because they were so fast and we also got the opportunity to try actual skiing with the proper gear. Next we went to Old Trafford, it was much bigger than we had anticipated. It was very interesting to learn about the history of Man United! Later that night we went to the cinema to see 'Pirates of the Caribbean'.



On our second day we went to Alton Towers. It was deadly! We would definitely go back! The rides there are so fast and really scary. They definitely give us a thrill. That night we went to play ten pin bowling. It was all over in a flash and we wish we could do it all over again. We loved every minute of it!

*By Gavin Lunny and Ryan Williams*





## P7 Confirmation Retreat

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April we went to Lough Derg. We went because we were preparing for Confirmation. We learned that people have been coming to Lough Derg for hundreds of years. We got a tour of the whole island and learned about the special cross. One lady drowned coming across to the island. She was found holding the cross which is now displayed in the chapel. During the three day pilgrimage they ring a bell for people to pray and they walk in their bare feet.



All the P7s went to Lough Derg. In Lough Derg we learnt all about our Confirmation. I especially enjoyed the boat up to the island. We played games and watched a short clip from a movie about random Acts of Kindness. I really enjoyed the day.

Kajetan Zdunik P7



During our trip in Lough Derg we got a boat over to the island of Lough Derg. We had to think about our life journey so far, we had to compliment several boys and girls. We also got to make something from clay to represent our day. I made a cross. It was a very interesting and exciting day.

Shannon Clawson P7



# Down Memory Lane









