

# Holy Cross Boys' Primary School



## H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

**Rainbow Room:** Seb Burns **P1B:** Ian Silva Brito & Conan Milligan **P1M:** Odhran McGranaghan & Oisín Gallagher **2F:** Jaxon Wilgaus & Logan Russell **P2J:** Gerard Frame & Tiarnan Murphy **P3M:** Leyton Smith & Jack Moss **P3L:** Jake Frame Donaghy & Rio Cooke Faulkner **P4W:** Oisín Largey Reid & Jack Hamilton **P4L:** Ronan Burns & Corey Doran **P5W:** Riley Harper & Phoenix O'Sullivan **P5J:** Barra Quinn & Mason McGrandles **P6C:** Nathan Doherty & Shaun Ingram **6Mc:** Jamie Burns & Jack Murphy **7H:** Odhran Fegan & Fionn Nolan **7B:** Adam Turley & Tiernan Ferrin.

## Happy Birthday

Ciaran McBride, Ciaran Kennedy, Ethan McStravick, Conan Osborne, Odhran Braniff, Jaden Cairns-McElroy, Dylan Murphy, Lu Clarke, Sean Michael Neeson O'Neill, Jaye McLarnon, Daniel Murtagh, Conley McMahon, Conlon Foster & Caoimhin McGarry.

**Solitude Friday Visit:** Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude 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 efforts with their behaviour and attitude. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every week. P4: Sean Murphy, Kaelen Madden, Jay Taylor & Caleb McCann. P5: Aidan Kelly, Alfie O'Hare, Cael Mullan & Rhys Ewing. P6: Ethan Hall, Cian Sproule, Kieron Turley & Aidan Travers. P7: Tiernan Ferrin, Adam Turley, Ryan McCann & Odhran Fegan.

## Upcoming Events

- \*HCB will be closed for Bank Holiday on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022.
- \*Reading and Attendance Prizes for Term 2 will be given out on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022.
- \*Punctuality Monitor planned for tomorrow, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.
- \*First Holy Communion: P4W R12 (Tues 24<sup>th</sup> May) & P4L R13 (Wed 25<sup>th</sup> May) in Church @ 11.00am.
- \*Summer Holidays: P7 finish on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. P1-6 finish on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

**Families First Awards:** We were delighted that HCB picked up the Best Belfast School and Best School overall (Joint with St. Kevin's PS) at the annual Families First Education Awards held at the Titanic Building before Easter (pic below).

**Letter from Uachtarán na hÉireann - Michael D. Higgins:** Mr McAreyve was honoured when the President of Ireland sent him a personal letter to congratulate him on promoting philosophy and on the Award Winning Documentary, Young Plato (Please see attached letter below).

**Philosophy:** Mr McAreyve continues to deliver thought provoking Philosophy Enquiries. Last time, the Philosophy question was - What you do and should you do if you find a ring of invisibility!

**Music:** Flute Lessons on Mondays, Drums and Violin lessons continue on Wednesdays and Brass lessons continue on Thursdays for selected pupils.

**Mental Health Awareness:** The next session for Primary 6 and 7 pupils will be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April with Joe Watson.

**Physical Education:** Gaelfast Hurling/Gaelic Football Coaching for P5J R8, P5W R9 and P6M R18 will continue on Tuesdays and also for P4W R12, P4L R13 & P7H R20 on Wednesdays. Boxing sessions with the Irish Athletic Boxing Association (IABA) will take place for P5J R8, P5W R9 and P6M R18 on Wednesdays and P7H R20, P7B R21 & P6C R19 on Fridays. Thanks to Ardoyne Youth Club for the use of their facilities.

**SPORT:** The school Gaelic football team (under the guidance of Mr Hawkins) enjoyed a fantastic win in difficult conditions against St. Oliver Plunkett PS in the Carragher Gup and will now prepare for the semi-final. The school football team (under the direction of Mr Jennings) also progressed to the semi-final of the Cyril Murray Cup with victory over Holy Family PS.

**FRECKLE:** The following boys were the most accurate with their online Nomenclature on Freckle. Well done to P4L: Nathan Haughey, P4W: Caiden McKinney, P5J: Alfie O'Hare, P5W: Logan Magill, P6C: Cian McLarnon, 6M: Finlay Gallagher, P7B: Caleb McCartan and P7H: Finn McNally. Total for week: 5,522 minutes.

**Accelerated Reader:** As an incentive to improve quiz accuracy, Mrs Bennett (AR Coordinator) has introduced an AR Treasure Box recently to the Primary 4-7 pupils. Well done to the pupils who had 100% in a quiz accuracy and had a guess at the 3-digit combination on the AR Treasure Box to win a £50.00 voucher to spend at www.smythstoy.com. **Top Readers** on were P4L: Sean Ferguson, P4W: Oisín Largey Reid, P5J: Daniel Murtagh, P5W: Gavin Og McKeown, P6C: Stephen Murtagh, P6M: Jack Murphy, P7B: Conor Mailey & P7H: Ethan Mullan. Total Word Count: words 41,680,504.

**Punctuality Monitoring:** The Punctuality Monitoring will start tomorrow, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April for one week. Please ensure that your child comes to school on time. We will be contacting parents of children who are showing concerns with punctuality in order to address the situation. When children arrive late to school, they are at an immediate learning disadvantage as they are likely to have missed the teacher-led introduction phase of the morning lesson.

**Bradley Manor Visit:** Mrs Brooks' P7 class had the pleasure of visiting some of the residents of Bradley Manor before Easter to take part in some intergenerational activities facilitated by Michael from the Northern Ireland War Memorial & Linking Generations Northern Ireland (pic below).

**Religion:** Well done to our P3 and P4 classes who made their First Confession before the Easter Break. The boys were a credit to the school and their parents. Thank you to the class teachers and classroom assistants as well as Mr Wallace (RE Coordinator), Mrs Martin (Music Specialist) and Brian McKee (School Chaplain) for ensuring that the boys were prepared meticulously for this special occasion.

**Cullens Funfair** will open on the School Pitch on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April and finish on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

**P1:** New Start Time for Primary 1 tomorrow, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April will be 9.00am.

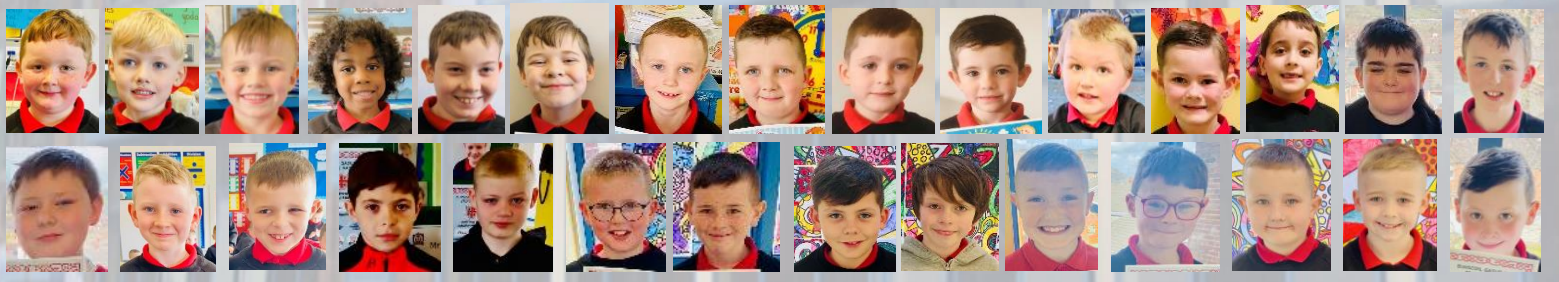
## Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: **Is it ever right to kill an insect?**

Weekly Challenge: **Eat a piece of fruit every day for this week?**

Motivational Quote: **Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much.**

Helen Keller



### Philosopher of the Week

### Musicians of the Week

### Reader of the Week

### Mathematician of the Week

### Sports Star of the Week



### School Dinners

Week 4	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Breast of Chicken Curry Boiled Rice Naan Bread Garden Peas	Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Irish Stew Broccoli Florets Wheaten Bread	Roast Breast of Chicken Oven Roast Potatoes Mashed Potato Baton Carrots Diced Turnip Herb Stuffing & Gravy Frozen strawberry Mousse & Fruit Salad	Spaghetti Bolognese Crusty Baguette Tossed Salad	Fishfingers Chips Crunchy Coleslaw Sweetcorn

YEAR	START	Finish	Friday Finish
1	9.00	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

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UACHTARÁN NA hÉIREANN  
PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

14 March 2022

Mr. Kevin McAreavey  
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Dear Kevin,

I was very pleased to read that Young Plato, the documentary about your work promoting philosophy in Holy Cross Boy's school, had won the ICCL Human Rights on Film Award 2022 at the recent Dublin International Film Festival. I would like to congratulate you and the documentary makers for the excellent work that you have done in highlighting philosophy as a cornerstone of education and personal development. As you know, I have long been a champion of this approach and it is wonderful to see these ideas and ideals being promoted to a wide audience.

I was much impressed when I first heard about your work, when you kindly invited me to visit the school in 2019. Although it was not possible to visit at that time, I hope that I will have the opportunity to see your work at first hand at some point in the future.

Yours sincerely,

*Without philosophy that touches us  
we are not on the same  
species of earth  
I never thought  
I'd write such  
a letter.  
Sra Mhóir  
Michael D. Higgins*

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President of Ireland