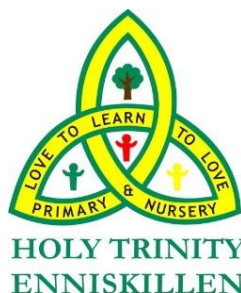




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Newsletter

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Holidays:

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: School Closed -Mid Term break

Monday 16th –Tuesday 17th March: St Patricks day break

Dates to remember:

- **Thursday 13th February:** Wayne Denner Internet Safety talk for parents at Mill Street, 7:30 – 9:30pm
- **Friday 28th February:** Night at the races organised by the FoHT. Tickets can be purchased through the school offices.
- **Monday 2nd – Thursday 5th March:** Book Fair on KS1 & KS2
- **Wednesday 11th March:** 1st Confessions - Mrs Smith & Mrs McGovern/Mrs Fee's classes
- **Wednesday 18th March:** 1st Confession - Mrs McMenamin & Mrs McGirr's classes



Holy Trinity Children excel at Mallusk The Flahavan's Cross Country

League is a highly anticipated event in the Holy Trinity Primary School running calendar. The children compete in two events, hoping to be successful for the Ulster Final held in Mallusk. Once again, the boys and girls from Holy Trinity excelled in the league events at Ballygawley and Dungannon, with the Girls' team leading the score board in the Fermanagh/Tyrone area. This guaranteed a qualifying entry for the Ulster Final.



Deivs Tarvids also earned a place in the final as a result of coming second in both races.

The Girls' team and Deivs travelled to Mallusk on Wednesday 22nd January. In ideal running conditions, over 200 children put their toe to the line in the Girls' race. The girls quickly found their pace and put in a strong performance with Megan Mullally and Dearbhla Clawson crossing the finishing line in 17th and 26th position respectively. Olivia Nawrocka, Maille Hennessey, Cassie Greene and Clodagh Donnelly ran extremely well.

In the Boys' event, competition was very tight for the podium position places. Deivs Tarvids quickly set off from the line and secured overall second place in the competition. Deivs has been training with the Endurance Squad for the past year. An opportunity which he received as a result of being placed within the top 20 in last year's final. Megan and Deivs have both qualified to train as part of the Endurance Squad this year. This is a huge achievement and everyone at Holy Trinity is looking forward to seeing their talent unfold. Another highlight of the day was when the children met Kerry O'Flaherty

and James Hamilton who are role models for the running club children.



Shared Education P4 and P5 classes visited Jones Memorial in January as part of their Shared Education program. There was a return visit this week with Jones Memorial children coming to Holy Trinity. The P4 classes enjoyed some fun activities together.



Hurling Success Congratulations to the boys' hurling team who came second in the county hurling blitz after an exciting final against a strong Maguiresbridge team. Two periods of extra time were needed to separate the two teams. Well done boys.



Nursery classes visit the library Mrs Bogue and Mrs Jones' nursery classes went on a trip to the Enniskillen library in January. The children really enjoyed looking through the books and listening to the stories. Thank you to the very helpful library staff.





Hoodwinked! Ms Devine, Mrs Kelly and Mr Morris' classes have been working really hard in preparation for their show 'Hoodwinked' which they will perform for their parents and for the KS2 classes on Friday 14th February. This is the story of Robin Hood. The children have been making great progress, learning their lines, speaking out confidently and singing some amazing songs. There are some beautiful singing voices in the classes and we are lucky to have the opportunity to hear them sing.



All about Space Our P2 classes are really enjoying learning about their 'Space' topic this term. The children are dressing up as astronauts, playing with rockets as well as hearing lots of stories and learning interesting facts about space.



Catholic Schools Week celebrations

During Catholic Schools week our children had lessons in the theme 'Living in harmony with Gods creation'. There were also some special events on across the school to mark this special week in the school calendar.



The Junior Choir sang at Mass in St Michaels on Monday morning as part of our schools Catholic Schools week celebrations. Afterwards the children enjoyed a treat of hot chocolate and a doughnut in McDonalds as a thank you for their hard work and commitment in first term.



Grandparents Day Nursery, Preschool and P1 children celebrated grandparent's day by inviting their grandparents in to school for a cup of tea, a chat and some play time. The children were delighted to have their grandparents visit them in school, meet their teachers and see some of the beautiful work they do each day. Thank you to everyone who took time to join us for this special day.



St Brigid's Crosses Mr Starrs P7 class made St Brigid's crosses in class this week, they look great.

Deacon Martin Donnelly came to their class and blessed the crosses for the children before they took them home to their families.



Learning about St Brigid

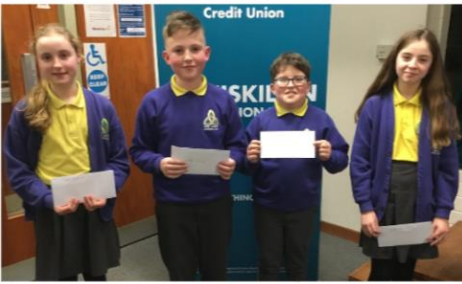
P3 classes are learning about St Brigid in class this month.

Lorcan from Mrs Reihill's P3 class made a Saint Brigid's cross with his daddy and brought it to school to show us.





Credit Union Quiz Well done to the three teams from Holy Trinity who competed in the local heat of the Credit Union quiz in the Enniskillen Library on Friday 31st January. Congratulations to our P6 team who came first in their section, a fantastic result. Our two P7 teams also performed brilliantly, both teams came second in their sections.



Properties of shapes in P3 Mrs McManus's P3 class have been exploring and investigating the properties of 2D and 3D shape during their sessions in the PAL room.



Fire Service P5 classes enjoyed a visit from the NI Fire Service on the 29th January. The firemen talked to them about how to keep safe in the home, the causes of fire and how to plan an escape route in the unlikely event of a fire. It was a really useful talk. Thank you to the firefighters for coming to Holy Trinity to talk to our P5 classes.





Irish Dancing P5 pupils are really enjoying Irish Dancing classes with Mrs Kelly this term. The children are learning the dances in preparation for the school Ceili on the 12th & 13th March. They will perform for children and staff at Cornagrade and again at Mill Street; its will be a really enjoyable St Patricks Day celebration for everyone.



Congratulations to our top AR readers for January



February Overviews

Primary 3

Mathematics: Children will

- continue to count in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, and 10s up to 50 /100; be familiar with the patterns which occur eg. quick way to 16 by adding 10 and 6 more
- work on doubles and halves of number to 20
- complete word problems relating to addition and subtraction
- continue to reinforce addition and subtraction number bonds to 20 and 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 related 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. topic 'Weather' (eg. how to make a windmill).

Topical poetry related to weather and a study of 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, locate places of interest, eg. cities, Enniskillen

History: Great Science Inventors, the 'Hot Air Balloon'.

Primary 4

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, 5 minute intervals 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. Pupils will know how society was organised in Ancient Egypt and they will be learning all about Tutankhamun.

Important dates

First Confession in St Michaels Church:

Wednesday 11th March: Mrs Smiths, Mrs McGovern/Mrs Fee and Mrs William's classes.

Wednesday 18th March: Mrs McMenamin and Mrs McGirr's classes.

Holy Communion in St Michaels Church:

Saturday 16th May: 12noon- Mrs Smith and Mrs McGovern/Mrs Fee's classes.

Saturday 30th May: 12noon- Mrs McMenamin, Mrs McGirr's and Mrs William's classes.

Primary 5

Numeracy

Number: Division work (using bus stop method, division with remainders). Word problems around the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Linking multiplying and dividing work.

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 and 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,)

We will complete 'Schofield & Sims' spelling programme and activities linked to each week

Writing: Newspaper reports - skimming and scanning for important information. Write own report linked to novel/world around us topic.

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 Titanic was sinking

Other Information

- Sign diary when checking homework activities – *Week 1 (Literacy), Week 2 (Numeracy), Week 3 (World Around Us), Week 4 (Religion, P.D.M.U). Spellings/tables/reading and M/A to be completed every night*
- 10 minutes Accelerated reading every night- 2 quizzes per week (Children can go to library/computer suite in morning from 8.30 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. to get/change books and complete quizzes. They need to choose one big book and one smaller one on their level. Quiz can be completed on these books and nightly reading book every week)
- Bring instrument into school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home please) – Use of 'Charanga Music Programme' at home (Passwords given to all children)
- **Highlight important information or signs in Mental Arithmetic work.** Complete corrections

Trips, Visits etc

- Football - every Monday and Friday for this term
- Tuesday 11th February: Shared Education with Jones Memorial
- 12/13th February: Young Enterprise
- Friday 14th February: Ms Devine /Mrs Kelly/Mr Morris – show '**Hoodwinked**'
- Monday 2nd March: Trip to the Titanic Quarter Belfast
- Friday 13th March: St. Patrick's Day Ceili for P5 Parents

Primary 6

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's to keep doing Accelerated Reading as part of their daily homework.

Each pupil should take at least one AR test per week (more if on green and orange level)

- **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.

Primary 7

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 well into our Confirmation Preparation. Children need to bring in a photo of their baptism, 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. Please let your child know if they are allowed to stick their photos into their Confirmation book or if you would prefer them to stick in a copy, thank you.

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

Important dates:

- **Thursday 6th February:** Reconciliation Service in school.
- **Thursday 5th March 7.30pm:** Service of Light in St Michael's Church.