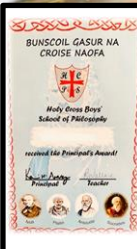


Weekly Bulletin for Mon 29th to Fri 3rd December 2021

Holy Cross Boys' Primary School



H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

Rainbow Room: Bruno Chodkowski **P1B:** Keaton Grogan & Caleb Donaghy **P1M:** Edward Ogbegley & Logan Murphy **2F:** Martin McClafferty & Harley Boyle **P2J:** Finlay Stanton & Charlie McDonald **P3M:** Noah McKinvey & Donal Lindsay **P3L:** Jake Rosbourough & James Corr **P4W:** Oisín Largey Reid & Martin Lundy **P4L:** Corey Doran & Brooklyn O'Neill Hale **P5J:** Josh Lyttle & Oisín Brennan **P5W:** Tiernan Graham & Jack Coogan **P6C:** Kieron James Foster & Cian McLarnon **6Mc:** Jaye McLarnon & Caden McTasney **7H:** Ethan Mullan & Pearse White **7B:** Riley Doran & Caolan McKeown



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Darragh Bunting
Leo Morgan
Conn Curran McIlkenny
Caoimhin McBride
Luke Quinn
Lorchain Varndell-Keenan

Trip to The Lyric Theatre: Congratulations to the following boys who were rewarded for having outstanding attendance and attitude since the start of the school year with a trip to the Lyric Theatre last Friday to watch Pinocchio: The Greatest Wonder of the Age (pic below). P4: Jay Dilucia, Fionn Johnston, Eoghan Cromie, Michael Burns & Reece Lagan. P5: Jack McCabe, Logan Magill, Cael Mullan, Jayden Reid, Josh Lyttle & Jacob Patterson. P6: Anthony O'Hara, Jack Gouldie, Nathan Doherty, Ethan Hall & Caodhan Lowry. P7: Ruari Larkin, Dylan Murphy, Rylie Conway, Pearse Osbourne, Jake Bowers & Kyle Wylie. Thank you to the Goliath Trust for organising the event. <https://goliathtrust.org/> (pic below).



Open Day: Our Open Day on Friday proved very beneficial for the prospective P1 parents for September 2022 in attendance. Mr McAreevy addressed the parents before watching a video of a tour of the school. P7H R20 performed their version of the 'Wellerman' along side our music maestro, Mrs Martin. Well done boys (pic below) 🎵👏

Attendance: As you are aware, we make a huge effort each year to promote full attendance and we monitor the attendance of all our pupils regularly. We pride ourselves on the high levels of attendance of our pupils, recognising that there is a correlation between pupil attendance and a child's ability to realise his full academic potential. Well done to those boys **320/402 (80%)**, who had 100% attendance for last week and will now receive their Written Homework Passes for this Thursday 2nd December 2021. Whole School average attendance for last week was **92.0%**.

Punctuality: A specific Punctuality Monitor (over a two-week period is scheduled from Mon 17th to Fri 28th January 2022) will be kept on a daily basis to help target parents and pupils with difficulties in this regard. Meetings will be scheduled with parents on this matter and letters will be sent out to articulate our concerns directly to parents.

Solitude Friday Visit: Well done to the following boys who have been selected to go to Solitude next Friday for a coaching session on the pitch with our two current staff members and local football stars Tony Kane (Dundela FC) and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding attitude and behaviour. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every Friday. P4: Sean Murphy, Pearse McCrudden, Alex Cameron & Caleb McCann P5: Corey Smyth, Oisín Brennan, Sean Og Copeland & Kaiden Boyle-McAllister P6: Ryland Perry, Conghal McTasney Burke, Pearse Maguire & Kieron James Foster P7: Conor Mailey, Caelan Foster, Joe Cosgrove & Stefan Frederick.

Philosophy: Mr McAreevy continues to deliver thought provoking Philosophy Enquiries – This week, P7H R20 discussed morality of actions in the school environment. The boys were aghast to learn about corporal punishment.

Boxing: P4, 6 & 7 boys were treated to their first boxing session in the Ardoyne Youth Club last Wednesday with the Irish Athletic boxing Association (IABA). This will continue every Wednesday until the Christmas holidays.

Gaelfast: Final session for Primary 5 handball coaching (in Ardoyne Youth Club) with local handball star, Seán Ó'Cléirigh on Wednesday.

NM Sports: Primary 1, 6 and 7 classes enjoyed the 3rd of their 6 sessions of the NM Sports Curriculum Programme on Friday. The pupils are developing their Fundamental Movement and Sport Specific Skills through playing fun activity games.

Panto online: HCB will be watching the Southern Regional College & Masked Productions presentation of Little Red – A Pantomime on Friday 10th December at 11am using a livestream link from the Southern Regional College.

Mental Health Awareness continues for P6 and 7 pupils on Thursday 2nd December with Joe Watson.

Singing Practice continues on Thursday for P4-7 at 11.15am and on Friday for P1-3 pupils with our music specialist, Mrs Martin.

Diary Dates

- Christmas Dinners on Tue 14th Dec: Pupils should wear Christmas jumpers on this occasion.
- Christmas Show (P1-3): Video link sent out to parents on 17/12/21
- HCB Christmas Fayre: Thurs 16th Dec 2021
- Christmas Hols: Early finish on Wed 22nd Dec. Pupils return on Mon 10th Jan 2022.
- Punctuality Monitor: 2 weeks 17-28 Jan 22
- Confirmation: P7H R20 Thur 10th & P7B R21 Fri 11th Mar 2022.
- First Holy Communion: P4W (Tue 24th May) & P4L (Wed 25th May).

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: If you could start a country from scratch, what would it be like?

Weekly Challenge: Do a minute or two of star jumps.

Motivational Quote: "It's not who I am underneath but what I do that defines me." Christian Bale



Philosopher of the Week

Musician of the Week

YEAR	START Times	Finish Times	Friday Finishing Times
1	9.15	2.00	12.45
2	8.45	2.15	1.00
3	9.00	2.30	1.00
4	8.45	2.45	1.15
5	9.00	3.00	1.15
6	8.45	2.45	1.15
7	9.00	3.00	1.15

School Dinners

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Spaghetti Bolognese Garlic Bread Tossed Salad Sweetcorn	Ice Cream & Mandarins	Chicken Goujons Mashed Potato Garden Peas Tossed Salad	Swiss Roll & Custard	Roast Loin of Pork Apple Sauce Oven Roast Potatoes Mashed Potato Baton Carrots Broccoli Florets Herb Stuffing & Gravy Yoghurt & Pineapple	Cottage Pie Sliced Carrots Green Beans Wheaten Bread	Fish Fingers Chips Beans Tossed Salad
				Carrot Cake & Custard	Melon Boat & Yoghurt	

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