




NEWSLETTER

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School App:

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Dates to remember:

- **Mid-term Break:** School is closed from Thursday 15th February to Monday 19th February. Children return to school on Tuesday 20th February
- **St Patrick's:** School is closed on Monday 19th March, children return to school on Tuesday 20th March
- **Easter:** School is closed from Thursday 29th March to Friday 6th April. Children return to school on Monday 9th April. Please note: School will close at 12 noon on Wednesday 28th March.
- **First Confession – at St Michael's Church:**
 - o Monday 26th February - 7.30pm - Mrs Smith's, Mrs Greene's and Mrs McMenamin's class
 - o Monday 5th March - 7.30pm - Mrs McGirr's and Miss Corrigan's class

School Uniform

We would remind all parents and pupils that the correct school uniform is:

- a sunbeam yellow polo T-shirt
- a Holy Trinity sweatshirt or cardigan
- a grey pinafore, skirt or trousers
- plain grey socks/tights
- black shoes/trainers

Please note that tracksuit bottoms and coloured trainers are not part of our school uniform.

The PE Uniform consists of:

- a Holy Trinity yellow round neck T-Shirt
- blue shorts



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

Attendance

Please Note: Our school is required to keep a regular check on all pupil attendance and will follow up on any instance of poor attendance. **Please ensure that your child attends school on time each day.**

Credit Union Quiz Friday 26th January 2018

Holy Trinity Primary School took part in the Credit Union Quiz which was held in the Enniskillen Library on Friday night, 26th January. Our school entered four teams, two in each age group (P6 & P7). The quiz consisted of twelve rounds with six questions in each round. There were a mix of hard and easy questions.

Two of our teams came first in their age groups and one team came second. First prize was a £30 gift card for any shop in Enniskillen and second prize was a £20 gift card. We were so happy to win. Our winning teams are now through to the next round, although we don't know when or where it is yet. *By Alex and James P7*



Grandparents Day in Nursery

The Nursery classes were very excited to have their grandparents visit them to celebrate Grandparents Day during Catholic Schools Week. The children showed them around their classroom and played some games with them. We hope the grandparents enjoyed their visit, our Nursery children certainly did.



Preschool: Shared Education Visit

The preschool children enjoyed their first visit to the Enniskillen Nursery, part of our Shared Education programme. The children played and had snack with Miss Boyd's Nursery children and made some new friends.



Preschool Snow Day

The preschool children enjoyed playing in the snow, building snowmen and sleighing while learning about freezing and melting, our theme this month.



St Patricks Day 'Books & Pages Through the Ages' Float



The Holy Trinity Art Club along with the Literacy Team have joined together to create a 'Books & Pages Through the Ages' themed float for the County Fermanagh St Patrick's Day Cross Community festival in Enniskillen. Our float is being funded by 'Project St Patrick's Festival', a voluntary committee which has support from a number of organisations including Fermanagh and Omagh District Council.

Mrs Daly and Mrs Cathcart, along with a number of staff and P7 pupils, are staying late on Monday afternoons to paint and create side boards for the float and 3D models of books to wear on the float. As the theme is 'Books' we encourage as many pupils (dressed up as their favourite character) to join us on the parade with their parents. We hope lots of parents will come out to see our float for St Patricks Day.

Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

This month we celebrated Catholic Schools week by having a number of events to celebrate the distinctive ethos of Catholic Schools. These included making St Brigid's crosses with Steffi Otto - a Straw tutor from heritage Ireland, inviting grandparents into classes to see the children's work and a range of assemblies and other events throughout the week.



The week was a great opportunity for the children, their families, the staff and the local community to celebrate the distinctive ethos of our school.



P1 Perform their Assembly

During Mrs McDonnell's P1 assembly the children told us all about what they are learning in class. Congratulations on such a well-rehearsed and enjoyable performance. It was wonderful.



P4 Class Assembly

Mrs Smith's P4 assembly told the story of St Brigid through a short play. The children were excellent, they acted out their parts with confidence and said their lines clearly. What a brilliant performance, we are all very proud of them.

P1 & P2 Mass at Holy Trinity to celebrate Catholic Schools Week

Father Raymond said a special Mass for our P1 and P2 classes to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. During the service he explained to the children what each of the religious garments worn by the priest signifies. Children from each year carried up gifts and some of the staff said readings and prayers. It was a lovely mass, thank you Father Raymond.



Holy Trinity Running Club

Necarne Estate, Irvinestown, played host to the final round of the Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League for nearly 100 running enthusiasts. Congratulations to all the children who competed at this event. In perfect running conditions, the runners set off on the lapped course with Ciara O'Donnell and Teagan Boyle leading the way in the girls' race to finish in second and third respectfully.

We are very proud of the Holy Trinity Running Club children for the continued dedication and commitment they have demonstrated in preparation for this event.

Congratulations to the Girls' Teams who ranked in first overall and the Boys' Team who were ranked third overall in the Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League. This means that both teams will represent Holy Trinity in the Northern Ireland Primary Schools Cross Country at Mallusk in March.



Mummifying an Apple

In P4 we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt and mummification. We made predictions about whether salt, sugar, baking soda or vinegar would preserve our apple segments the best. We left the apple segments for 10 days and then checked to see which apple was preserved the best.



Learning about Irish Traditions in P6

Steffi Otto, a Straw tutor from Heritage Ireland, spent a day with Mr Devlin and Mrs Galligan's P6 classes on Thursday. She showed the classes lots of items made from straw and reeds. She told them stories of the Mummerys and their traditions and showed them toys made from straw and reeds, Mummerys hats as well as a range of different types of St Brigid's crosses. Steffi demonstrated how to make a St Brigid's cross and the children then made their own crosses. It was a lovely day. Thank you to Steffi for visiting our school.



P6 Fun at Armagh Planetarium

Our P6 classes went to Armagh planetarium at the end of our space topic. We had lots of fun. Firstly, we made rockets out of plastic bottles and took them outside to let them blast off into the sky! After that we looked at pictures about space and learnt lots of interesting facts. Then we went into a big dome and imagined we were actually in space. IT WAS AMAZING!!! WE ALL RECOMMEND THIS TRIP HIGHLY....

By EMILIJA AND ALEAH!

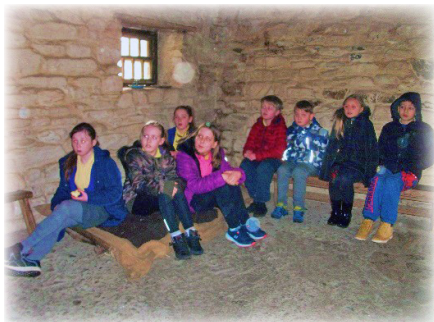


P7s visit the Ulster American Folk Park

On Wednesday 24th January our P7 classes went on a trip to the Ulster American Folk Park, in Omagh, to reinforce what we had learnt from the Famine topic in school. Our favourite part of the visit was going on the ship. We found the mannequins quite creepy but they made the ship really life like! It felt like we had travelled back to the past! We also enjoyed the streets and shops, especially the American streets where the houses felt very historic.

We were told stories of the people who had once lived in the houses. One house was an original, it was home to the Mellon Family. At the end of the talk we sampled some food that the families might have eaten!

In the printing shop we were introduced to a man who had once worked there. He told us that one day he had an accident at work and had lost the top of his finger! The staff at the Folk Park were very welcoming and we loved their costumes! The stories they told were very vivid! Overall the trip was very enjoyable and we would definitely rate it 10/10! *By Erin and Daisy (Mrs Daly P7)*



P3 - Overview of planned work for February

Numeracy: Children will continue to count in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s up to 50 /100. Children will be familiar with the patterns which occur. eg: Quick way to 16 by adding 10 and 6, more doubles and halves of number to 20. Word problems relating to addition and subtraction. Continue to reinforce addition and subtraction, number bonds to 20. Addition of T.U. while bridging the 10 and subtraction of T.U.

Topic Work: Fractions: halves and quarters of number and shapes. Data handling relating to recording of weather.

Literacy: We will continue to look at some of the works of Jill Tomlinson. Our class novel is her book 'The Penguin who wanted to find out'. Our writing genre for this month is procedural writing. This will be related to W.A.U. topics of weather (how to make a windmill) and making pancakes for Pancake Tuesday. Topical poetry related to weather and a study of poem The Owl and the Pussy cat with related literacy lessons. Grammar focus is identifying verbs and adding ing /ed.

The World Around Us: We will continue our weather theme looking at ways to gather information and record the data (linked to Numeracy). Look at map of Ireland-locate places of interest, e.g. cities, Enniskillen. History - Great Science Inventors / the Hot Air Balloon. Preparation for Lent, Pancake Tuesday and its traditions.

Other Information:

Each class will again attend Mass in Saint Michael's church during the term.

14th Feb - Mrs Reihill

21st Feb – Mrs Morris

28th Feb - Mrs McManus

P4 – Overview of planned work for February

Literacy: Pupils will know that alliteration is the repetition of the same sound or letter at the beginning of each or most of the words in a sentence. They will use alliteration to make up newspaper article titles. Pupils will know what question words are and will look at when we use question marks. 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 writing a newspaper report based on Stanley's adventure.

Numeracy: Pupils will be learning about subtraction and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. Our topic work this month will cover 2D shape, children will name 2D shapes and identify their properties. Pupils will know how to find the area of rectangles and squares. 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. We will be researching Ancient Egypt to help us complete PowerPoints in ICT. Pupils will be learning about the skeleton and the major organs of the body. They will be creating a holiday brochure for Egypt. Pupils will know how society was organised in Ancient Egypt and they will be learning all about Tutankhamun. In Art pupils will make a cartouche using clay.

Important dates:

First Confession at St Michael's Church-

- **Monday 26th February** - 7.30pm - Mrs Smith's, Mrs Greene's and Mrs McMenamin's class
- **Monday 5th March** - 7.30pm - Mrs McGirr's and Miss Corrigan's class

Holy Communion at St Michael's Church

- **Saturday 19th May** - 12 noon- - Mrs Greene's class and Mrs Mc Menamin's class
- **Saturday 2nd June** - 12 noon - Mrs Smith's class, Mrs McGirr's class and Miss Corrigan's class

P5 - Overview of Planned work for February

Numeracy: Consolidation of multiplication work. Start division work. Word problems around the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Topic: Measures (length and weight). Mental Maths – Multiplying and dividing (weekly tables linked). Estimation of length and weight. Problem solving activities and word problems for division, length and weight. Weekly tables test preparation.

Literacy: Novel: Continue work on 'Kaspar The Prince of Cats' and related activities from novel booklet. Grammar work: Apostrophes, possession (showing ownership), contractions (can not = can't,). We will complete 'Schofield & Sims' spelling programme – week 16, 17 & 18. Writing: Newspaper reports – skimming and scanning for important information. Write own report linked to novel / world around us topic.

World Around Us: Topic work on Titanic - Cross section of the Titanic, Survivors of the Titanic, Morse Code and who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic. Independent research at home on the survivors and the music played when the ship was sinking.

Other Information – Trips, Visits etc.

- 10 minutes Mathletics tasks & Accelerated Reading every night
- Homework or diary signed and homework fully completed every night – handed in by Thursday
- Highlight important words/symbols in Mental Arithmetic
- Trip to the Titanic Quarter in Belfast (9th February)
- Hurley – every Tuesday
- Practise steps for Irish Dancing
- Mrs Kelly's Assembly
- Instrument every Wednesday

P6 - Overview of Planned work for February

Numeracy: Pupils will know and be able to use division facts. They will be able to divide whole numbers and understand remainders. They will understand the link between multiplication and division. Topic – Complete Area. Pupils will know that there are different types of angles and be able to calculate angles within shapes. They will learn how to use a protractor and measure a variety of angles in different shapes.

Literacy: Pupils will be learning how to use apostrophes as contractions and for possession in their writing. Written activities will be linked to report writing.

Topic/World Around Us:

- Pupils will continue work on our Viking topic looking at Viking Long Ships and Raids. ICT coding will be connected to this topic.
- Mathletics: Pupils are expected to reach 1000 points per week as part of their homework.
- We encourage the P6's to keep up their AR reading and continue to reach personal targets in their word counts. 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 tests.

Year 7 - Overview of Planned work for February

Literacy: Persuasive Writing - we will be looking at advertisements and writing arguments for and against. Pupils will be expressing their opinions and using emotive and persuasive language. 'Twelfth Day of July' novel and related activities.

Numeracy: Fractions – equivalence, comparing and ordering, adding and subtracting. Percentages – link to fractions, of set and quantity, comparing and ordering. Time – 12 and 24 hr clock, timetables, calendars, durations and world times.

World Around Us: This term our topic is Ireland/Northern Ireland

Religion: We are starting our Confirmation preparation. Children will need to bring in a photo of their Baptism, a photo of their Holy Communion Day and a photo of their sponsor as soon as possible. Please place in an envelope and put your child's name on the front.

PE: Swimming and Dance continues for all. Girls will also be taking part in Netball at the Forum.