

Holy Cross Boys' Primary School



H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

Rainbow Room: John Og Robinson Taylor **P1B:** Maddex Neill & Sean Carmichael **P1M:** Oisín Gallagher & Conley McMahon **2F:** Tomas Braniff & Ollie McGuire **P2J:** Kai Slavin & Tiarnan Murphy **P3M:** James McCrory & Jayden Davey **P3L:** Caiden O'Hara & Jake Frame-Donaghy **P4W:** Caoimhín Catney & Oisín Largey Reid **P4L:** Caoimhín McGarry & Caleb McCann **P5J:** Oisín Steenson & Alfie O'Hare **P5W:** Sean Og Copeland & Christopher Gormley **P6C:** Ryan Owens & Kieron Turley **6Mc:** Ciaran McCallan & Conghal McTasney **7H:** Juniyo Keya & Ciaran Lee **7B:** Mark McKinney & Riley Conway

Solitude Friday Visit: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on 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 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:** Oisín Largey-Reid, Caoimhín Catney, Logan Smith-Kennedy & Odhran Carter. **P5:** Josh Lyttle, Mason McGarrity, Cormac Magee & Tiarnan Scullion. **P6:** Jay McKeown, Finlay Che Gallagher, Stephen Turley & Kaeden Morgan. **P7:** Antonio Brown, Alfie Russell-Montieth, Kyle Wylie & Patrick Mc Cullough.

P7 Transition Week: The P7 Transition week was a huge success once again this year as the boys acquired a taste of what the experience in their next schools this September will be like. The boys thoroughly enjoyed a variety of lessons (from PE, languages, Science to Home Economics) delivered by some of our own staff and visiting teachers from local schools. Thanks so much to Mercy College, Hazelwood College, Edmund Rice College, Blessed Trinity and St. Mary's for providing their teachers to give our boys a wonderful experience. Thanks to Mr Morrin (Community Links Coordinator) for organising this excellent week in the HCB Calendar.

Philosophy: Mr McAreevy continues to deliver thought provoking Philosophy Enquiries. Last week, the Philosophy was based on making the right decisions from the philosophical enquiry by past pupil Brendan Williams entitled 'What Help is Like!'

Music: Drums and Violin lessons continue on Wednesdays and Brass lessons continue on Thursdays for selected pupils.

Mental Health Awareness for Primary 6 and 7 pupils will be on Thursday 10th March 2022 with Joe Watson.

TAMHI Group in AYC: The P5 and P6 classes thoroughly enjoyed excellent sessions on Thursday in the AYC with TAMHI talking about Mental Health issues and using sport as a tool to talk to each other to promote positive mental health.

PE: Gaelic 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. Many thanks to Ardoyne Youth Club for the use of their facilities each week. 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.

FRECKLE: Top boys this week on Freckle on Fri 4th Mar: P4L: Sean Ferguson, P4W: Eoghan Cromie, P5J: Christopher Moloney, P5W: Tiernan Graham, P6M: Ryan Owens and P7H: Kyle Magee. Total Minutes this week: Count: 7,718 minutes.

Accelerated Reader: As an incentive to improve quiz accuracy, Mrs Bennett (AR Coordinator) has introduced an AR Treasure Box this week to the Primary 4-7 pupils. We have decided that any pupil who gets 100% in a quiz will be given a voucher from their teacher. When a pupil has two vouchers, he can guess the 3-digit combination on the AR Treasure Box (below) to win a fabulous prize. The first prize is extra special – a £50.00 voucher to spend at www.smythstoyes.com. **Top Readers on Fri 4th Feb:** P4L: Jay Taylor, P4W: Michael Burns, P5W: Kaiden Boyle McAllister, P6C: Aidan Travers, P6M: Jack Murphy, P7B: Jaden Cairns McElroy and P7H: Daire McGibbon. Total Word Count: 34,020,773 words.

Confirmation: Good luck to all the boys and their parents this week as they prepare to make their Confirmation on Thursday 10th March (P7H R20) and on Friday 11th March for P7B R21 in Holy Cross Church at 11.00am

John Muir Award: Well done to P7H who participated in their first session (a Community Clean up on Friday) for the John Muir Award with AYC.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Barra Quinn, Christopher Engelen, James Lennon Wallace, Logan Murphy, Alfie Hillick, Danny Og McDonald-Mullan, Connor Turner & Adam Turley.

Diary Dates

- *Confirmation: P7H R20 Thur 10th & P7B R21 Fri 11th Mar 22 (in Holy Cross Church 11.00am)
- *St. Patrick's Holidays: Pupils have early finish on Tue 15th and return on Mon 21st March 22.
- *P7 Retreat: Mon 21st (P7H) and Mon 28th Mar (P7B) in the Houben Centre @9-2.30pm.
- *P4 First Confession (2 classes) Tue 5th April at 11.00am in school.
- *P3 First Confession (2 classes) Thursday 7th April at 11.00am in school.
- *P1-7 Reading Prizes (End Term 2): 12 Apr
- *P1-7 Attendance Prizes (End Term 2): 13 April
- *Easter Holidays: Pupil finish Thur 14th & return on Mon 25th Apr 22.
- *First Holy Communion: P4W (Tue 24 May) & P4L (Wed 25 May) in Church @ 11.00am

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: What is a person? Is it the mind, or the body?

Weekly Challenge: Play an outdoor game with a family member.

Motivational Quote: Hard work beats talent if talent doesn't work hard.



Philosopher of the Week

Musician of the Week

Reader of the Week

Mathematician of the Week

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Dinners	Beef Burger & Gravy Mashed Potato Beans Tossed Salad Rice Pudding & Peaches	Lasagne Crunchy Coleslaw Garlic Bread Garden Peas Shortbread & Watermelon	Cod Goujons Mashed Potato Mushy Peas Tossed Salad Tartar Sauce Apple Crumble & Custard	Roast Breast of Chicken Oven Roast Potatoes Mashed Potato Diced Carrots & Parsnip Herb Stuffing & Gravy Rice Krispie Square & Custard	Breaded Chicken Bites Chips Sweetcorn Ice-cream Tub and Fruit

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

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