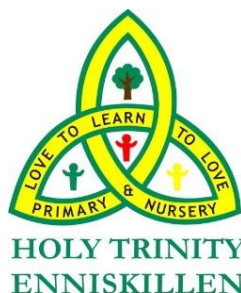




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Newsletter

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Holidays:

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

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

Thursday 9th April – Friday 17th April: Easter Holidays

Dates to remember:

- **Wednesday 11th March:** 1st Confessions - Mrs Smith & Mrs McGovern/Mrs Fee's classes
- **Wednesday 18th March:** 1st Confession - Mrs McMenamin & Mrs McGirr's classes
- **Sunday 29th March:** Confirmation in St Michaels Church at 3pm

Credit Union Quiz Winners Congratulations to our P6 Credit Union quiz team, Rhys, Shane, Daithi & Christine. The team won the tightly contested regional final held in Dungannon on Friday night, 28th February. There were some really difficult questions and the children's knowledge was fantastic. Keep up the great practice everyone. The children are pictured with the Vice President of the Irish league of Credit Unions, Mr Eamonn Sharkey. The team are through to the quiz final in Dublin in a few months' time.



FoHT Night at the Races Thank you to everyone who supported our Night at the Races on Friday night, 28th February. There were some winners and losers at the tables and some very competitive bidding to buy the horses in the last race. The band, 'The Hand Me Downs', were superb, parents and staff enjoyed the opportunity do some dancing. We have some very talented movers on the dance floor.

The money raised from the event is going towards speech and drama lessons and



equipment and for our school.

Thank you also to the wonderful 'Friends of Holy Trinity' group and to the staff who helped them organize this great night's entertainment. The work of this group is really appreciated across the school.

Enniskillen RNLI visited our school and spoke to the Nursery and Preschool pupils. They talked about the importance of keeping safe while on a boat and when in water. This is an important message for all children living in Co. Fermanagh. The visit tied in perfectly with their topic of 'People Who Help Us'.



Safer Internet Day: Together for a better Internet

There were lots of different activities going on around our school during the week of Safer Internet Day. These were to highlight the importance of keeping safe while using the internet. Children got involved in class discussions about what they use the internet for, some classes made PowerPoint presentations and posters about keeping safe and most classes



watched Internet Safety videos. Two speakers were invited into school to talk to our KS2 children; PC Leslie Ward and Wayne Denner.

PC Leslie talks about online safety Thank you to Constable Leslie Ward who spoke to KS2 children about staying safe online. PC Ward's talk marked the beginning of the Internet Safety activities in our school. She gave the children a lot of useful advice about keeping themselves safe online, making



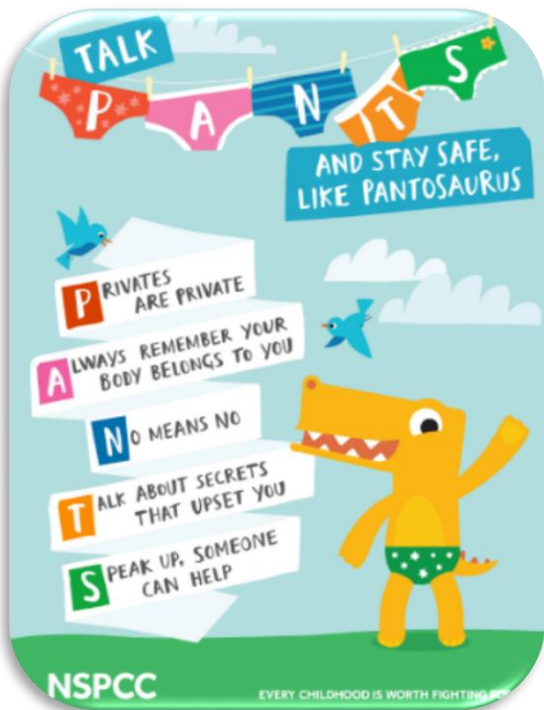
sure their privacy settings are set and also talked about age restrictions on popular Apps as well as the legal issues arising from inappropriate comments being posted online. The pupils gained a lot of essential and extremely relevant information from the talk; we hope they share this with their families and friends.

Wayne Denner is an Online Safety Trainer and Speaker (www.waynedenner.com). Wayne also talked to the children about Internet Safety, he spoke about the importance using privacy settings on games or Apps, about thinking carefully before putting personal information or photos online and emphasised the fact that anything posted on line creates a digital footprint which can be visible in the future.

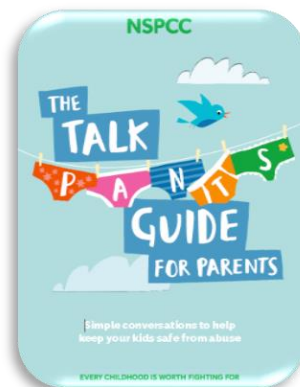


Wayne also gave a talk for parents and staff. He highlighted the age restrictions on apps, spoke about how parents and carers can set privacy settings and how they can protect their children by talking to them about the issues which can arise when growing up in a digital world now and for their future.





PANTS Underwear Rule Children across the school have been learning about staying safe using PANTS lessons. With the help of the NSPCC friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, PANTS is a simple way to talk to children about staying safe. This is an important message for all children. If you would like to find out more about the PANTS underwear rule visit the NSPCC website at the following link.
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/underwear-rule/>



BeeSafe P7 pupils attended a BeeSafe initiative in Lisnaskea in February. The children learnt important safety tips from a number of different organisations. PC Leslie Ward talked about internet safety, there were representatives from the Fire Service, NI Electricity and the RNLI. The children learnt a lot of useful tips which will help them today and in the future. Thank you to the everyone who gave our pupils such valuable advice.



History programme at the Enniskillen

Museum The Children from Mrs O'Connor's Learning Support Class have really enjoyed a six week local history programme provided by staff at the Enniskillen Museum. The children and adults loved every moment, especially

learning about the different exhibitions and exploring the museum artefacts. Everyone was blown away by the range and depth of historical treasures on display. Thank you to Catherine Scott and the museum staff for a wonderful programme; for your patience and kindness each week, for the refreshments and for sharing of your expert knowledge.



World Book Day celebrations There were lots of book related activities going on across the school in celebration of World Book Day, Thursday 5th March.



In P1 the children love choosing their books from the library each week. They dressed up as some of their favourite book characters during play time. They also brought in their favourite book from home on Tuesday.

The P7 children visited our Mill Street site on Tuesday and read the P1 children their favourite story book from home. The P7s and the P1s really enjoyed spending some time together.

Book Fair The book fair has been in school over the past few days and the children have enjoyed browsing and then

choosing their own books.



Book Boxes Children from P3

to P7 have created some beautiful book boxes to celebrate World Book Day. Each child chose a favourite book and made the box based on the book's cover. Some children even put little pieces linked to the story into their box. A lot of imaginative work has gone into making these boxes; the children's artwork is fantastic. Well done everyone.



Library Readings KS1 children have enjoyed listening to stories read by our Librarian, Marion, in the library for World Book Day. Thank you Marion.





Top Readers for February Congratulations to our readers of the month for February, we are very proud of all their efforts. Well done boys and girls, keep up the great reading.



Book Box Golden Ticket Winners

Congratulations to the Golden Ticket winner from each class, their book boxes were chosen by their teacher and their class mates. These lucky children each got to pick a prize from the book fair stationary box.





Changes to Guided Reading at Holy Trinity Over the next few months we are trialling a new approach to Guided reading in the classroom. **The amount of reading at home will change for some pupils and the Guided Reading book may NOT always go home.** Guided reading is NOT simply just hearing your child read, but guiding them through a book/text making sure they can use a variety of strategies to read and understand it. We are very fortunate to have our AR programme to complement reading in our school and this will play a very important role as part of our pupils reading homework. We hope that the new strategies we are now using will leave pupils better equipped to improve their reading at all levels. More information for parents will follow outlining how they can best support their child at home.

Overview of planned work for March

Primary 3

Mathematics: Depending on group children will Continue to work on place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers. They will 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. The 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.

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.

World Around Us This month's theme will primarily be **Electricity**. We will also look at range great science explorers. Other topics related to this month will be Mother's Day and Saint Patricks Day.

Primary 4

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 where 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 at St Michaels Church, Enniskillen

- **Wednesday 11th March:** Mrs Smith's class, Mrs McGovern's/Mrs Fee's class and Mrs Williams' class.
- **Wednesday 18th March:** Mrs McMenamin's class and Mrs Mc Girr's class

Primary 5

Numeracy

- **Number:** Fractions (halves, quarters, tenths, thirds and fifths) and introduction of decimals
- **Topic:** Capacity and volume
- **Mental Maths** – Multiplying tables and starting division of tables
- Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation
- Revision of dividing work is essential

Parents: Could you help children become aware of and read measurements on everyday containers, for example milk containers, sugar bags, cereal boxes.

Literacy

Novel: *James and the Giant Peach* novel and related activities

Grammar work: Prepositions (telling where something is), conjunctions (joining sentences) and speech marks

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' along with matching activities from workbook
- Weekly spelling test preparation

World Around Us

Finish work on the 'Titanic' topic. Start work on the 'Water' topic - Uses of water, saving water in school and home, the water cycle and language associated with water

Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc.

****Remember to 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 – Some changes for March (Cereal Box and Fashion show piece)**

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. A quiz can be done on these books and nightly reading book every week

Bring instrument into school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home) – Use of 'Charanga Music Programme' at home (Passwords given to all children)

Highlight important information or signs in **Mental Arithmetic work**. Complete corrections

- Football every Monday and Friday for this term
- **Tuesday 10th March** - Shared Education with Jones Memorial
- **Friday 13th March** - St. Patrick's Day Ceili for P5 Parents
- **Sunday 29th March** - Primary 5 Fashion Show
- **Monday 30th March** - Trip to the Titanic Quarter Belfast

Primary 6

Maths

Number: 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. Ex: 5/8 of a class are girls what fraction are boys? Pupils will understand equivalent fractions.

Topic: Pupils will complete measurement work on Area and Perimeter.

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 follow up related activities.

English: Pupils will understand antonyms (opposites) and be able to understand the purpose of prefixes in the context of opposites. Ex: honest – dishonest

They will know what plurals are and rules for making words plural.

GENRE: Report writing cont. /Procedural writing

- Pupils will continue with our 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 Ships, Viking Raids, Viking homes and evidence of Viking settlements today.

Homework: We encourage the P6 children to keep doing AR reading as part of their daily homework. Each pupil should be taking 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 8.50am.
- **ICT suite** is also available at these times to complete AR tests.

Primary 7

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.

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

World Around Us: Northern Ireland/Ireland topic.

Religion: 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. 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:

- **Sunday 29th March** – Confirmation in St. Michael's Church.
- **Thursday 26th March** – Mr Morris' class to visit Enniskillen Museum.
- **Friday 27th March** – Mrs Clarke's class to visit Enniskillen Museum.