

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



Welcome to
Holy Cross Boys' Primary School,

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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

ARISTOTLE Rainbow Rm: Bruno Chodkowski Starlight Rm: Thomas Boyle P1F: Finley McKeown & Ruairi McLaughlin P1T: Jack Ballard & Jaymie Stitt 2Q: Leighton Brady & Caolan Moore P2M: Ciaran Kennedy & Liam Eagle P3M: Caelan Murphy & Conleth McGuinness P3L: AJ Teggart & Kenzie Morgan P4M: Jake Frame Donaghy & Aidan Toal P4W: Tomás Cosgrove & Leyton Smith P5C: Michael Connors & Caoimhin McGarry P5M: Caiden McKinney & Kayden Brady P6H: Tiernan Graham & Tyler O'Halloran 6MJ: Jack Stewart & Sean OgCopeland 7EJ: Stephen Murtagh & Ruairi Devlin 7M: Jamie Burns & Caden



Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 3rd February 2023 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: Stephen Marley, John Og Robinson Taylor, James O'Neill, Jake Smyth, Colm Og Lavery, Jack Moss, Nathan Ewing, Conor Moyna, Kai Baker & Patrick O'Neill. P5: Brooklyn O'Neill, Finbarr Johnston, Piaras Watt, Lorcan Timmons, Corey McCaffrey, Reece Lagan, Eoghan Cromie & Caiden McKinney. P6: Daniel Ferris, Rhys Ewing, Jake Patterson, Christopher Stitt, Josh Lyttle, Joseph Thompson, Conor Davey & Oisín Steenson. P7: (Swimming).

Grandparents' Day: We were delighted with the turnout at our Grandparents' Day last Wednesday. Thank you to all the grandparents who came out in the rain to visit their grandsons in their classes. Please click on the link to view the special video created by Mrs Mohan (ICT Coordinator) to celebrate this very special occasion <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/grandparents-day/>.

Teachers' Industrial Strike Action: Many of you will be aware from media reports that teachers will take Strike Action on the morning of Tuesday 21st February 2023. (beginning at midnight until 12pm lunchtime on 21/02/2023). We write to give you advance notice, as we know that many parents will require alternative childcare, that pupils should remain at home on this morning and arrive to school at 12noon.

School Fundraiser: We will be fundraising before Easter for some new play resources and a new interactive whiteboard. All children will take part in a Bounce-a-thon to raise some funds HCB. We would appreciate any support. The children will go home with a Sponsor Form before Easter. It will be a fun day for the whole school!

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

Accelerated Reader: We are delighted to say that our Accelerated Reader word count has jumped by nearly seven million words in January 2023. We are incredibly proud that such reading efforts were achieved in what is usually a slow month for reading. P7 classes have amassed over ten million words alone so a fantastic effort by them. February is a new month and a new challenge with many exciting passes and prizes up for grabs to reward our hard workers.

HCB School Uniform Reminder: It is lovely to see our children coming into school looking smart in their School Uniform each day. Unfortunately, some pupils are not wearing their full uniform. This is a quick reminder of the school uniform & PE Kit: HCB School Uniform consists of: Black jumper (with school crest), Red Polo shirt, Plain Black trousers, Plain black shoes/black trainers (no stripes/designs), Black shorts can be worn in the summer months. Parents/guardians are asked to label all items of clothing clearly with their child's name. On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school (watches are not considered items of jewellery and may be worn). Earrings ARE NOT PERMITTED. Hair: Lines or dyes ARE NOT PERMITTED. PE Kit: Your son can come to school for the day/s he has PE in the following: Black Jogger Bottoms, White Polo Shirt, Normal Black School Jumper with HCB Crest & Black Trainers. Pupils should always wear a coat in wet/cold weather.

Philosopher of the week: P1 Philosopher of the Week, Lochlan, dares to think differently on making Hard Choices.

Class Posters: Many parents have requested a Class Poster and so we will have a second order this Tuesday. Please ensure that your child brings in £5.00 to the class teacher on or before Tuesday 7th Feb 2023. Boys who order a class poster will receive it after the mid-term break.

Physical Education: Soccer: The HCB P6 football team, under the management of Mr Jennings are preparing for the 2nd round of the Belfast Under 10 Cup, while the P7 boys are also getting ready for the Cyril Murray Cup final and the U11 Belfast Cup semi-final in the coming weeks. Gaelic/Hurling sessions continue with Gaelic's head coach, Oisín McVicker on Thursdays. Year 7 will have their 4th session on Thursday 23rd February 2023 (after mid-term), while the School Handball Team will also have their handball training in the Ardoyne GAA Handball court. **Swimming:** (No swimming next week for P7 due to mid-term break). The Primary 7 classes will have their 4th session of their 8-week programme on Friday 24th Feb 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.

Extended Schools (Block 3) This is the final week for Extended Schools - Monday 6th to Thursday 9th February 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, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (individually and/or in small groups). Thank you to Linda (School Counsellor) who is doing a superb job with the boys!

Mental Health Awareness: Sessions will continue for P6 & 7 pupils on Thursday 9th February 2023 with specialist, Joe Watson.



Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Do parallel universes exist?

Weekly Challenge: Sit for five minutes in a room and only listen to your breathing.

Motivational Quote: An unexamined life is not worth living- Socrates.

Happy Birthday

Jude Kelly, Jayden Reid, Daniel Ferris, Jack McAuley-Reid, Tiernan Graham, Christopher Stitt, Leo Murray, Jack Moss, Christopher Gormley, Noah McKeon, Pdraig McClafferty, Jay Taylor, Nathan Haughey & Oisín Steenson.

Upcoming Events

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 7th Feb for 50p.

Friday Tuckshop will take place every Friday, continuing Thursday 9th Feb 2023.

Primary 7 Swimming: Week 3 on Fri 24th Feb 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.

CRIS Dates: P7M R18: Mondays - 6th & 27th Feb 2023.

Fire Brigade talk with Year 5 tomorrow 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 20th Feb 2023 (at normal times).

Parent Teacher Interviews are ongoing and will be completed by 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 Holidays: Pupils will finish early on Tue 14th (11.00am) and return on Mon 20th Mar.

Accelerated Reading/FRECKLE Certificates (in classes) Monday 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.

Careers Week: Mon 24th to Friday 28th April 2023

First Holy Communion: Sat 20th May @11am.

Reader of the Week 	Sports Star of the Week 	Mathematician of the Week 	Philosopher of the Week 	Musician of the Week
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Lunch Menu

Monday 6th Feb Irish Stew Melon, Cheese & Crackers	Tuesday 7th Feb Breaded Fish Goujons Sweetcorn Mashed Potatoes Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Wednesday 8th Feb Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice Nann Bread Garden Peas Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Thursday 9th Feb Roast Beef Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Cauliflower-Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Friday 10th Feb School Closed for Mid-Term Break
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Available Daily - Bread / Milk / Water / 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