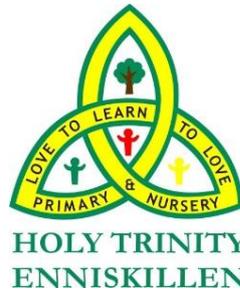




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Newsletter

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Important notes

Applications for Primary 1 and Nursery/Preschool places for the 2019/2020 school year must be made online via the Education Authority website. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

To read the Holy Trinity Preschool/Primary prospectus please visit the **Parent Info/Application Information** page on our school website. <http://www.holytrinityps.com/parent-info/application-information/>

Please note: Applications close at **12midnight on Thursday 31st January.**

Dates to remember:

27th January to the 2nd February: Catholic Schools Week

18th – 22th February: Midterm break, school reopens on Monday 25th February

13th March (Mrs McMenamen's Class) & 20th March Mrs Smith & Mrs McGirr's class: First Confession (at 7pm)

Happy New Year: We would like to wish all our pupils and our families a very happy new year. We hope everyone had a great break and wish you the best for 2019.



Holy Trinity Running Club's success

On Wednesday 5th December the children from Holy Trinity Running Club competed in the second round of the Flahavan's Cross Country League. As usual this event was superbly organised and supported and Holy Trinity Primary School was one of nineteen schools to participate. Well done to Ronan, Shane, Filip, Mallie, Ava and Grace who made their cross country debut in the Fun Run event. In the Girls' race Tegan, Kellie and Ciara were among the leading group from early on with Tegan being rewarded with second podium position. Kellie and Ciara paced and supported each other along the course finishing 4th and 5th respectively. Deivs has been consistent in his training and as a result of his hard work was placed third in the Boys' Race. Congratulations to Olivia, Niamh, Clodagh, Cassie, Eoghan, Niall and Rhys who all had an excellent run in their respective races.



Finally, congratulations to the Holy Trinity Girls' team who have won the Flahavan's Cross Country League for Tyrone & Fermanagh and have qualified for the Northern Ireland Schools competition in late January. Congratulations also to Deivs Tarvids who came third as an individual in the Tyrone & Fermanagh area.

Miss Coyle is very proud of all the children who competed in these events.

She has seen a great

improvement in their running as a result of their effort and commitment at training. The results for the Flahavan's Cross Country can be found via the link <https://athleticsni.org/Results>



Post-Christmas thanks

The run up to Christmas was a very busy but festive time for the whole school, thank you to our children and families for supporting us throughout December.

Our Christmas carol service helped put everyone in the Christmas mood. The School Choirs sang a selection of hymns and the P2's acted out the nativity through the service. Both performances gave added meaning to the carol service, it was wonderful. A selection of pupils from the school choir also sang at the Millcroft Nursing Home to the delight of the staff and residents. Thank you to Grainne Kirke for her work with our choirs throughout the year and to the Junior and Senior choirs for their wonderful singing.



The Nursery and Preschool classes performed their Christmas nativity plays which were enjoyed by their families as well as some of the KS2 pupils. The P1 classes had worked really hard all month in preparation for their Christmas Nativity; the show was performed for the school (KS1) and then again for parents and family. Thank you to all the P1 staff who helped the children prepare for the show, it was another amazing performance; congratulations to you all. On KS2 Mrs O'Connor & Ms Devine's classes, along with pupils from Mr Devlin & Mr Morris' classes, performed their Christmas shows for pupils and again for the families. It was really great to see the children showcase their singing and performing talents, they were brilliant.

This year the Holy Trinity Afterschool club held a Christmas Fair for their children and families. There were fun games, food, a raffle and Santa, who had a beautiful grotto and took time to talk to all the children and give them a treat. The event was very well supported and the Afterschool raised £385 which will be spent on outdoor toys. Thank you to all the staff for their great work in preparation for the fair, to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and to Megan who created a fantastic grotto for Santa.



Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT)

Thank you to everyone who has supported the FoHT funding raising events so far, it is really appreciated by the school. The money raised will be used to buy iPads for our school.

- **Christmas Draw:** Congratulations to our FoHT Christmas draw prize winners, we hope you enjoyed your prizes; thank you to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets, your generosity is really appreciated. £3627 was raised from the draw.
- **Christmas Disco:** FoHT held a fun Christmas Disco for the school children. The Disco was a great success and the children really enjoyed having some time together out of uniform and showing off their moves on the dance floor. The disco raised £687. Thank you to everyone who helped out on the night. The children are hoping to have another disco next Christmas.

Next events:

- **Bag pack at Tesco on Saturday 19th January from 12noon to 7pm:** FoHT would like help with this fundraising effort. Please leave your name at the office in Cornagrade if you can help (02666323313), Thank you.
- **Table Quiz, 1st March at 8:30pm:** FoHT are holding a table quiz in Charlies. Please contact the school on 02866323313 if you would like to book a table. Cost is £5 per head, max of 5 people per table.



Holy Trinity girls' soccer

Congratulations to the girls' soccer team who won the December football competition in the Forum against some of the local primary schools. The girls performed brilliantly and won all their matches. They did their school proud!





Road Safety

Parents, please remind your children about the importance of road safety when coming to and leaving school. Where possible children should wear some type of reflective item on clothes or bags. Remind them to take extreme care in the car parks and roads around the school. Children travelling on buses should wear their seat belts at all times. Each week in class staff remind children of the importance of road safety through use of the Road Safety Calendar.

Traditional Irish music lessons and after school tin whistle classes

Tin Whistle lessons are starting for P4, P5 and P6 children this week. If you are interested in your child learning another type of traditional Irish instrument, please contact the office and leave the child's name and the instrument they would like to learn with the staff there. Clare McGrath our traditional music tutor will then contact you.



Cathedral Hall Ceili

The P5 classes went to Cathedral Hall on the 6th December to mark the end of their Irish dancing programme. The children have been taking dance classes with Mrs Kelly and Kevin Goodwin (Fermanagh & Omagh District Council) over the past 6 weeks. The children danced with a number of other schools and sang songs in Irish as their party piece. They had a great afternoons fun and are ready for the next school Ceili.



Spar colouring competition

Congratulations to Aoife and Edward from P4 who won the SPAR colouring competition in December. The children really enjoyed the Christmas treats. Thank you to our McBrien's Spar, Chanterhill.



Holy Trinity supports our local Saint Vincent de Paul at Christmas.

Each year Holy Trinity children bring in items to make Christmas hampers for St Vincent de Paul, a charity which helps people in difficulty within our local community. This year again our parents and friends have been extremely generous and the school was able to donate 24 hampers to the charity.



At the Christmas carol service, a collection was organised for Saint Vincent de Paul which raised £300 for the charity. Mr Treacy along with pupils Enya and Theo, presented the money to Mrs Martha Smyth who was representing the charity. Thank you for your generous donations and continues support for our chosen charities.





Laura Quinn book launch. Laura Quinn, a local author, visited the Holy Trinity Nursery in December to celebrate the launch of her new book 'Snowflakes and Christmas Cakes'. The children really enjoyed her visit, they had books signed, enjoyed stories read by Laura and asked her lots of questions. Thank you Laura for visiting our school



Steeplejacks check school chimneys are safe

There was a lot of excitement at Holy Trinity Mill Street on the 20th December when the children spotted two Steeplejacks checking out the school chimneys in preparation for Santa visiting. Steve and Andy said the school's chimneys were sparkling and ready for the man himself. Bernard our school Caretaker was delighted with the news.

Drama with Nicola On 17th December the KS1 drama class put on a lovely performance for their parents and friends to show off their new drama skills. The children's confidence has really grown since starting drama classes and they all enjoyed saying their lines for the audience. It was wonderful. Thank you to Nicola for teaching the children and putting together a great show.



Mrs Galligan's P6 class Mummers' Assembly is filmed for TV

In mid-December Mr Treacy received an unusual phone call from Westway Film Productions asking if they could come to school to film Mrs Galligan's Class Mummers' Assembly. They wanted to use it in an upcoming TV show about Lough Erne and the local area. They had heard about the wonderful assembly from Mr Jim Ledwith who had kindly

loaned equipment to Mrs Galligan and had worked with the class while they rehearsed for the assembly. Mrs Galligan and her class really couldn't believe it, they were really excited. Joe Mahon of "Lesser Spotted Ulster" fame and his film crew spent a few hours filming on the 19th December. The children performed the show twice for filming and Joe was really impressed with how amazing they were. We are really looking forward to seeing it on TV next autumn.



P5 finish their first class novel

All primary 5 children have finished their first class novel, Charlotte's Web. They are now completing AR quizzes on the novel. Emily Goan thought it was a very interesting book. She loved the character Charlotte because she is very calm and patient. Tiernan Mallon said he liked the theme of friendship running through the novel.



School Matters!



Attendance

Holy Trinity regards excellent attendance in school as vitally important in allowing a child to fulfil their potential. Children need to attend school to learn, to make good friends, to experience new things in life and to build confidence and self-esteem. Children who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour. A habit formed now of poor attendance can be very difficult to change in adolescence.

In Holy Trinity we encourage children to have excellent attendance by giving monthly class prizes for attendance. We also give out certificates/prizes to individuals with excellent attendance each term. For children who go below **85% attendance** we send out letters and sometimes invite parents in to talk about the issues around attendance. If a child goes below 85% attendance, then a referral to Education Welfare Service is sometimes necessary.

Our class winners for best attendance for first term are Mrs Maguire P3 – 97% and Mrs Mc Menamin P4 – 97% for KS1. Mr Devlin's P6 class was best in KS2 with 97.2%.

The school target this year is 95%. For first term we achieved 94.8% which is quite good but we still need to improve. Children should aim for an attendance of 96% minimum.

Why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn.
- To make new friends.
- To experience new things in life.
- To gain qualifications.
- To develop new skills.
- To build confidence and self-esteem.
- To have the best possible start in life.

Remember: Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examination and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.



Microsoft Office free software

Microsoft Office is available free to all staff and pupils with a C2k username. The program can be installed on up to 5 personal devices. Users can download, free of charge, full copies of Microsoft Office for PC or MAC in 4 easy steps with their C2k credentials.

Get MS Office in 4 easy steps

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter your C2k Username in the format **ouser123@c2ken.net**
3. At the next box enter (i) your C2k username **ouser123** and (ii) **password**
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Primary 3 overview of planned work - January

Mathematics

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; reading and spelling number names to 20; missing number sums; doubles and near doubles; work on number stories up to 10 or 20 (depending on ability group) consolidating addition and subtraction tables; 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

Literacy

We will begin to look at stories by the author **Jill Tomlinson** and work on her novel ***The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark***. Associated work will include character profiles, book reviews, comprehensions and narrative writing. 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 **ing** to a word. Big book focus will look at positional language.

The World Around Us: Our main theme is Winter, children will investigate penguins and their habitat. They 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 icecubes. Pupils will be able to make simple plans of their classroom using a key.

Primary 4 overview of planned work - January

Literacy: Pupils will know that comparative adjectives are used to compare **two** things usually by adding the suffix **er**. Pupils will know that superlative adjectives are used to compare **more than two things** usually by adding the suffix **est**. 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 learning about multiplication. They will know that multiplication is repeated addition and that it can be done in any order. They will continue 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 handling data where pupils will use tally charts, record information on bar graphs and interpret and read pictograms.

World Around Us: Our topic this term will be Ancient Egypt. Pupils 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.

Primary 5 overview of planned work - January

Numeracy

- **Number:** Multiplication work and problem solving activities
- **Topic:** Compass points and directional work, calendar work linked to New Year and basic time work
- **Mental Maths** – Multiplication tables
- **Home** - Learn times tables that are set each week
- **Problem solving activities and word problems** for multiplication

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

World Around Us

- Topic work – Finish plants work and start new topic of Titanic
(Who built it, where it was built, construction and departure, sections of the ship and passengers on the Titanic)

Other Information.

- Complete 10 minutes Doodle Maths and AR every night (2 quizzes per week)
- Take away homework fully completed to best of ability
- Diary signed every night
- Highlight important words/symbols in Mental Arithmetic
- Musical Instruments to be brought into school every Wednesday. Could children practise instruments at home and follow the 'Charanga' programme (lessons continued from school)
- Friday 26th February 2019- **Trip to the Titanic Quarter Belfast**

Primary 6 overview of planned work - January

Maths: Number. Pupils will:

- know tables up to x 12
- know how to do short and long multiplication to 10,000.
- solve word problems associated with multiplication.
- understand the relationship between multiplication and division.

Topic: AREA. Pupils will:

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

English Pupils will:

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

World Around Us. Pupils will:

- complete our space topic by visiting the Planetarium.
- begin the Vikings topic and find out who the Vikings were, where they came from and why they travelled to new lands.

Children are encouraged to visit their local library and take out books that may be relevant to our topic.

Homework

We encourage the P6's to keep doing AR reading and Doodle Maths which is part of their daily homework. Each pupil should be taking at least one AR test per week (more if on green and orange level) and working towards their word count target for the term.

Takeaway will continue for P6.

- **AR Books** can be changed in the library between 8.30 and 8.50.
- **ICT suite** is also available at these times to complete AR tests.

Trips: The P6 pupils will be having a trip to the Armagh Planetarium on **Thursday 17th January.**

Primary 7 overview of planned work- January

Numeracy

- this term in number we will be covering place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- topic work will be covering Measures looking at length, weight, conversions and imperial units.
- times tables from 1-12.

Literacy

- In writing children will focus on different types of poetry
- Children will complete grammar work on nouns and revision of punctuation.
- Novel Book – 12th Day of July

World Around Us: The Topic this term is Ireland/Northern Ireland.

PE: Children will be participating in weekly swimming and gymnastics lessons- please remember school PE uniform.

Confirmation

- Confirmation is on **Sunday 19th May in St Michael's Parish Church.**
Note: If your child is making Confirmation you must fill out the Request for Confirmation Form

Homework

- P7 will now begin take away homework tasks.
- On a Monday night children should choose 1 task from their 'menu' to be completed for Friday.
- Children will complete one mental arithmetic test each week and will have the 'At Home' page from Grow in Love to discuss.
- Spellings, Doodle Maths, Accelerated Reading and class reader will continue.

Trips:

- **Friday 3rd May 2019** - Confirmation retreat on Lough Derg
- **Monday 17th- Wednesday 19th June** - End of year trip to Dublin.

Please continue to send in payments towards trip and encourage children to contribute their own money, if possible.