

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



Welcome to **Holy Cross Boys' Primary School, Belfast**

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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

ARISTOTLE Rainbow Rm: Seb Burns Starlight Rm: Jacob McKenna P1F: Jayden Reid & Cruz Murphy P1T: Noah McClenaghan & Harley Jay Kane 2Q: Lochlann Turley & Fionntan Morgan P2M: Conan Milligan & Darraigh Bunting P3M: Leo Cosgrove & Odhran McGibbon P3L: Daniel Beattie & JJ Maguire P4M: Jake Rossborough Barnes & Eamonn Burns P4W: Colm Og Lavery & Cain Duffy P5C: Bradain Kane & Aodhan McCaul P5M: Caiden McKinney & Eoin Montgomery P6H: Jack Coogan & Ryan Flood 6MJ: Conor Davey & Junior Brady 7EJ: Aidan Clarke & Jack Gouldie 7M: Ciaran McCallan & Tayo Keya



Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude (rescheduled for 27th Jan 2023 due to weather) 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: Harlee Cooke-Faulkner, Jacob McKenna, Cain Duffy, Cillian Gearon, Tomás Cosgrove, Giovanni Tchuda, Conan McNeill, Jayden Rodgers Neill, Aidan Toal & Leo Dewar. P5: Logan Kennedy, Shay Braniff, Aodhan McCaul, Odhran Carter, Kayden Brady, Michael Burns, Corey McCaffrey & Caoimhin Catney. P6: Cael Mullan, Aidan Kelly, Jayden Reid, Daniel Ferris, Justin Osborne, Jack Stewart, Christopher Moloney & Josh Lyttle. P7: (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 this 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.

Year 8 post-primary applications: The online EA Post-Primary Application portal will open at 12 noon on Wednesday 1st February 2023 and will close at 4pm on Thursday 23rd February 2023 for Year 8 post-primary applications. Please click on the link below for more information: <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

Religion: Our Primary 7 pupils took part in their Service of Commitment and Light last Wed 18th Jan 23 in the school hall, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A lovely moment when the child's parents/carers hand on the light of faith to their child. The boys sang beautifully, behaving impeccably and maintained such reverence throughout the service. Many thanks to our school chaplain Brian McKee for a lovely service and for the workshop he held before the service. Thank you to Mrs Martin (Music Specialist), Mr Wallace (RE Coordinator) and our teachers and classroom assistants for ensuring a lovely ceremony. The boys will now look forward to making their Confirmation next Fri 27th Jan @11am in Holy Cross Church. **Catholic Schools Week:** January 29 to Feb 4, 2023. The theme is Faith, Excellence & Service. **Grandparents' Day** will be on Wed 1st Feb 2023, where the grandparents will be invited into HCB.

Breakfast Club: Some boys are arriving after 8:30am and are missing out on the breakfast because the last serving is at 8:30am. Please try to ensure that your child is in before 8:30am to avoid disappointment. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and costs £1 per morning (includes cereal, toast and a drink). Pupils going to the Breakfast Club will use the back canteen exit door at the pitch (ONLY) to enter the school.

Philosopher of the week goes to Jake for daring to think differently on Aristotle and Happiness. 'Most important thing for happiness is to have a true friend who encourages us to do our best!'

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**.

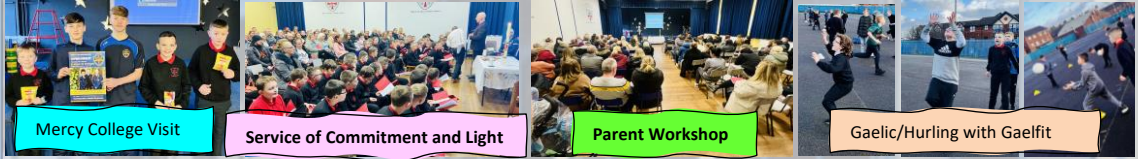
Physical Education: Soccer: HCB (under the tutelage of Mr Jennings) advanced in the U11 Belfast Cup quarter final against St Therese of Lisieux Primary School last Tuesday. Two goals from Ryland Perry and one from Aidan Murphy ensured a 3-1 victory. The boys are also prepare for the Cyril Murray Cup final in the coming weeks. The Primary 6 team will also start their Belfast Cup campaign against Our Lady Queen of Peace in the coming weeks.

Gaelic/Hurling sessions continue with Gaeilf's head coach, Oisín McVicker on Thursdays. Year 7 will have their 3rd session on 26th January 2023, while the School Handball Team will also have 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. **Swimming:** (No swimming this Friday 27th Jan 2023 for P7 due to Confirmation). The Primary 7 classes will have their 3rd session of their 8-week programme on **Fri 3rd Feb 2023** at the Falls Leisure Centre.

Extended Schools (Block 3) will continue this week, **Monday 23rd to Friday 27 January 2023**. See Schedule/Timetable using link: https://storage.googleapis.com/sitesassetsw/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, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (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 24th Jan 2023** for (3L R10).

Mental Health Awareness: Sessions will continue for P6 & 7 pupils on **Thur 26th January 2023** with specialist, Joe Watson.



Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Is it possible to think of nothing?

Weekly Challenge: Hug a pillow or a teddy for a few minutes?

Motivational Quote: "I knew that if I failed I wouldn't regret that, but I knew the one thing I might regret is not trying." Jeff Bezos

Happy Birthday

Haideen Toner
Liam Eagle
Jayden O'Shea
Caleb Robinson
Jude Hyndman

Upcoming EVENTS

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 24th Jan for 50p.

Friday Tuckshop will take place every Friday, continuing Friday 27th Jan 2023.

Primary 7 Swimming: Week 3 on Fri 3rd Feb 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.

CRIS Dates: P7M R18: Mondays 23rd, 30th Jan and 6th & 27th Feb 2023.

P7 Confirmation: on Fri 27 Jan 2023 @11am.

Grandparents' Day in the school on Wed 1st Feb

GL Assessment Result: Out on Sat 4th Feb 2023

Fire Brigade talk with Year 5 on Monday 6th Feb at 11am in School hall.

Rewarding Pupils: Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance for Mid-Term 2 on Wed 8th Feb 2023

Mid-term 2 Break - Pupils will finish on Thurs 9th & return on Mon 20 Feb 2023 (at normal times).

Parent Teacher Interviews: Fri 10th 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 (11.00am) and return on Mon 20 Mar 23.

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.

	Monday 23rd Jan	Tuesday 24th Jan	Wednesday 25th Jan	Thursday 26th Jan	Friday 27th Jan
Lunch Menu	Pasta Bolognese Crusty Bread Sweetcorn	Salmon Fish Cake/Breaded Fish Baked Beans Mashed Potato	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Nann Bread Garden Peas	Roast Breast of Chicken Traditional Stuffing & Gravy Carrot & Parsnip Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato	Burger in a Bun Coleslaw Tossed Salad Chips Baked Potato
	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit Chunks	Frozen Smoothies & Fish Fruit	Fruit Sponge & Custard	Popcorn Cookies and Watermelon Chunks	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

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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