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**HOLY TRINITY ENNISKILLEN**

# Newsletter

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## Dates to remember:

**Thursday 30th June:** Last day of school, collect children at 12:00 Midday, no dinners or school buses running.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August/Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** First day of new term (2022-2023). A text will be sent with return to school details. *Please make sure to contact the office if you have changed phone numbers.*

**Children and Young People Summer Programme 2022** The 2022 summer programme runs throughout July and August with weekly camps, daily specific sports and activity sessions taking place in various locations across the district. Multi sports and Outdoor Theatre, Irish Language and Art Workshops and much more! For booking online view the summer programme and follow the booking links to get a head start on summer fun! To see the full program visit:

<https://www.canva.com/design/DAFBuDDHSN0/AQVISCFVIH5mjPtdrAHNYA/view#1>

**Sponsored Walk** Thank you to everyone who supported our sponsored walk fundraiser this month. We are raising money for new school reading books and for SWELL Cancer charity. You can find further information on SWELL at: <https://www.facebook.com/swellcancergroup/>

**Cross Country Success** Congratulations to all our runners who took part in the Fermanagh Schools Cross Country competition. There were lots of Holy Trinity pupils placed in the top 10 of each race earning our school an overall 1st place in the boys category and 2nd place in the girls section. Brilliant running everyone.





**Holy Trinity P6/7 Gaelic teams** Well done to the P6/7 boys and girls teams who took part in the Fermanagh Primary Schools Division 1 playoffs. The boys' team played 5 great games and narrowly missed out on making the final. The girls' team secured their place in the final, through the playoffs they went undefeated in the 4 games they played. Congratulations to the girls who, on the 14th June, went on to win a nail biting final match at Brewster Park. Congratulations to everyone who took part, to the staff who coached and helped the teams and especially to the brilliant team of girls who brought home the trophy for Holy Trinity.



**Congratulations to Megan**

My name is Megan Mullally and one of my favourite hobbies is running. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May I went to Omagh for the Young Achiever Awards to receive an award for athletics. It was good fun. On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May I went up to Mary Peters track in Belfast to run in the 1000m Flahavans NI Athletics race. I came 1<sup>st</sup> and was very happy. This year at the Belfast International Athletics Meet it was Mary Peters 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary for winning gold in the Olympics pentathlon in 1972. She was there at the meet and I spoke to her. She was very nice, she signed my race bib and said she hoped she would



see me again. It was a fun day and I am very happy that I got to meet Mary Peters. *By Megan Mullally*

 **Bakery Club** Mrs McDonnell ran a P6 after school bakery club over the past five weeks. Pupils made delicious Aero cheesecake, sausage rolls, fifteens, apple crumble and puff pastry pinwheels. Well done to all the children who took part and thank you to Mrs McDonnell for encouraging and helping our budding bakers.



**Preschool trip** Holy Trinity Preschool went to Castle Adventure Fun Farm in Ballyshannon for their end of year trip. First they had the excitement of the bus journey. Then they got to visit all the animals; they saw meerkats, ducks, micro pigs, Polish chickens and a dancing goat called Mary Poppins. They also enjoyed a ride on the Barrel Train tour, this brought them around all the other animals on the farm. Everyone had lunch together and enjoyed some play time in the outside play area. It was a great day full of fun.





**Nursery Trip** Our Nursery classes took a trip on a bus to visit Johnny Rocko's for their end of year trip. They had great fun in the soft play area and then enjoyed lunch together.



**P1 End of year** The P1 classes went on a bus trip to visit Castlecoole. They enjoyed a picnic on the grass, a play in the park and a walk up to the big house. Some of the children had a go at climbing trees too. The Primary ones also enjoyed a trip to the Cinema to watch the movie 'The Bad Guys'. They loved sitting chatting with their friends while snacking and watching the movie.



**Dinosaurs in P2** To finish off our Dinosaurs topic we were Palaeontologists for the day. First we sequenced how to safely dig out fossils and then we were challenged to carefully dig out some dinosaur bones of our own. Luckily for us, the bones were chocolate chips and the ground was cookies. After our long morning of digging we got to taste some cookies and chocolate, they were delicious.



**P2 Measuring** P2 have been exploring non-standard units of measurement. They worked in pairs to measure objects around the classroom and the school. They used their hands, feet and cubes. The children even had a go at measuring their friends as well as Bernard, our school caretaker.





**P2 End of Year Fun Day** P2 have had a fantastic 'Fun Day' to mark the end of a great year. The children were visited by Freddie Fantastic & Cheeky Monkey, by Peter Rabbit & the Party Bees. Then the ice cream van came and everyone got a treat. The 3 classes then all walked up to Forthill where the children enjoyed a picnic lunch. It was an amazing day and the we had great fun! It was a lovely way to celebrate our wonderful P2 year.



**Roots of Empathy in P3** Each Monday morning Miss Murray's Primary 3 class look forward to their visit from baby Ruby. Over the last few lessons we have watched Ruby grow from week to week. We have learnt about her development and completed follow up work with Miss Murray after each lesson. We have come to the end of the Roots of Empathy programme and some of the

themes we have covered during our lessons with Mrs McCann have been on Hope and Resilience, Differences, Roles and Responsibilities and Courage and Inclusion.



**Musical Pathways** Thank you to Mrs Grainne Kirke for her work with classes across the school this term. It has been wonderful to have Mrs Kirke back in school. Our pupils are really enjoying the music, singing and playing the various musical instruments during these sessions.



**P3 Florencourt Trip** P3 went on a bus to visit the walled garden at Florencourt. We walked through the



vegetable garden and the rose garden and made our own 'bee hotels'. We learned that bees and other insects are very important for pollination. Afterwards the children were each given a chocolate egg as a treat which they thoroughly enjoyed.



**Afterschool Music** Our afterschool tin whistle club, which ran on KS1 and KS2, has ended for this school year. Miss Murray is delighted with the progress made by the children who attended. We hope the club will start up again in the next school year.



**KS2 Choir** Well done to our KS2 school choir. Mrs Kirke and Miss Murray are delighted with both choirs' progress this year. They organised the ice cream van to come as a treat for the children's hard work and commitment. *\*\*Make sure to keep an eye on our school media sites where we will post short videos of our tin whistle players and our Choir.*



**P4 Trip** Our P4 enjoyed their trip to the Ulster American Folk Park where they learned about 'Buildings in the Past.



**Thank you to our school Chaplain** We are grateful for the support of Mrs Catherine McLoughlin, our school Chaplain, this year. Catherine visited regularly throughout the year and worked with classes across the school. Mrs Mongan's primary 4 pupils are pictured here enjoying their last session with Catherine before they move to Primary 5 at the Cornagrade site in September. Catherine encouraged them to think of their individual special qualities and to thank God for all the people who helped them both at home and at school this year.



### **Fun morning at Brewster Park**

Children from our Mill Street and Cornagrade sites walked to Brewster Park on Monday 20th June for a morning of fun activities. Classes were split so the older children joined with younger children.



Activities included Ladders and Hurdles Relays, Ball Skills, Parachute, Throw the Wellie, Unihoc, Tennis and Beach Ball. It was a beautiful day, perfect for the whole school to get together. It was great to see the older children getting to know and look after the younger children in their groups.





**Learning about WW1 Trenches in P5** Primary 5 visited County Cavan Museum to see a replica of a WW1 trench. They got to look at the uniforms the soldiers had to wear during the battles and got to hold a range of rifles. It was very interesting and they learnt lots of gripping information about living in the trenches and trench foot.



**Shared Education in P5** Primary 5 showcased their learning as part of their Shared Education topic this week. They have been enjoying learning facts about Africa. The children presented information about African animals, displayed their art work, explained the meaning of the colours on the Zimbabwean flag and performed a yoga story about African animals. They played some African drums and danced to a popular Kenyan song called 'Jambo Bwana'. What an amazing experience, they all had lots of fun!

**P6 Learning about Local History** P6 classes visited the Fermanagh County Museum at Enniskillen Castle where they enjoyed hearing about our local history. Thank you to the staff at the museum for being so welcoming and for the very informative tour of the museums and its artefacts. The children had a very interesting day.



**P6 enjoy the Armagh Planetarium** Our P6 year group went to the Armagh Planetarium on 27th of May to learn more about 'Space', a topic studied earlier this year. We really enjoyed experiencing the 3D Dome and learning about space in a very visual and fun way. We learnt about the planets in our solar system, their moons, what it is like to be an astronaut and the possibility of living on Mars. We even went on a virtual roller coaster. We then made rockets out of recyclable materials (plastic bottles, cardboard etc), we filled them up with water and launched them from a machine into space. We also got a tour of the planetarium. Finally, we visited the souvenir shop to buy something so would always remember our visit to the Armagh Planetarium. We had a really fun time. *By Myah and Lilly.*



**Instructional writing in P6** The P6 children were asked to come up with a set of clear instructions on how to make a pizza. When we compared their instructions to the real ones we found that they had been very accurate. Each child then made a pizza following their own instructions and got to enjoy eating them.



**Rugby** P7 classes enjoy a number of Rugby sessions with Alan, a coach from Enniskillen Rugby Club. They have learnt lots of new skills and enjoyed playing in teams.



**P7 visit the Hangout Enniskillen** P7 classes enjoyed a day out at the 'Find Centre/Hangout' with Bernadette, Natalie, Ross & Aimee. The children took part in a number of workshops; 'Drug and Alcohol Awareness', 'Healthy Relationships', 'Healthy Lifestyles', 'Mind Your Head' with Zenimation and 'Examining our emotions through a dramatic perspective' with Fermanagh School of Music and Performing Arts. It was a really useful and informative visit.



**Tree ages in P7** As part of their rainforest topic P7 have been out measuring trees and working out the tree's age. They calculated how old some of the trees which they passed on their Daily Mile were. The children really enjoyed the topic. Each class visited Castlecoole where they estimated the ages of some of the trees there. The oldest one they measured was 17 years old.





**P7 go canoeing** The three P7 classes went canoeing with Erne Adventures for their end of year trip. Wearing floatation devices they all took to the water in the Katakanas; double canoes. They paddled from Stewarts carpark



around the town and back. It was a bright sunny day so the children enjoyed some great views of the town and spotted

some great wildlife along the river. Afterwards they had a picnic lunch together before heading back to school. Well done everyone for having a go, a wonderful experience.



**Learning about Butterflies in P7** *Kyra from Mr Starrs' class wrote about her P7 butterfly project. 'Our class got a pot with 5 caterpillars in it. They grew very fast and soon turned into chrysalides. In the chrysalis the caterpillar turns into a butterfly. When the butterflies emerged we fed them oranges and grapes. We released the butterflies on June 20th, it was nice and sunny. I got to hold a butterfly when we released them and they are as light as a feather. It was a wee bit furry and had 6 legs that were quite long. It was really nice to watch them go from caterpillars to butterflies.'*



Sports Day at Holy Trinity was a great success. Here are a few photos, look on our school website for more.



*Most of our current P7 pupils when they joined us in Primary one.*



*Below P7 pupils through the years. Best wishes and success in your new school.*





