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NEWSLETTER

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Dates for your Diary

Holidays:

- 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.**

Dates to remember:

- Wednesday 14th March: Service of light at St Michael's Church
- Friday 30th March: Stations of the cross at St Michael's Church at 11:00am
- Thursday 12th April: P7 Retreat to Lough Derg (for Confirmation)
- Sunday 22nd April: Confirmation in St Michael's Church at 3:00pm
- Holy Communion – St Michael's Church at 12 noon:
 - Saturday 19th May: Mrs Greene and Mrs McMenamin's classes
 - Saturday 2nd June: Mrs Smith and Mrs McGirr's classes
- Monday 18th June – Wednesday 20th June: P7 trip to Dublin
- Wednesday 27th June: P7 Leavers Mass

Holy Trinity's St Patrick's Day float 'Books & Pages through the Ages'

The Holy Trinity Art Club are continuing their work preparing the boards for the Holy Trinity St Patrick's Day float: 'Books & Pages Through the Ages'. They have painted all the boards a background white and are now working on the colourful pictures and characters. It's a huge piece of work and the staff and pupils have made amazing progress.

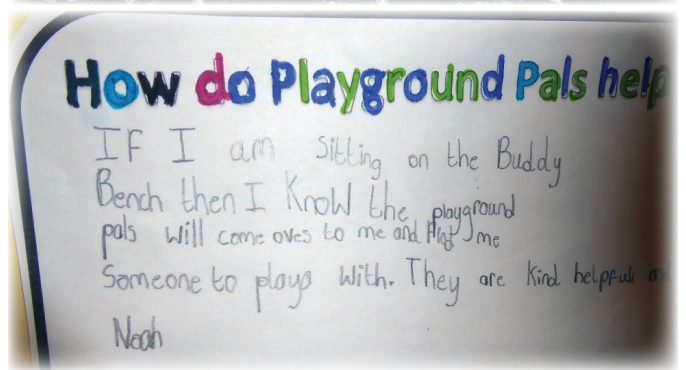
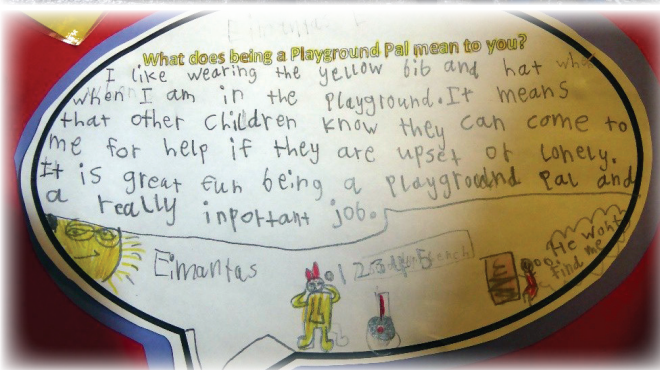
We encourage as many pupils, dressed as their favourite character, to join us on the parade with their parents on St Patrick's Day.





Holy Trinity Playground Pals

Our Playground Pals have been using the techniques they learnt from the PATHs training in the playground each day. They have been doing a great job talking to children who sit on the buddy bench, encouraging everyone to play safely and helping anyone who might need a friend to play with.



P7 Takeaway Homework is on display at the Enniskillen Museum

The P7 classes created some amazing models as part of their 'Takeaway Homework' theme - Northern Ireland. The models were put on display in the Enniskillen museum for everyone to see. The children were delighted to be able to visit the museum to see their work on display. Well done to everyone who helped with the models, what a wonderful display.



P5 Titanic Trip



I went to Belfast to see the Titanic. The building was huge. It was the size of the actual Titanic. We learnt about how big the 1st class, 2nd class and 3rd class rooms were and how the Titanic was built. We got to go the SSE Nomadic and got to see the first class part and second class part of the ship. My favourite part of the day was the cable kart ride.

Niall Smyth

On the day of our trip, we came to school early and got ready to leave for our trip to the Titanic. We were very excited. We travelled on a bus to Belfast and it took us two hours. When we arrived we saw the massive exhibition centre that looked like the front of the Titanic. We learnt all about the people who built the Titanic and about Belfast in 1912. Our favourite part of the exhibition was the 1st, 2nd and 3rd class cabins. We arrived home at 4pm very tired but very happy.

Piotr and Samanta



My trip to the titanic started as a long journey to Belfast. I was sitting next to Sofia. She was my partner for the whole trip. When we arrived at the Titanic Belfast we met a lady with a blue box who took our lunchboxes so we would have free hands whilst we were on tour. The first thing we saw was the SSE Nomadic. It was very cool. Some of the children dressed up in clothes that the passengers would have worn. The tour guide showed us the first class dining room, the dressing room and the dancing room. We were able to play with Morse Code equipment and look at a lifeboat. We lay down on the glass floor and looked at bits of the wreck. It was very exciting.

Mia Buick



Artwork for the 'Novena of Hope' at the Graan

The theme for the 'Novena of Hope' at the Graan this year is 'Family'. For the Novena's display some of our P1 and P4 pupils drew pictures of their family and wrote a special prayer for them. These pieces are on display at the Graan for the duration of the 'Novena of Hope'.



Night at the Races



The Holy Trinity night at the races fundraiser was a wonderful success thanks to a fantastic turnout on the night. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to make it such a success, we hope that everyone enjoyed the night.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser by sponsoring races, buying horses, riders and owners etc, to everyone who so generously donated prizes and to the team of organisers who worked so hard to make the event run smoothly, they did such a great job. As a result of the night our iPad fund is now at a fantastic £8000.

Success for Holy Trinity Running Club

Over the past number of months children from the running club have been training extremely hard for the Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League. The commitment and determination of the children certainly paid off when both the girls and boys teams were successful in securing a place in the Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country Ulster Final in Mallusk on Wednesday 21st February.

The experience of competing at this level last year meant that the boys and girls confidently welcomed the opportunity to race the challenging 1400m route. Congratulations to the girls' team who were awarded first overall in the Fermanagh area for this competition.

Congratulations to all the girls and boys who competed in the final, everyone at Holy Trinity are very proud!



Mrs O'Connor's class are completing the 'Cooking 4 Life Programme'

Over the past ten weeks Mrs O'Connor's class have been completing a "Cooking 4 Life Programme". They have been learning how to cook eggs, pasta, potatoes, cupcakes, toasties, pizza, grill and fry bacon and sausages and will make apple crumble and Easter nests.

Every week the children write a list of the ingredients needed for the food they are making and then estimate the cost of each item. They then walk to the shop to purchase the ingredients. When they get back they compare their estimate with the actual price of each item. Each week the children write a list of the utensils they need to make the food. Most importantly, the children are learning how to safely use a cooker, oven, pan and other heat elements.

Mrs O'Connor's class are really enjoying the cooking programme, especially as they get to eat what they have made.





World Book Day

World Book Day was celebrated on Thursday the 1st of March. Holy Trinity children really got into the spirit of the day with many of them dressing up as their favourite characters. There was a lot of excitement in school and it was wonderful to see the array of characters in each classroom, Harry Potter, Where's Wally, Gangsta Grans and Dennis the Menace to name a few. Every child who came to school dressed up as a character also donated £1 to our school library book fund.

Laura Quinn, author of the Monkey Blue books, visited our school to celebrate World Book Day with us. Laura spent the morning at KS1 reading her stories to the children. In the afternoon she moved to KS2 (Cornagrade) where again she read to each year group and answered lots of questions about her books and about becoming an author.

Laura was really delighted to see the children dressed up as characters and was very impressed with how the hall had been well decorated for her visit, it looked amazing.



Disability Sports Day

On Tuesday 27th February the P7 classes took part in a Disability Sports Day at the Forum in Enniskillen. We were joined by Willowbridge and Jones Memorial primary school children. A number of students from St Fanchea's and St Joseph's secondary schools helped with all the activities.

During the sports day we took part in lots of different sports including blindfolded penalties, basketball, volleyball, wheelchair racing, hockey, normal penalties, throw bowling and normal bowling. We also played curling. When we were there we met several Holy Trinity past pupils. We really enjoyed the day because it was fun. It also made us realise that we are lucky not to have a disability and we are fit and healthy.

By Luke McAnespy & Fionn McManus P7



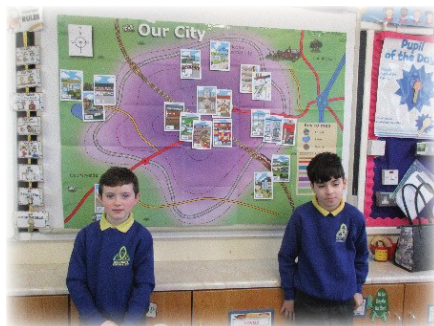
Young Enterprise Visit P5 Classes



Sandra from Young Enterprise came to visit all Year 5 children. The theme was 'Our City'. The children discussed buildings in different towns and looked at where they were situated. They then got to design and build their own model.

After this the children designed their own restaurant. They came up with a name for their restaurant, what type of food they would sell, a menu for their guests and how much their food would be.

We definitely need some of these restaurants in Enniskillen. The children produced some fantastic menus and with great prices!



Primary 3 - Overview of Planned Work for March

Numeracy: Depending on group children will continue to work on place value of 2 & 3 digit numbers. They will be able to partition numbers into H.T.U. and T.U. and add and subtract T.U. with and without bridging the ten. Children will begin to work with sets/groups of numbers to introduce the concept of multiplication, they will be able to round numbers off to the nearest 10/100. Focus will also be on solving simple word problems set in real life situations. Children will continue to use 100 grids to find patterns to add and subtract. All groups are working on their addition and subtraction tables to develop quick recall of number bonds and we would encourage parents to make sure that they spend time every night on them.

Topic Work: Topic for this month is 'Volume and Capacity'. Children will know the language associated with capacity. They will be able to make estimates using non arbitrary and standard units of measurement. Parents are asked to support children at home or when shopping, pointing out units of measurement on the packages of everyday household items.

Literacy: Grammar focus will continue to be on adjectives and this month children will become familiar with the rules for adding ING to verbs. We will use some traditional fairy tales to explore the narrative writing genre.

The World Around Us: This month's theme will primarily be 'Electricity'. We will also look at a range of great science explorers. Other topics this month will be Mother's Day and Saint Patrick's Day.

Other Information:

As part of our 'Fairy Tale' theme all classes will visit the Enniskillen Museum to explore life in a medieval castle and discover how people lived, what food they ate, how they spent their leisure time and how they defended their castle. We will also be visiting Enniskillen town library this month. Additional information on these trips will follow.

Museum Trip dates

13th March - Mrs Morris
15th March - Mrs McManus
16th March - Mrs Reihill

Town Library visit dates

21st March - Mrs Morris
21st March - Mrs McManus
22nd March - Mrs Reihill

Primary 4 – Overview of Planned Work for March

Literacy: Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rules. Pupils will be reading their class novel, 'The Egyptian Cinderella'. In grammar pupils will look at direct speech linked to their novel. They will be writing a non-chronological report on King Tutankhamun.

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 3D shape where children will be learning the names and properties of 3D shapes. We will be looking at the language of direction including left, right and the compass points. Pupils will also use ISAK9 and complete problem solving investigations.

World Around Us: This month we will be concluding our topic 'Ancient Egypt'. Pupils will learn about the pyramids and the gods that were worshipped in Ancient Egypt. They will investigate and research inventions and achievements of the Egyptians. We will be trying to recreate one of their inventions, the Shaduf, by using a variety of materials. Through doing this we will look at levers and pulleys.

Important dates:

Holy Communion takes place in St Michael's Church at 12 noon on:

- Saturday 19th May: for Mrs Greene and Mrs McMenamin's classes
- Saturday 2nd June: for Mrs Smith and Mrs McGirr's classes

P5 - Overview of Planned Work for March

Numeracy: Number: Fractions (halves, quarters, tenths, thirds and fifths). Finding fraction of an amount. Equivalent fractions e.g $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{4}$. Topic: Capacity – using litres and millilitres. Discuss how to find volume. Mental Maths – Multiplication tables. Link to division tables. Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation.

Parents – Could you help children become aware of and read measurements on everyday containers – e.g. milk, cartons, bottles, sugar, boxes. In Year 5 children could use sugar cubes to build structures and discuss the volume.

Literacy: Novel: Finish 'Kaspar Prince of Cats' novel and activities to match. Grammar work: Revision of apostrophes. Prepositions (telling where something is) and conjunctions (joining sentences). Writing: Narrative (story) writing – looking at settings, plots, characters and being able to plan, write and edit a story. We will complete spelling list 19 – 21 from 'Schofield and Sims' Spelling Programme and matching activities from workbook. Weekly spelling test preparation.

World Around Us: Topic work - Finish work on Titanic topic. (Who was to blame for the sinking? Survivors and wreckage, states of water and experiments linked to water.) Start work on Water topic – Uses of water, saving water in school and home, the water cycle and language associated with water.

Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc

- Homework diary signed and homework completed every night (Take away Homework to be handed in on Thursday of each week)
- Highlight important information and signs in Mental Arithmetic
- AR every night (2 quizzes per week)
- Musical Instruments to be brought into school every Wednesday.

Could children practise instruments at home and follow the 'Charanga' programme (lessons continued from school)

Important Dates:

Primary 5 Ceili – Thursday 15th March – All children need a green t-shirt/top

P6 - Overview of Planned Work for March

Numeracy: NUMBER - The pupils will be able to use division/multiplication in simple problem solving. The pupils will understand that division is linked with fractions. FRACTIONS - The pupils will understand and use fractions in context. The pupils will revise previous fractions and be introduced to new ones. They will understand the terms 'proper' and 'improper' fractions. Use fractions to describe quantities. Ex: 5/8 of a class are girls what fraction are boys? Perform simple calculations involving unitary fractions, e.g.: $1/5$ of 20 = 4 Understand equivalence of fractions. TOPIC: Data Handling

Literacy: Pupils will understand antonyms (opposites) and be able to understand the purpose of prefixes in the context of opposites. E.g. honest – dishonest. They will know what plurals are and rules for making words plural. GENRE – Report writing continued / Procedural writing. Pupils will continue with our Irish News Critical Literacy project and be able to write their own news report. Pupils will be able to follow instructions given in a variety of texts and be able to write their own instructions for an activity. (Making a 3D Long ship). Children will experience guided, shared, modelled and independent reading. Within 'Talking and Listening', pupils will take part in a number of class, group and 'talk partner' conversations throughout all areas of the curriculum and be able to listen and follow instructions for activities linked to all areas.

World Around Us: The pupils will continue with "The Vikings" topic and find out about building a Viking ships, Viking raids, Viking homes and evidence of Viking settlements today. 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 each morning to complete AR tests.

P7 - Overview of Planned Work for March

Literacy: Myths and Legends – Read wide range of myths, legends, fables and traditional stories. Plan and write a new version of a myth, legend. Novel work – 'Twelfth Day of July' and related activities.

Numeracy: Number work: Fractions and Decimals & Topic work – Time.

World Around Us: Northern Ireland/Ireland Topic

Religion: 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. These are going to be stuck into their Confirmation Book. Please place in an envelope and put your child's name on the front.

Dates for your diary:

- 14th March: Service of Light St Michael's Church at 7.30pm
- 22nd March: Love for Life in Jones Memorial Primary School