

Newsletter

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Dates to remember:

- Saturday 4th May: FoHT bag pack at ADSA (10am – 6pm)
- 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 Michael’s Church

Holidays:

- Monday 18th March: St Patrick’s
- Thursday 18th – Friday 26th April: Easter
- Thursday 2nd May – School is closed due to local council elections

Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT)

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in our very successful quiz night. 25 teams competed in a lively quiz which raised over £1000 for computer equipment for the school. The event was organised by the “Friends of Holy Trinity” parent and staff group.

Next FoHT Events:

- **Asda Bag Pack:** Saturday 4th May - Please contact our school if you can help with this fundraising event.
- **Couch to 5K:** details to follow



Holy Trinity receive a second Eco flag

On Tuesday 26th February two Eco Schools Assessors visited Holy Trinity to carry out the Eco Schools assessment. During their visit they spoke to the Eco Councils on Mill street and on Cornagrade. They talked about how the Eco council helps our school environment, how we keep ourselves healthy and how we try to reduce the schools Carbon Footprint.

A group of pupils from P5 recited poems which they had written about key Eco areas e.g. litter, recycling and the dangers of plastic. This was followed by a PowerPoint presentation from the KS2 Eco Council and a talk with the KS1 Eco Council. The children highlighted the work of the Eco Council in keeping our school tidy and reducing energy use within the school. They talked about our Eco Code and about our work with Sustrans (a UK transport charity which makes it easier for people to walk and cycle to school) to reduce our school’s carbon footprint and keep ourselves healthy.

Mrs Gormley, our WAU Co-ordinator, was delighted with the news that we have now received our second Eco Schools’ flag. Well done to everyone in the school and especially to Mrs Gormley and the hardworking Eco Council.





Competition success at Holy Trinity

Pupils from Holy Trinity have been taking part in a number of competitions over the past weeks with some fantastic success. Holy Trinity is very proud of them for taking part and would like to wish them further success in future competitions.

Quiz team success

Congratulations to the Holy Trinity quiz team who came 3rd in our Allianz Ireland Cumann na mBunscol quiz on Wednesday February 13th. It was a tough competition with some difficult questions.



Credit Union Quiz

Two teams from Holy Trinity competed in the Irish League of the Credit Unions Chapter 17 Area Quiz on Sunday 3rd March in Kellys Inn, Ballygawley. In total 11 teams took part in this round of the quiz.



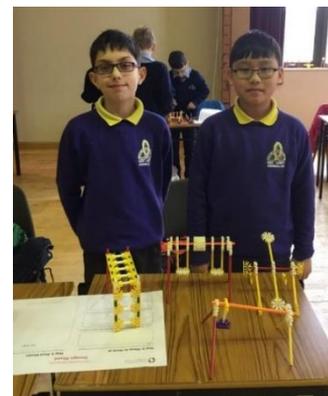
Congratulations to Cora McGlone, Eirinn Murphy, Shane Maguire & Luca Treacy whose

team who won their category. They each received a cheque for £30 and a trophy. They also won £150 for the school. The team are now through to the National Finals which take place in Dublin in April. We wish them good luck in Dublin.



K'NEX Winners - Sentinus K'NEX Challenge in St Michaels

Two teams from Holy Trinity took part in the Sentinus K'NEX Challenge in St Michaels at the end of February. For the challenge the teams were asked to plan and build a playground with a minimum of one moving item. They boys said it was great fun. Congratulations to Paddy O'Hare and Ronan Morris (left) who won coming 1st out of 24 teams. Paddy and Ryan built a wheelchair swing, a normal swing, a slide, football posts and a seesaw. The boys are now through to the next round in Jordanstown on the 24th June. Well done to Ali and Daniel (right) who also took part in the competition.



Good luck to Deivs

Congratulations to Deivs Tarvids who has been selected to take part in the Athletics Northern Ireland Junior Endurance Squad. Deivs has shown great enthusiasm and commitment throughout his training in preparation for competing in the Flahavan's Cross Country League. At the Athletics NI Primary School Cross Country Final in January, Deivs was positioned within the top 20 out of a field of 158 runners. As a result of this achievement, Deivs will take part in regular training sessions with a group of Northern Ireland's top junior endurance athletes. He



will conclude his training by taking part in a special 1000 metre track race during the summer at the Athletics Northern Ireland Belfast International Track and Field. The staff and pupils of Holy Trinity Primary School wish Deivs the very best of luck and hope he enjoys this wonderful experience.



Accelerated Reading

The children across KS1 & KS2 are working really hard at their reading. They have been completing lots of quizzes each week.

Congratulations to our top AR readers in KS1 and KS2 in February



Note: Parents, make sure to register with

the Accelerated Reading Home Connect site so you can receive an email each time your child completes a quiz. Click the link at the foot of our school web page use the address listed. Log in with your child's AR username and password; in setup enter your email address and click save. When logged in you will also be able to look at your child's bookshelf, this shows all the books they have read and completed quizzes on in AR.



<https://ukhosted18.renlearn.co.uk/2252935/HomeConnect/>



Family Involvement in Numeracy (FIN) evening

On Tuesday 26th February, Primary 3 children and parents attended the Family Involvement in Numeracy evening. The information evening focused on developing a more positive attitude towards Maths and making the subject fun. As part of the evening, the children were able to select exciting Numeracy focused games to play at home with their family. We look forward to hearing about which games are most enjoyable! The F.I.N programme lasts for six weeks and each week the children can choose a new game to play. The aim of the F.I.N programme is to develop children's confidence and understanding of Numeracy through a fun and enjoyable approach.



Tips for helping your child to enjoy maths:

- Point out the different shapes to be found around your home.
- Take your child shopping and talk about the quantities of anything you buy.
- Let your child handle money and work out how much things cost.
- Look together for numbers on street signs and car registration plates





Science in Mrs O'Connor's class

Mrs O'Connor's class enjoyed a science lesson, the children turned a solid (jelly cube) into a liquid and then back to a solid. The children and staff all really enjoyed eating the jelly!!! YUM YUM !!!!!



Book Boxes

Our Key Stage 1 children have been working hard at home to create their cereal box book reviews as part of our school's celebration of World Book day. Don't they look amazing? Well done everyone.



Nursery classes visit the Ambulance Station

As part of our 'People who help us' theme, Gary (Alfie and Elsie's dad) invited us to visit the Ambulance Station. He brought us on a tour around the station where we met the staff. We then got to see what it is like inside an ambulance, amazing!

P5 are making models of the Titanic as part of their topic this term

P5 classes have been learning all about the Titanic as part of this term's topic. Each class have made amazing models of the Titanic. On February 8th they got to visit the Titanic exhibition in Belfast where they had a wonderful day learning all about the famous ship and seeing exhibits from the ship!



Shared Education

P4s visited Jones memorial on Thursday 28th February for shared education. Holy Trinity and Jones Memorial children had the opportunity to take part in lots of activities together. They worked with the app 'Sketch Nation' and designed their own computer games using 'Pixel Art'. They also had opportunity to play, test and evaluate their games.



Practicing Ceili Dancing in P5

The P5 pupils have started their preparation for the annual school ceili under the expert guidance of Mrs Kelly. The Ceili will take place in the week before St Patrick's day. The children are really enjoying performing the dances and learning more about our country's culture.

Nursery children enjoy visiting the library

The Nursery classes visited Enniskillen Library in February. The children had a great time singing songs, reading stories and colouring pictures. They were all really impressed by the great selection of wonderful books to choose from.



P3 overview of planned work - March

Mathematics:

Depending on group children will:

- Continue to work on place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers, 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 Patricks Day.

Other Information

- As part of our fairy tale theme all classes will visit 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: 20th, 21st, or 22nd March.** More information to follow.

P4 overview of planned work - 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, 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 of 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.

Important dates

First Confession: 7.30pm in St Michael's Church

- Wednesday 13th March: Mrs McMEnamin's class
- Monday 20th March: Mrs Smith's, Mr Dooris' (Mrs McGirr's), Mrs Williams' and Miss Corrigan's class

Holy Communion: 12 Noon in St Michaels Church

- Saturday 11th May: Mrs Smith's, Mr Dooris' (Mrs McGirr's) Mrs Williams' and Miss Corrigan's class
- Saturday 18th May: Mrs McMEnamin's class



P5 overview of planned work - 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 and 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? 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 20–23 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 (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, 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
- 10 minutes Doodle Maths and AR every night (2 quizzes per week)
- Musical Instruments to be brought into school every Wednesday.
Please encourage children to practise instruments at home and follow the 'Charanga' programme (lessons continued from school)



Primary 5 Ceili takes place on Friday 15th March – All children need a green t-shirt/top. Parents are invited to attend. The ceili Starts at **2 pm sharp**

P6 overview of planned work - March

Maths: The pupils will be able to use division/multiplication in simple problem solving. They will understand that division is linked with fractions. Pupils will use fractions in context and understand the terms proper and improper fractions. They will use fractions to describe quantities. E.g. 5/8 of a class are girls what fraction are boys? Pupils will understand equivalent fractions.

Topic: Pupils will collect, record, and interpret various data from a variety of charts and diagrams. They will be able to read and interpret information from tables, pictograms, diagrams, lists, bar charts, simple pie charts and data bases. Pupils will have the opportunity to respond to graphs interactively through ICT programs and complete related follow up activities.

English: 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 the rules for making words plural.

GENRE: Report writing continued/Procedural writing

Pupils will continue with their 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)

World Around Us

The pupils will continue with 'The Vikings' topic and find out about building a Viking Ship, Viking Raids, Viking homes and evidence of Viking settlements today.

Homework

We encourage the P6s 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 homework 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.

P7 overview of planned work - 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.

The P7 classes will all visit the town library this month.

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

Children should be working on Doodle Maths at home every night.

World Around Us: Northern Ireland/Ireland Topic. Landmark Models that children produced for 'Take Away' homework will be on display in the Enniskillen Museum from Wednesday 6th March.

Religion: Confirmation Preparation - Children 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:

- Thursday 7th March: P7 will visit P1 classes for Book Share.
- Friday 15th March: 'Love for Life' talk for pupils.
- Tuesday 26th March at 2pm: 'Crafty Kids Fair' for the parents of children involved in the Business Beginnings Programme.
- Wednesday 27th March: 10am Mass for all P7 pupils followed by Catechesis on the Sacraments.
- Sunday 19th May: Confirmation at St Michaels Church



Keeping your child safe online

Please make every effort to keep your child safe online. You may find this guide helpful when setting up devices for children.

Consider the following questions (taken from a fact sheet by the Royal College of Paediatrics and Children's Health)

- Is screen time in your household controlled?
- Does screen use interfere with what your family want to do?
- Does screen use interfere with sleep?
- Are you able to control snacking during screen time?

While the internet has many advantages the increasing use of screens can be damaging and we would ask parents and carers to review your child's use of phones, tablets and computers.

For further useful information and guidance parents may like to visit Wayne Denner on Twitter or Facebook

