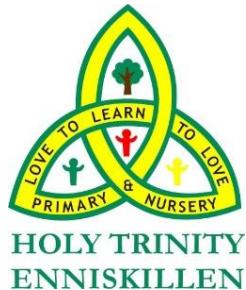




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Newsletter

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Dates to remember:

- Thursday 10th April: P7 Mass for Confirmation followed by tea party for families.
- Thursday 17th April: School closed for Easter holidays. Note: On Good Friday, 18th April – some of our pupils will act out the 'Stations of the Cross', 11am in St Michaels church.
- Monday 28th April: School reopens for summer term.
- Sunday 4th May: Grow in Love Mass.
- Saturday 10th May: Holy Communion in St Michaels Church.
- Thursday 15th May: Holy Communion Mass and after party at Mill Street.

Reminder to parents:

- All children receive one free piece of fruit each week.
- Our free breakfast club runs each morning from 8:30 – 8.55am. The breakfast club is open to all children.
- Morning Supervision of children is available from 8.00-8:30am each morning, for those parents who wish to avail of it. The cost is £1 per day.



Holy Trinity Senior Choir win silver at the Fermanagh Feis Congratulations to our Senior choir who won silver at the Fermanagh Feis, Choral section. The children looked amazing dressed in white shirts with the new Holy Trinity tie and their grey trousers/skirts. They sang beautifully throughout the competition; Mrs Kirke was really delighted. Thank you to the children for their commitment to the choir over the past months. Thank you to Mrs Kirke for preparing the children for the Feis competition as well as for the many school events at which they sing throughout the school year.



Irish Minor Schools Championships

Congratulations to the Holy Trinity swim team who competed at the Irish Minor Schools Championships on 30th March, in the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin.

We are very proud of Mollie Kate, Ella Rose, Emily, Elin, Michael, Joseph, and Amy who swam so well throughout the competition. Congratulations to the relay team who were placed third overall, receiving bronze medals. There were also many personal best (PB) times achieved through the day, the children really rose to the occasion at the championships. Read more about their day on our website at:

<https://www.holytrinityps.com/news/-----/>



Mannock Primary School Robotics competition

Five of our P7 pupils (Raed, Sarah, Enya, Ronan, and Connor) were selected to take part in the recent Mannock Robotics primary school's competition. As part of the competition the group were given a box of Lego parts. They were asked to build a working robot with a trailer. The pupils, with help from their teacher Mr Dooris, spent time over the past few weeks designing, building and testing their robot and their coding skills, in preparation for the competition.

On Friday they went to Mannock where they and their robot competed against several other schools in an engineering/coding challenge. They had to create code to move their robot around a road map, moving several objects to a specified location along the way. They were judged on robot design, coding skills, teamwork, and on how fast their robot moved around the track. The team



whose robot earned the most points during the competition were the overall winners.

On the day the team had issues with a failing battery and a frozen app, so sadly they didn't win. They did however show great resilience throughout the day, fixing each problem they encountered and making another attempt. Well done to the boys and girls for their fantastic design and for their excellent coding skills. Thank you to Mr Dooris for helping the children take part in the competition, it was a fantastic opportunity for them all.



Mr Dooris P7 Class

Congratulations to all our P7 children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen.

Thank you to Bishop Duffy, the clerical team at St Michael's, Holy Trinity staff & our children's families for their support of the children at this special time. We hope everyone enjoyed this special day.



Mrs Reihill/Mrs Cathcart's P7 Class



Mrs McGurk/Mrs Clarke's P7 Class

KS1 SCC and LSC classes learn about 'The Farm'.

KS1 SCC and LSC classes have been learning about 'The Farm'.

The children have learnt where milk comes from and about the many wonderful things that are made from milk.

They imagined how a cow was milked and pretended to milk our own home-made cow. They made ice-cream with milk using Stephanie's ice-cream machine. Everyone celebrated the topic by eating the yummy ice cream.

The children have also learnt about potatoes; they have planted their own potatoes in the school polytunnel and are looking forward to seeing them grow.



Ice Experiment Mrs McBrien's class took part in an ice experiment as part of their World Around Us topic, Titanic. This was a fun and engaging way to learn about the effects of freezing water on the body. Well done to all the pupils for braving the cold and taking part.

Holy Trinity 'Odd Socks' day raised £500 for the Fermanagh Down Syndrome support group. Thank you to everyone who donated to our fundraiser for Down Syndrome.



Nursery

Planting Sunflower Seeds, walks in the community and time spent with friends.



Nursery - Overview of planned work for April

This month, we will be exploring:

- **Spring into Nature:** We will learn about the changes that happen during springtime. The children will observe plants, flowers and animals as they begin to emerge after the winter months.
- **Colours of the Rainbow:** We will focus on learning the colours of the rainbow through art, songs, and outdoor activities.
- **Fine Motor Skills:** Your child will have opportunities to practice their fine motor skills through various hands-on activities such as sorting, stringing beads and using scissors.
- **Story Time:** We will be reading Spring themed books and stories related to Easter. E.g. **The Very Hungry Caterpillar**, **Planting a Rainbow** and **A Bug's Life**.
- **Easter Egg Hunt:** Nursery children will join the Primary 1 children at Mill street for an Easter Egg Hunt on Monday 14th.

Numeracy:

The nursery children will use familiar objects and common shapes to copy and create patterns. We will begin to use language associated with describing pattern, e.g. stripy, spotty, zigzag etc.

Getting Ready to Learn:

Your child will have received the first two packs of our 'Getting Ready to Learn' program and will receive two more after the Easter break. We encourage you to work through these activities with your child. Please ensure all packs are returned on the allocated day (**Thursday**).

Our Nursery children are enjoying going for walks around our community. These walks are designed to provide an engaging and educational experience where the children can learn valuable lessons about safety and their local environment.

Primary 1



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Primary 1- Overview of planned work for April



Focus Number: 8. Children will be introduced to different ways of making 8.

The story of 7: $1+7=8$, $2+6=8$, $3+5=8$, $4+4=8$, $5+3=7$, $6+2=8$.

- Continue to count with your child up to **10/20/30/40/50**.
- Help your child to find the number before/number after/the number next to/1 more than and 1 less than. Using this language with your child is very important.

Number: Children will begin simple addition problems and be introduced to the "+" and "=" signs.

Time: Our children will use language associated with time, daily routines, sequence 2 or 3 familiar events. They will become familiar with the minute hand, hour hand and o'clock.

Length: Primary 1 have been introduced to the language of long/short/tall/small. They have used cubes to measure objects around the classroom.

Literacy: Shared, guided and modelled reading and writing will be related to our 'Farm' topic and 'Vets' roleplay area. Blend 3 and 4 letter words together, identify initial sound, identify rhyming words e.g. 'og' 'in' 'ig'.

ICT: Our P1 children will be using an art program during ICT lessons in the computer suite. They will create a Spring picture with some adult support.

Art: Children will be painting garden flowers

Trocaire: Children can buy tickets for our Easter Egg raffle in aid of Trocaire. Tickets are £1, available from their class teacher. The raffle will take place on Wednesday 16th April.

World Around Us/STEM:

Pupils will look for signs of spring during a nature walk to Forthill. They will look at the conditions a plant needs to grow and name the roots, stem, flower, and leaves. They will be learning about mummy and baby animals and their homes.

Primary 2



Primary 2 have been enjoying the good weather and using our P2 yard for 'Learning Through Play'. The children have taken part in a 'Number' scavenger hunt. They have also created and decorated their favourite numbers as part of Maths Day.



Primary 2 - Overview of planned work for April

By the end of April we hope to have revised all the Jolly Phonics sounds.



Please continue to practise writing, reading and saying the sounds at home. We will be using these sounds to read and write words and short sentences in school.

Numeracy: We will continue to focus on subtraction within 10/20 through practical resources and using simple pictures. We will be confident in using language such as less than, take away and subtract. We will learn how to subtract within 10/20 on a number line. We will also be introducing 'Money'. E.g. coin recognition up to £1 and counting amounts in 1ps and 2ps.

Please note: Mathletics tasks will now be set for Thursday Homework.

World Around Us/Learning Through Play/Other Areas of Learning: We will be learning all about 'Dinosaurs'. We will be reading and writing facts about the T-Rex, Stegosaurus, Diplodocus and Triceratops. We will be making dinosaur skeletons, using ICT to create our very own dinosaurs, as well as exploring dinosaur small world sets through our 'Learning Through Play'.

Primary 3

Our Primary 3 classes enjoyed a fabulous time in Florencecourt. They were looking for signs of Spring around the walled gardens.



Primary 3 celebrated World Maths Day by going to Forthill on a maths scavenger hunt. They made sets of objects and identified shapes using natural materials in the environment. They enjoyed creating images of themselves using numbers.



Primary 3 - Overview of Planned work April

Literacy

- Grammar:** Children will know what a comma is and how to place them in a variety of lists. E.g. "I need to go to the supermarket to buy eggs, milk, bread, sugar and orange juice". Children will know when it is necessary to use a capital letter.
- Writing:** Playscripts & recount writing. Know what a playscript is, recognise familiar playscripts from fairy tales. Identify features of a playscript, create a playscript in a group and act it out. Retell a range of fairy tales.
- Spelling:** Children will complete spellings each night (Mon – Wed). Use the look, say, cover, write, check method for Friday's test.

Numeracy:

- Mental Maths Reinforcement of number bonds**—extremely important. Number bonds are pairs of numbers that can be added together to make another number e.g. $4 + 6 = 10$.
- ICT games to help at home:** <https://ictgames.com/saveTheWhale/>, <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/mathsgames/hit-the-button>, <https://wordwall.net/resource/301920/mathematics/number-bonds-to-10-pairs-game>
- Number:** Repeated addition (multiplication), multiples of 2, 5, 10 and linked activities.
- Topic** Fractions & Time. Know what a fraction is, identify a half and a quarter of a shape and a number. Time – know o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to times

World Around Us:

7 Wonders of the World (Modern). Complete activities, research and learning on Chichen Itza, Machu Picchu and Petra Jordan. Complete bucket list for future travels and 'What I have learned' review of topic.

New Topic – Fairy tales. Locations of fairy tale settings – swamp, castle, forest, tower etc. Roots of fairy tales & tales from other cultures.

Homework:

Literacy/Numeracy – Given on a Monday and handed up on a Thursday. Religion – 'Grow in Love' Programme – Given on a Wednesday and handed up on a Friday. Spelling/tables revision completed every night. Mathletics tasks set on a Monday and completed for Thursday, linked to number and topic work. Mental Arithmetic - Parts A, B, and C weekly.

Other: Healthy snacks only, no crisps or chocolate allowed at break. One small treat at dinner time.

Please remember to label all parts of the school uniform clearly, thank you.

Primary 4

P4 Celebrated World Down Syndrome Day by wearing Odd Socks.



Holy Communion Congratulations to all the children who made their First Confession at St Michael's Church with Fr Raymond during March.

We wish all the children every blessing as they continue with their preparations for their First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May.



Please note: We have many lovely First Communion outfits, for boys and girls, available to borrow at our school. Please contact Stephanie at Mill Street office on 028 66 324959 for more information.

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 fractions of objects and fractions of numbers and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication and division facts. We will be reading scales and giving change with money. Pupils will also complete problem-solving investigations. Mathletics homework is set for your child each week for completion at home.

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.

Other:

- Sunday, 4th May at 10:30am: The next 'Grow in Love' Mass.
- Thursday 15th May: Please keep the morning of Thursday 15th May free for our First Communion & end of Key Stage 1 celebration at school. See letter on Seesaw/in your child's bag for details.
- Saturday 10th May at 12noon: First Holy Communion in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen.

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Primary 5 - Overview of Planned work for April

Numeracy

Number: We will be working on Money

Topic: Time: Telling the time (analogue and digital), problems linked to time, reading timetables, calendar work (Time needs to be reinforced at home).

Mental Maths: Division tables

- It is very important that children are continuously learning their 'Times Tables' at home. Hit the Button on Topmarks is very useful for helping with quick recall of Tables.
- Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation.

Literacy

• Novel: Complete work on 'Kaspar, The Prince of Cats' and related activities from novel booklet.

• Grammar work: Speech marks, commas, exclamation marks and more advanced punctuation activities.

• Writing: Complete procedural writing.

• Spelling: We will complete Schofield & Sims spelling programme and related activities (week 23, 24 and 25).

World Around Us: Complete the topic 'Titanic'. Complete who was to blame and KWL.

Other Information – Trips, visits etc.

- Complete 10 minutes Accelerated Reading every night. Children can go to library/computer suite each morning from 8.30am – 8.55 am to get/change books and complete quizzes.
- P5 Library times are Monday and Thursday morning, 8.30 - 8.55am.
- 10 mins of Mathletics to be completed as part of homework every night. Children should be getting 1000 points per week. Mathletics work will be based on what the children are learning in class.
- Complete spelling revision every night. Spelling and tables test on Friday morning in school.
- Gaelic Football – Wednesday.

Primary 6

Pupils from Mr Devlin's P6 class visited Mrs Jones's Nursery class to celebrate World Book Day. They read books and played games with children. They all had a fabulous time.



Miss Howe's P6 class conducted a science experiment, germinating cress seeds under various conditions to test out soil quality. This is linked to their WAU topic 'Vikings'; understanding why Vikings left their homelands due to poor soil.

Primary 6 - Overview of Planned work for April

Maths

- Number: Pupils will be working on fractions and moving on to decimals and percentages.
- Topic: Pupils complete work on 'Area' and 'Perimeter'. Pupils will be working on 'Data Handling' activities.

English

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

Topic/World Around Us:

Pupils will continue work on the 'Vikings'. They will focus on Viking lifestyle and Viking Gods.

Homework

- Pupils will complete SPELLINGS daily at home. Learn and complete columns on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in spelling booklet. Complete sentences or meanings on Monday night. Revise all tables on Thursday for Friday's test.
- Mental Arithmetic: Monday - part A, Tuesday - part B and Wednesday part C. Please ensure key language is highlighted, working out is shown and corrections are completed.
- Learn TABLES daily at home. Topmarks 'Hit the Button' is great fun programme for doing this and pupils are familiar with this programme.
- Other short homework activities will be set occasionally.
- READING: Pupils are encouraged to read lots at home, own books and books from our school library at their Accelerated Reading level. Quizzes can be completed in school. Pupils are asked to complete one quiz per week minimum and reach their personal word target

A trip to Enniskillen Castle is booked for April for the P6 classes as part of the pupils' Viking topic. Further details will follow on the Seesaw App.

Primary 7

P7 pupils went on a trip to Lough Derg for a Confirmation retreat.



P7 children have been programming Sphero's in class this week.



Primary 7 - Overview of planned work for April

Literacy:

Novel work: P7 will finish the 12th Day of July and begin to read 'Running Wild' by Michael Morpurgo.

Writing: Primary 7 will be working on poetry linked with their Rainforest Topic.

Numeracy:

Percentages, Area & Perimeter and Angles work. Pupils will begin 'Data Handling'.

RE: We hope our P7 pupils have enjoyed their confirmation. Once the Confirmation celebrations are completed, our RE work will then move to the story of 'The Resurrection'.

World Around Us:

Pupils will start their new topic and will be learning all about Rainforests. This topic focuses heavily on Science and Geography. They will get the chance to create a Rainforest movie within their groups.

P7 pupils will be attending the Enniskillen Museum with Catherine Scott, to share their amazing landmark models. The models will be on display at the Museum for a time.

PE:

Pupils will finish their swimming sessions before Easter break. P7 will continue gaelic football with Odhran and begin athletics with their class teacher. They will also take part in 4 weeks of multi-skills with coach Daniel.

Dates for your diary:

- Thursday 10th April – Confirmation celebration mass in St. Michael's church Enniskillen at 10am. Party afterwards, in school at 11am.
- Wednesday 30th April – Boys Mini 7s football.