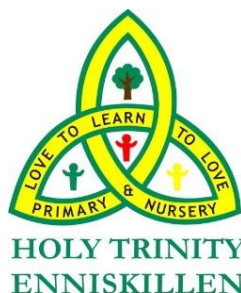




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Newsletter

February 2019

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Dates to remember:

Sunday 24th February: Confirmation enrolment at 10:30am mass.

Friday 1st March: FoHT quiz night at 8:00pm.

Wednesday 13th March & Wednesday 20th March, 7.30pm: First Confessions

Saturday 11th May & Saturday 18th May, 12 noon: First Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May: Confirmation at St Michaels Church

Holidays:

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd February: Midterm break



Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT)

Many thanks to the **Friends of Holy Trinity** support group who organized the Holy Trinity bag pack at Tesco last month. Thank you also to everyone who helped bag pack on the day, together you raised just under £900. The money raised will go towards buying a class set of iPads for our children. FoHT have almost reached their target for these iPads which is absolutely fantastic. Thank you for your continued support and your generosity.

Next FoHT Event: Friday 1st March. The FoHT quiz night takes place at 8:00pm in Charlies Bar, £5 each person with a maximum of 5 per table. Everyone is very welcome. To book a table please contact our school office. (Cornagrade - 028 6632 3313 or Mill Street - 028 6632 4959). Thank you.

Catholic Schools' Week

Grandparents visit the Nursery

On Friday 1st February, as Holy Trinity celebrated Catholic Schools' Week, Mrs Jones and Mrs Bogue's classes welcomed their grandparents to the Nursery. They enjoyed a special play session with their grandchildren. It was great to see so many grandparents, thank you for visiting.



Grandparents day in P1

The P1 children really enjoyed having a special visitor in school as part of their celebration of Catholic Schools Week.





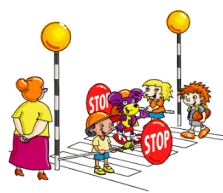
Junior Choir sing at morning mass

The Holy Trinity Junior choir sang at Monday morning mass in St Michael's church in celebration of Catholic Schools' Week. The children sang beautifully and many of the congregation approached both staff and children afterwards to complement them on the wonderful singing, the beautiful voices, how well they represented their school and on their lovely manners! Everyone enjoyed a treat of hot chocolate and cookies afterwards in McDonalds.



Holy Trinity are Credit Union Quiz Winners

On Friday evening, 1st February, P6 and P7 teams from Holy Trinity took part the Credit Union quiz at the Enniskillen Library. All the children enjoyed great success; our two P7 teams came first and will represent the school in the next round in March while the P6 team were runners up in their category. Congratulations to the all children who took part and demonstrated some fantastic knowledge. Thank you to our teachers who went along with the children to the quiz night.



P7 Road Safety Quiz

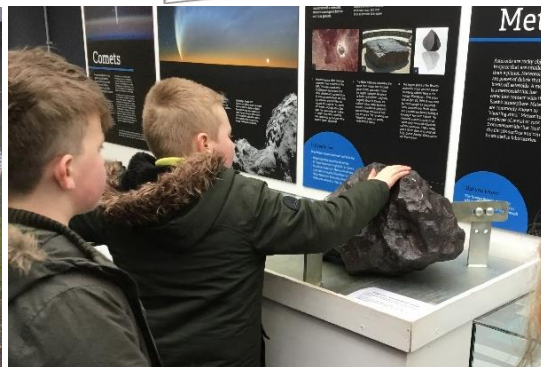
Well done to the P7 boys, Shane, Conor, Luca and Patrick who represented our school at the Road Safety NI quiz at the Killyhevlin hotel in January.





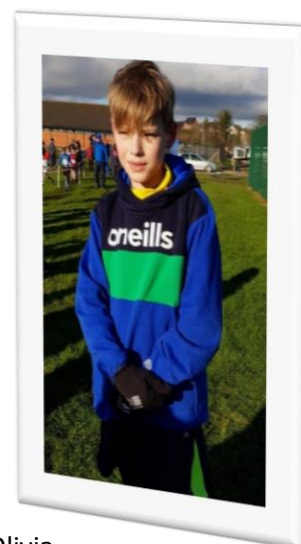
P6 visit the Planetarium

Our three P6 classes enjoyed an amazing trip to the Armagh Planetarium in January; this trip tied in with their World Around Us topic 'Space'. The children went by coach to the Planetarium. They watched a film on the Dome ceiling called 'The Perfect Planet', enjoyed a talk and discussion about life on the international space ship, learnt how Astronauts survive in space and learned lots of new facts about space and asteroids. They even got to touch a real asteroid which made their hands smell of metal. The children then spent some time making rockets and went outside to shoot them into space. It was great fun, but a little wet! Thank you to all the staff who made it a great experience.



Holy Trinity impress at the Flahavan's Cross Country Final in Dundonald.

Over the past number of months, the children from Holy Trinity Running Club have been competing in the Flahavan's Cross Country League. Following their success from Round 1 and 2 of the league, both the girls team and Deivs Tarvids (P6) had qualified to compete in the Northern Ireland Primary Schools Cross Country final. This was the third time children from Holy Trinity Primary School competed at this level, a competition of high regard and an abundance of talent.



On Wednesday, 30th January, Ciara O'Donnell, Niamh O'Donnell, Cassie Greene, Clodagh Donnelly, Olivia Nawrocka, Kelly McAnespy and Deivs Tarvids made the journey to the 'Billy Neil Centre of Excellence' in Dundonald. Congratulations to our girl's team who put in a really strong performance across the 1200m distance. They were awarded first overall in the Fermanagh and Tyrone Area for this competition. Congratulations also to Deivs who was placed 20th in his race from a field of over 158 participants, a great achievement at this level.

Cooking 4 life

Mrs O'Connor has been taking P5 pupils for cookery club each Thursday as part of a 6-week cookery program. The children are enjoying



baking, grilling and cooking. The program aims to develop transferable skills by cooking delicious food such as cupcakes, apple crumble, fry-ups and much more. Of course the best bit is eating what they have made at the end of the class. Thank you Mrs O'Connor, Joelyn and Aideen and well done to all our KS2 bakers.



Shared Education in P4

Jones Memorial visited Holy Trinity Primary School on the 31st January as part of their Shared Education program. Together the children enjoyed a range of activities with a STEM focus.

The lessons included maths board games, numeracy games in the ICT suite, physics through PE and an AMMA facilitated module on coding using iPads. These learning activities allowed the pupils to integrate with pupils from our partnered school, Jones Memorial. This was a great opportunity to learn while having fun at the same time.



Preschool enjoy the snow.

The preschool children have had great fun in the snow this term.

Science Experiments

Our preschool children had great fun bringing snow inside for science experiments this week. They also made predictions on what they thought would happen when they placed water outside overnight and saw their results the next day – Ice. Super learning everyone.



Snow day/ Bird cakes

The preschool children also decided to make some bird cakes to feed the birds in this snowy, cold weather. The children used egg cartons for bird trays, melted lard and poured it into a bowl of bird seeds. They mixed together and left it to set. The children brought their feeders home to hang out in their gardens. The birds were so happy!



P3 overview of planned work - February

Mathematics: Children will continue to count in 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s up to 50 /100; they will be familiar with the patterns which occur, eg a quick way to get 16 is 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 our W.A.U. topics of weather (eg: how to make a windmill). Topical poetry related to weather and a study of the 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); we will look at the map of Ireland and locate places of interest eg: Belfast, Dublin & Enniskillen. History: Great Science Inventors /the Hot Air Balloon.

Other Information:

- Each class will attend Mass in Saint Michael's church during February.
- All classes will also visit the town library (Dates to follow)

P4 overview of planned work - 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 where 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:

- **Wednesday 13th March, 7.30pm:** Mrs McMenamin's class
- **Wednesday 20th March, 7.30pm:** Mrs Smith's, Mr Dooris' (Mrs McGirr's), Mrs Williams' and Miss Corrigan's classes

First Holy Communion at St Michael's Church

- **Saturday 11th May, 12 noon:** Mrs Smith's, Mr Dooris' (Mrs McGirr's), Mrs Williams' and Miss Corrigan's classes
- **Saturday 18th May, 12 noon:** Mrs McMenamin's class

P5 overview of planned work - February

Numeracy

Number: 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,)

Writing/Spelling: Newspaper reports – skimming and scanning for important information. Write own report linked to novel/ world around us topic. P5 will complete 'Schofield & Sims' spelling programme

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 Doodle Maths & Accelerated Reading every night
- Homework 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 (26th February)
- Instrument - every Wednesday

P6 overview of planned work - February

Maths

Number: 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 there are different types of angles and be able to calculate angles within shape. They will learn how to use a protractor and measure a variety of angles in different shapes.

English: 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.

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

Homework

We encourage the P6 children to keep doing AR quizzes 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 homework will continue for P6.

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

P7 overview of planned work - 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.

- **Mass of Enrolment for Confirmation: Sunday 24th February at 10.30am** in St. Michael's Church.

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

Dublin Trip: Could outstanding money for this year's trip to Dublin be paid by the end of March, thank you.



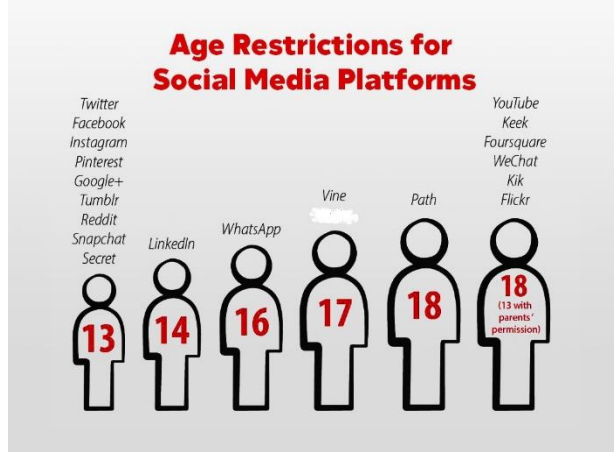
Timetable of events in preparation for Confirmation



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| Sunday 24th February 10.30am | Mass of Enrolment St. Michael's Church Mgr. Peter O'Reilly & Fr. Kevin Malcolmsen |
| Wednesday 27th March During School Hours | 10am Morning Mass followed by Catechesis on the Sacraments St. Michael's Church Deacon Martin Donnelly & Fr. Kevin Malcolmsen |
| Wednesday 3rd April <u>or</u> Thursday 4th April 7.30pm | Confirmation Talk for Parents Mgr. Peter O'Reilly Holy Trinity PS (Cornagrade Site) Please choose whichever evening suits you best! |
| Wednesday 10th / Thursday 11th April During School Hours | Reconciliation Service Each class will have an individual service in the School Hall Parish Clergy Team |
| Friday 3rd May During School Hours | P7 Retreat on Lough Derg Síolta Retreat Team Accompanied school personnel, Deacon Martin Donnelly & Fr. Kevin Malcolmsen |
| Wednesday 8th May 7.30pm | Service of Light St. Michael's Church <i>A prayerful family event to prepare for Confirmation</i> |
| Sunday 19th May 3pm | Sacrament of Confirmation Bishop Larry Duffy St. Michael's Church |
| February - June During School Hours | School Visitation Fr. Kevin Malcolmsen & Deacon Martin Donnelly |



We remind our parents and guardians of the age restrictions in place for use of social media.



Please take time to ensure your child is safe when accessing any social media sites. For useful information visit the Net

NSPCC
Net Aware

e.g. Facebook

Your guide to the social networks your kids use

Stay up to date and keep your child safe in today's digital world



Miss School Miss Out - Attendance

Holy Trinity regard 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.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

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| 100% Attendance | 0 Days Missed |
| 95% Attendance | 9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed |
| 90% Attendance | 19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed |
| 85% Attendance | 28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed |

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness – this should be followed up with a written note when your child returns to school.
- If your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk – Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Do not take family holidays during term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homeworks).
- Attend parents evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.

Key Point

Parents of children aged 4-16 who are enrolled in school are legally required to make sure they attend.