



News At Holy Family

DATES FOR THE DIARY

26TH FEBRUARY

K'NEX CHALLENGE

29TH FEBRUARY

MONEYWISE VISIT

29TH FEBRUARY

ECO-FLAG ASSESSMENT

18TH MARCH

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

RELIGIOUS DATES

2ND MARCH

PRE-CONFIRMATION
MEETING

7TH MARCH

CONFIRMATION

17TH MARCH

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

23RD MARCH

EASTER HOLIDAYS BEGIN

PRIMARY 3

FIRST CONFESSION

WEDNESDAY

13TH APRIL

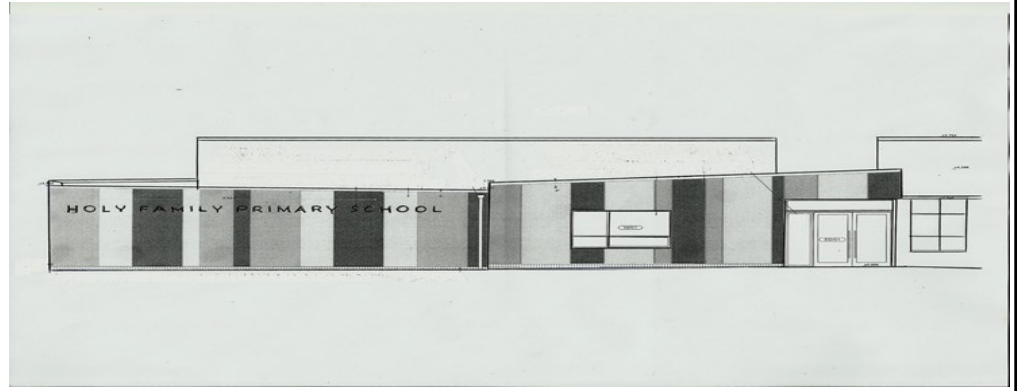
PTA

The next
Bags2school collec-
tion is on
23rd March



New School Building

Below is an artist impression of what the new front of the Holy Family will look like after the building work is complete. The extension consists of a new front office and reception area. The hall is also going to be extended with three new storage rooms which means all the chairs and tables can be stored away making the hall bigger and safer for our pupils.



Shared Education—Internet Safety at Academy Primary school

On the 9th February the Primary 7 pupils from Mr Murphy and Mr Fagan's Primary 7 classes met to look at Internet safety. Both classes led an assembly for Key Stage 1 pupils looking at the importance of telling our parents if we see anything strange on the Internet. PC Phil Quinn from PSNI then spoke to the Key Stage 2 pupils regarding Internet safety and responsible behaviour. The pupils also enjoyed taking part in ice-breakers. Pictured are some of the resources we have received for future shared lessons.



Continuing Shared Education at Holy Family Primary school

On the 11th February the Primary 7 class continued their work on internet safety with Mr Fagan's class from academy. They look at different scenarios relating to safety online and created collaborative comic strips to illustrate their learning. The pupils found it very rewarding and are building strong bonds. Our next shared lessons will look at STEM.



Santa toys for treat day

Primary 3 boys and girls brought their favourite toy to school to show their friends for a special treat.



Water bus visits Holy Family Primary

On 7th February we were visited by the Water Bus who told the Primary 4, 6 and 7 pupils about conserving water, avoiding pollution and issues relating to water use and conservation. They also talked



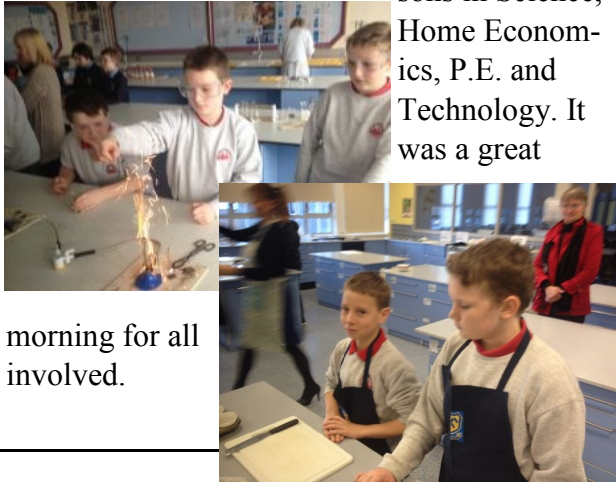
Bee Safe - Primary 7 Safety programme

The Primary 7 class attended the 'Bee Safe' scheme at the Ballymote centre in Downpatrick. There the pupils got to learn about Internet safety from the PSNI, Bus safety from Ulsterbus, talks on fire and electrical safety and staying safe on a farm. It was very educational and we got to learn about our own responsibilities and how to take precautions to ensure we stay safe.



De La Salle open morning

The boys from Primary 7 attended an open morning at the De La Salle High school in Downpatrick. The boys got to experience lessons in Science, Home Economics, P.E. and Technology. It was a great



morning for all involved.

Primary 7 boys attend 'Red High Active'

On the 14th of January boys from Primary 7 enjoyed visiting Saint Patrick's Grammar school, where they took part in a sporting programme organised by the GCSE students. Luke Reddington and Matthew McClements were in the top ranking team today and Andrew Beattie won a £10 gift voucher for Wrap and Roll. All the boys had a brilliant day.



G.A.A. Table Quiz

Well done to Zara, Alicia, Katie and Hannah who represented our school at the



Ulster Museum

Primary 5 went to the Ulster Museum on the 4th of February. They took part in an 'Ancient Egyptian' workshop. They all thoroughly enjoyed it.



Habitat For Humanity

The Eco Councillors would like to thank Victoria Trimble and her team at Habitat for Humanity for providing 'Our Waste, Our World' workshops to the boys and girls in P3 to P7 last month. The workshop aimed to help the children become more aware of the importance of recycling in school and at home.



WORLD BOOK DAY



To Celebrate World Book Day on 3rd March the children can dress up as one of their favourite characters from a book they have read.



There will be prizes for the best characters .

Primary Schools Show jumping Competition

P4 pupil Emma Burns recently took part in a schools show jumping league at the meadows from September until January 2016 where she was part of a 'mixed' P.S team of 4, including Holy Family PS, Downpatrick PS, FairHill PS Dromara, Rowendale PS, Moira. They were crowned league winners at the Meadows, Lurgan on Saturday 9th January.



Our Eco Councillors are organising a 'Green Day' on Wednesday 16th March. This is to help raise money for the charity 'Habitat for Humanity Northern Ireland' who, very recently, held informative and interactive workshops for the boys and girls in classes P3 to P7. On our 'Green Day' everyone in the school will wear something green and donate £1 to the charity. All children will take part in eco workshops throughout the day, which also ties in perfectly for St Patrick's Day!

Assumption Grammar school Cross-phase Literacy

Mr Murphy visited the Assumption Grammar school to look at Literacy for pupils transitioning between Primary 7 and Year 8. Many thanks to Fiona Feron and all of the staff at Assumption who let Mr Murphy collaborate on planning and observe a Year 8 Literacy lesson. It was particu-



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