



Holy Trinity
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NEWSLETTER

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Holidays

- First May Bank Holiday: School is closed on 4th & 7th May, children return to school on 8th May
- Second May Bank Holiday: School is closed on 28th & 29th May, children return on 30th May.

Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 18th April: Senior choir compete in Feis
- Sunday 22nd April: Confirmation in St Michael's at 3:00pm
- Holy Communion – St Michael's Church at 12 noon:
 - o Saturday 19th May: Mrs Greene and Mrs McMenamin's classes
 - o 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

Social Media and Mobile Phone Policy



Please be aware that the lowest recommended age for children to be using social media platforms is 13. While we will continue to educate the children on the safe use of the internet and appropriate use of technology the school cannot accept any responsibility for issues that arise as a result of children using social media.

Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones into school unless they walk home and their parent writes a letter to the school asking permission for their child to bring a phone into school. At no stage during the school day are pupils allowed to have their mobile phones out of their school bags. No child in Key Stage 1 should ever have a mobile phone in school. If a pupil is found with a mobile phone in school and we do not have the consent letter from the child's parent the phone will be removed and kept in a safe place until the parent comes into school to collect it. We hope you appreciate these policies are in place to protect all our children.

Stations of the Cross

Congratulations to everyone involved in organising 'The Stations of the Cross' on Good Friday at St Michael's Church. It was a very poignant and memorable dramatisation and the children were superb.



The Holy Trinity St Patrick's Day Float

The Holy Trinity St Patrick's Day float took part in the Enniskillen St Patrick's day parade, it looked amazing. It was wonderful to see such a great turn out of children on our school float as well as families in support around the town. Many children were dressed as their favourite book character which added to the colourful display on the float. All the hard work by staff and pupils drawing and painting really paid off as the boards looked fantastic. Thank you to everyone who helped. A big thank you also to the friends of Holy Trinity who fixed the boards onto the trailer securely, they did a wonderful job.



Trocaire fundraiser raises £717

Pupils across the school have been donating money to their class Trocaire boxes over the past weeks. The total raised from these donations by the whole school was a fantastic £717. A cheque for £717 was presented to Roisin O'Hara and Bridie Duffy from Trocaire on Friday 16th March. They were delighted to receive this donation for their charity. Thank you to everyone for their generosity towards our Trocaire collection.



P3 visit Enniskillen Castle & Museum

P3 had a great day out at Enniskillen Castle & Museum last week. Here is what some of the P3 children said about their visit. Katherine and her staff told us about the Maguire family in Medieval Times. We learnt that the castle was built by Hugh Maguire 600 years ago, and saw how the castle would have looked when it was first built. We saw some weapons which would have been used to defend the castle and got to dress up for a Medieval banquet. We heard about the food that people ate, the clothes they wore and how they used feathers to write with. We had great fun using quills to make up new laws for life in the castle. These photos show us dressed up at a banquet. "I loved the weapons part" *Eoin Flanagan*. "I dressed up as a King" *Oisin Campbell*



Digging Spuds



Mr Starrs' P7 class planted some potatoes in a box in their classroom as part the Famine topic. The potatoes did really well and there was a lot of green leafy foliage in the corner of the classroom. The class then harvested them to see how many new potatoes they had. The children initially planted 3 potatoes; they dug up 36. Some of the new potatoes were very small but it was a good crop none the less.



P5 'Helping Hands' Programme

Primary 5 children have started their 'Helping Hands' Programme in school. They have been drawing portraits of how they see themselves and recognising the things that they like about themselves. This programme helps build children's confidence and self-esteem.



Nursery Easter Egg Hunt at Mill Street

The Nursery children went on a trip to KS1 on Friday for an Easter egg hunt. They had a great time searching for eggs all around the school grounds. The Easter bunny called in to say hello to them all and to wish them a happy Easter.



AR Millionaires select new books for the school library

Due to the success of our recent book fair we were able to raise nearly £2,000 pounds to spend on new books for our KS1 & KS2 libraries. The school would like to thank all our fabulous parents for their continued generosity and support.



Mrs Cathcart invited all of the Holy Trinity Accelerated Reading millionaires to join her in the Staff room at Cornagrade (KS2)



to help choose lots of new library books. The children worked in pairs. They looked through the catalogues highlighting the books they thought should be bought for our library collections. Mrs Cathcart gave them popcorn to enjoy while they worked. Well done everyone, we look forward to having lots of lovely books in the library in the near future.

Mrs Kelly's P5 Ceili to celebrate St Patrick's Day

What a wonderful Ceili Holy Trinity children enjoyed in celebration of St Patrick's Day this year. Mrs Kelly and her P5 dancers had worked really hard over the past weeks to prepare. They gave a wonderful display of Irish dancing, performing a lively set at KS1 and at KS2 for the classes and then again for the P5 parents. The whole hall of onlookers clapped along to the music at each performance. Teachers and parents were invited to join in for the last dance, the 'Siege of Venice', the children were amazed to see the adults dancing.



Thank you to Mrs Kelly and all the P5 dancers for putting on such a wonderful Ceili. It was fantastic.



Regional Final of the Credit Union Quiz

The regional final of the Credit Union Quiz was held on Sunday 11th March. Twenty-four teams took part, including 2 teams from Holy Trinity. Thank you to both teams for representing our school at the quiz, they all gave a really great performance on the day. Congratulations to the older team who came third.

P3 - Overview of planned work for April

Numeracy: Depending on group children will begin to work on multiplication of 2s, 5s, and 10s. Place value of H.T.U. and T.U. bridging and not bridging the ten. Vertical addition of 2 digit numbers e.g. $21+33=$ Using the 100 square to explore patterns and quick methods of adding (+9) (+11).

Topic Work: Money - finding the cost and giving change within 20p/99p. Measures - Capacity using standard measures e.g. Litres and ML

Literacy: Continue our theme of traditional/fairy tales. Introduce our new author for term 3 (Roald Dahl) and begin our class novel 'Fantastic Mr Fox'. Complete a range of activities related to both including cloze procedure, diary writing, narrative writing. Continue work on verbs -adding ed, ing.

The World Around Us: Observations of signs of Spring. Mother and baby animals. Life cycles of the frog. Continue our great science stories- 'Miners lamp' and 'Dinosaur Discovery'. Investigation of materials and their properties.

Primary 4 - Overview of planned work for April

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, 'Danny the

Champion of the World.' In grammar pupils will look at homophones, synonyms, antonyms, colons and commas in lists. We will be writing a play script based on 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Numeracy: Pupils will be learning about division and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. We will be looking at fractions of objects and fractions of numbers. Our topic work this month will cover handling data where we will be looking at venn diagrams and carroll diagrams. We will be reading scales and giving change with money. Pupils will also use ISAK9 and complete problem solving investigations.

World Around Us: This month we will be introducing our new topic 'Buildings'. Pupils will look at homes in Victorian times and will be able to name different types of houses e.g. detached, terraced etc. Pupils will look at the work of LS Lowry and complete pictures using perspective and collages. Pupils will learn about the 'Great Fire of London' and the diary of Samuel Pepys. Pupils will look at budgets linking to numeracy. They will write a for sale or for rent poster. Pupils will begin their stop motion animations in ICT.

Important dates:

Holy Communion in 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

P5 - Overview of Planned work for April

Numeracy: Number: Continuation of fractions. Decimals- recognise, write and order decimals. Topic: Money – Identifying and using money linked to problem solving activities. Mental Maths – Use and discuss mental strategies to calculate total amounts and give change. Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation. Parents – Could you encourage children to handle money at home and in real life situations.

Literacy: Novel: Start new novel 'James and the Giant Peach'. Grammar work: More advanced punctuation; commas and exclamation marks. Writing: Narrative (story) writing – looking in more detail at how a narrative story is made up of build-up, problem and resolution. We will complete spelling list 22 – 25 from 'Schofield & Sims' and matching activities from workbook. Weekly spelling test preparation. Parents - Could you encourage children to read their Accelerated Reading Books and complete quizzes before Friday.

World Around Us: Start 'Water' topic – Uses of water, saving water in school and home and states of water. Water experiments related to the above topics.

Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc.:

- 10/15 minutes Accelerated reading every night
- Homework Diary or homework signed and completed every night
- Ensure all children remember to do a quiz in school when they complete their AR book and nightly reading book

Town Library Visits: Mr McElroy – Thursday 19th April
Mrs Gormley – Friday 20th April
Mrs Kelly – Thursday 26th April

P6 - Overview of Planned work for April

Numeracy: Pupils will be working on fractions and then moving on to decimals and percentages. They will also be introduced to prime, cube and square numbers.

Topic - Pupils will be working on data handling activities, 12 hour and 24 hour time.

Literacy: Pupils will know when to use apostrophes both for contractions and showing possession. Written activities will focus on persuasive and procedural writing.

Topic/World Around Us: Pupils will complete work on the Vikings and in May will begin the topic of 'Europe'. They will complete a leaflet on a country of their choice as part of an ICT task. AR reading –Congratulations to all the children who have achieved their Term 2 AR target, time to get thinking about your Term 3 one. Also, congratulations to our newest P6 Millionaires. 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.

P7 - Overview of Planned work for April

Literacy: Novel work – 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. Poetry linked with Rainforest Topic

Numeracy: Percentages, Area & Perimeter and Angles work

World Around Us: Amazon Rainforest

Reminders:

- Money for Dublin Trip.
- Confirmation photographs. (Baptism, Holy Communion and Sponsor).

Dates for your diary:

- Confirmation Retreat to Lough Derg - 12th April 2018
- Confirmation – 22nd April 2018 at 3.00pm, St Michael's Church Enniskillen