

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



Welcome to
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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners



Rainbow Rm: Ardan McGown **Starlight Rm:** Junior Lavery **P1F:** Jake Patterson & Franco Covaci **P1T:** Sean O'Neill & Saul McLroy Gormley **2Q:** Cillian Doherty & Fintan Waide **P2M:** Eoghan Harrison & Keaton Grogan
P3M: James Lennon Wallace & Conn McLikenny Curran **P3L:** Jacob Campbell & Charlie McDonald **P4M:** Caiden O'Hara & Cameron Clarke **P4W:** Lewis Campbell & Christy Engelen **P5C:** Shay Braniff & Ronan Burns
P5M: Noah McKeown & Sean McConnell McAuley **P6H:** Jake Patterson & Jack McCabe
6MJ: Kai Lyttle McMurtry & Josh Lyttle **7EJ:** Anthony O'Hara & Kieron Turley

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Fri 13th Jan 23 for a coaching session on the pitch with our two current staff members, 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. Starlight/P4: Thomas Boyle, Dáire Savage, Caleb Patterson, Noah McKeown, Shea McCaul, Eamonn Burns, Rio Cooke-Faulkner & Jamie McGonnell. P5: Kieron Muldoon, Ethan Maguire, Ryan Reilly, Harley Finnegan, Michael Millen & Ciaran Gormley. P6: Tiernan Graham, Gavin Og McKeown, Jack McCabe, Sean Og Copeland, Jack Stewart & Junior Brady. P7: (At Swimming).

Year 1 pupil entry in September 2023: The Admissions Portal at the Education Authority is now open for Year 1 pupil entry in September 2023. It opened at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 10 January 2023 and closes at 12.00 noon on Friday 27 January 2023. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide> Verification documents may be emailed to the school using the email address, holycrossboys@hotmail.com. These may include, birth certificate, two 'proof of address' dated within three months of the date of application.

Religion: The Service of Commitment & Light will take place this Wed 18th Jan 23 in the school hall @1.15pm and **Confirmation** for the Primary 7 classes will take place on Friday 27th Jan 2023 @11am in Holy Cross Church. **Catholic Schools Week** is scheduled for 23rd to 27th Jan 2023. The theme in 2023 is Catholic Schools: Faith, Excellence & Service. Grandparents' Day will be on Wednesday 25th Jan of this week where the grandparents will be invited into the school to visit their grandson in his classroom.

Philosopher of the week goes to Adam in P1 who dared to think differently about, 'You got a friend in me!'
Class Posters: Many parents have requested a Class Poster and so we will have a 2nd order at the start of Feb 2023. Please ensure that your child brings in £5.00 to the class teacher on or before Fri 3rd Feb 2023.

Pupil Awards: As you know, we reward pupils who are trying hard with their Attendance, Reading/Accelerated Reading and Numeracy/FRECKLE at every mid-term and end of term. Once again, Mr McAreyve and Mr Curran will be visiting the classes to provide prizes for Mid-Term 2 on Wed 8th Feb 2023.

Physical Education: Gaelic/Hurling sessions with Gaelfit's head coach, Oisín McVicker on Thursdays will restart for Primary 7 classes on 19th January 2023, while the School Handball Team will also restart their handball training in the Ardoyne GAA Handball court. Thank you to the Ardoyne Kickhams for the use of their excellent facilities and for their support in helping to raise the standards of Gaelic Games in the school. **Soccer:** HCB (under the tutelage of Mr Jennings) will compete in the U11 Belfast Cup quarter final against St Therese of Lisieux Primary School on Tuesday and also prepare for the Cyril Murray Cup final later in January 2023. The Primary 6 team will also start their Belfast Cup campaign against Our Lady Queen of Peace in the coming weeks. **Swimming:** The Primary 7 classes will have their 2nd session of their 8-week programme on Friday 20th Jan 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.

Extended Schools (Block 3) will continue this week, Monday 16th to Friday 20th January 2023. See Schedule/Timetable using link: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20221202103348_100_2022-23_ES_DATES_TIMETABLE.pdf

Counselling Service: With the support of Happy Healthy Minds, we offer a specialist counselling service for selected pupils, every week (individually and/or in small groups). A different class will also receive a session each week to highlight the importance of dealing with emotions and mental health strategies. This will restart on Tue 17th Jan 23 for (Starlight Room 8).

Mental Health Awareness: Sessions will continue for P6 & 7 pupils on Thur 19th January 2023 with specialist, Joe Watson.



Reader of the Week

Sports Star of the Week

Mathematician of the Week

Musician of the Week

Philosopher of the Week

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Does technology control our lives?
Weekly Challenge: Get up early for the Breakfast Club this week?
Motivational Quote: "If you don't find the time, if you don't do the work, you don't get the results."
Arnold Schwarzenegger

Happy Birthday

Mason McGrandles
Ronan Mc Grath
Gerard Frame
Francis Murphy
Michael Burns

Upcoming Events

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 17th Jan for 50p
Friday Tuckshop will take place every Friday, continuing Friday 20th Jan 2023.
Service of Commitment & Light: Wed 18th Jan 23
Primary 7 Swimming: Week 2 on Fri 20th Jan 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.
CRIS Dates: P7M R18: 16,23,30 Jan and 6 & 27 Feb 2023.
P7 Confirmation: on Friday 27th Jan 2023 @11am
Fire Brigade talk with Year 5 on Monday 6th Feb at 11am in School hall.
Punctuality Monitor 2: Mon 23 to Fri 27 Jan 2023
Parent Teacher Interviews: Fri 10th Feb 2023
Rewarding Pupils: Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance for Mid-Term 2 on Wed 8th Feb 2023.
The NSPCC PANTS programme Thur 23rd Feb 23.
Transition Week (P7) starting week beginning Mon 6th Mar to Fri 10th Mar 2023
St.Patrick's Day Hols: Pupils will finish early on Tue 14th and return on Mon 20th March 2023.
Accelerated Reading/FRECKLE Certificates (in classes) Mon 3rd April 2023.
Rewarding Pupils: Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance for End of Term 2 on Mon 3rd Apr 23.
Easter Holidays: Pupils will finish early on Thurs 6th April 2023 and return on Mon 17th April 2023.
First Holy Communion: Sat 20th May 23@11am.

Lunch Menu	Monday 16 th Jan	Tuesday 17 th Jan	Wednesday 18 th Jan	Thursday 19 th Jan	Friday 20 th Jan
	Spaghetti Bolognaise Crusty Bread Tossed Salad Melon, Cheese & Crackers	Breaded Fish Goujons Sweetcorn Mashed Potatoes Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice Nann Bread Garden Peas Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Breaded Chicken Bites Beans Chips Baked Potato Coleslaw Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit

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	1.20
5	9.00	3.00	1.20
6	8.45	2.45	1.20
7	9.00	3.00	1.20

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