

News At Holy Family

DATES FOR THE DIARY

7TH DECEMBER
CHRISTMAS DINNER

7TH DECEMBER
OPEN MORNING

8TH DECEMBER
INSET

OTHER DATES

14TH DECEMBER
FOUNDATION STAGE
CHRISTMAS PLAY (10.00)

15TH DECEMBER
KEY STAGE 1
CHRISTMAS PLAY (10.00)

18TH DECEMBER
KEY STAGE 2
CHRISTMAS PLAY (10.00)

21ST DECEMBER
SCHOOL CLOSURES (12
NOON)



Work Notice for Drumnaconagher Road

We have been instructed by Transport NI to carry out work to Drumnaconagher Road. This work will involve drainage improvements, road kerbing, footpath renewal and road resurfacing. Work will be from the junction of the Annacloy Road to the junction with Drumaghlis Road.

Work is to begin the week starting Monday 4th December 2017. The civils preparation work should last until Friday 22nd December. The road resurfacing will take place after our Christmas holidays, week starting 8th January 2018.

A road closure will be used and the diversion will be by the Cumber Road and Downpatrick / Annacloy Road. Access will be allowed for local residents but please be aware this will not mean a through road to residents. Due to excavations and the road widths we cannot let the traffic pass, unless for emergencies.

During work outside the Holy Family Primary School, we try to limit the disruption by working to one side of the school entrance at a time and diverting the school traffic with signs via the Teccaught Road. If you have any issue or questions or information we may need, you can contact us on site and we will try to help or call our office 02840662771.

Thank you for your cooperation

William Moffett. (Gibson Bros Ltd. Banbridge)

Manga High—9th place in all of Ireland!

Congratulations to all of our pupils who competed in the Manga High challenge for Maths week Ireland this year. The school managed to come in the top 10 schools in Ireland and as a result the highest scoring class (Primary 7) won a pizza party. Every pupil who managed to get over 150 points received a medal and a homework pass. The top ten students in the school were 1) Lucas Twomey - 857 points (P7), 2) Connor Davis - 842 points (P7), 3) Eoin McCaughley - 492 points (P7), 4) Ross Green - 478 points (P7), 5) Patrick Madine - 441 points (P7), 6) Ethan McPolin - 356 points (P5), 7) Charlie Wright - 350 points (P7), 8) Niall Strain - 347 points (P7), 9) Joseph Maginn - 325 points (P7), 10) Jonathan Dalzell - 305 points (P7)



Charlie Wright on the radio and at Supervalu Superstars



The Aisling Foundation presented a cheque for £400 to the Friends of Holy Family. Aisling Rodgers was a past pupil of Holy Family and we are proud to be linked with this very worthwhile cause.



Supervalu Superstars 2017

Charlie Wright from Primary 7 has shared his experience of taking part in this year's Supervalu Superstars event. Well done Charlie!

Supervalu Superstars is a competition in Northern Ireland which began as Super Mums. Feedback from the public was that there are many Super Stars that aren't mums and so Supervalu Superstars was born. It is a competition with no categories and aims to celebrate the achievements and stories of Men, Women and Children throughout Northern Ireland.

As you may know, I was in hospital for most of the summer. Whilst in hospital my mum decided to nominate me for the competition. Her application included my bravery in dealing with my disease, my bravery in being her carer and saving her life and my determination to raise awareness of these rare conditions and to help improve the experience of the rare disease patients. My condition wasn't diagnosed until I was 6 and my journey was traumatic. Now that I am 11 I am still having an unacceptable experience of the medical staff and the health service. I want to speak out and make a difference.

A few weeks ago, my mum got a call to say I was a finalist in the Supervalu Superstars. I was so excited because I was one of the 36 finalists out of over 350 applications. I had to go for a photo shoot and I was on the radio – U105 with Frank Mitchell. I was nervous before the interview but I was pleased with what I said.

Last Wednesday my mum and some family members went to The Titanic Hotel in Belfast for the final. The hotel is newly opened and is beautiful. There was a buffet and free Ben and Jerrys Ice cream. The awards ceremony was amazing. 36 people, all doing such good things and overcoming horrible events made me think and made my mum cry. Every person collected their Finalist Certificate whilst Clare McCollum read out a brief piece about them. I was nervous when I went up as everyone was looking at me. When they called my name for 3rd place I couldn't believe it. I was so happy.

After the Awards Ceremony, I had to have lots of photos for the press and then we were escorted on a tour of the old offices of the major staff involved in the Titanic. It was fantastic and memorable to be standing in Thomas Andrew's office and to be able to look down on the drawing room.

We then went to the bar to celebrate and whilst there we met an inspirational young woman called Jennifer Smyth who is now a quadriplegic after a gymnastics accident. She inspired me because she won't give up and is determined to walk again.

I was really pleased to come 3rd but everyone in that room that night deserved more recognition. It was life changing.

Uganda Fundraising

The whole school wore fancy dress costumes as part of a fundraising effort in support of our partner school, St Dominic's in Uganda. A great effort was made and £306 was raised in total. This was then presented to Terry Murphy at our assembly. Thank you everyone for the great support shown.



Roald Dahl Day

On the 13th September pupils from different classes in Holy Family celebrated the life and work of Roald Dahl by taking part in activities which celebrate the beloved author. Classes were also involved in joining a live web cast which celebrated Dahl's life and work.

ROALD DAHL



End Of Term Disco

Friends of Holy family are organising a disco for all pupils from 6.30pm to 8.00pm on Thursday 21st December. It will be a fun way to celebrate Christmas with all of our school friends!

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Frida Crean from Primary 6 won a bronze medal at The Karate Ireland Irish, ONAKAI National championships on Saturday in Dublin. She had to fight three different opponents to achieve this and she did really well. Con-



Children In Need 2017

The student council and Mrs McKay arranged a collection for Children In Need, during which pupils wore yellow or spotty clothing. Once again pupils and their parents were incredibly generous and a total sum of £345.56 was raised. The school council wishes to thank everyone for their kindness and commitment to good causes.



Primary 2 were joined by some of the other classes when 'World of Owls' came to visit. We are learning all about owls for our World Around Us topic.

School reopens on 3rd January 2018.

On behalf of everyone at Holy Family Primary School have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

