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H.C.B Mid-term Award Winners for Attendance, Reading and Numeracy

1F R2: Harley McMullan, Finley McKeown & Ethan Trainor. **1T R3:** Caleb Quinn, Archie Armstrong & Jacob Cooke-Faulkner. **2Q R4:** Caolan Moore, Lorcan Sproule & Logan Murphy. **2M R5:** Jude Quigley, Liam Eagle & Ian Silva Brito. **3L R10:** A.J. Teggart, James Rodgers & Daniel Beattie Bowen. **3M R11:** Lucas Saunders, Odhran McGibbon & Jude Cooke Faulkner. **4W R12:** Tomas Cosgrove, Leyton Smith & Jake Smyth. **4M R13:** Jack McAuley Reid, Leo Dewar & Caiden O'Hara. **5M R14:** Lewis Faulkner, Kayden Brady & Oisín Largey Reid. **5C R15:** Shay Braniff, Ethan Maguire & Ryan Reilly. **6MJ R19:** Conor Davey, Oisín Steenson & Justin Osborne. **6H R20:** Jayden Reid, Tiernan Graham & Rhys Ewing. **7M R18:** Cian Sproule, Tayo Keya & Finlay Che Gallagher. **7J R21:** Ruairi Devlin, Pearse Maguire & Aodhan Ewing. **Rainbow:** Caleb Robinson, Bruno Chodowski & Seb Burns. **Starlight:** Dylan Ó Kelly, Junior Lavery & Stephen Marley.

Safer Internet Poster Winners: HCB highlighted the importance of online safety on Safer Internet Day on Tue 7th Feb, when the class teachers did a range of activities and Mrs Mohan (ICT Coordinator) organised a poster competition. Well done to the two boys in each class who received their prizes from Mr McAreevy and Mrs Mohan (pics below). **P1:** Adam Mooney, Conall McLaren, Eoin Grievie & Aaron O'Neill. **P2:** Francis Murphy, Conley McMahon, Ruben Bercea & Leon Mailey. **P3:** Zavion Den Heijer, Odhran Braniff, Leo Hall & Ollie Maguire. **P4:** James McCorry, Calvin McGeough, Leo Dewar, Theo Hyland & Jake Mailey. **P5:** Sean McCrudden, Oisín Largey Reid, Leo Murray & Jay Dilucia. **P6:** Oisín Steenson, Muiz Ojo, Cian Whelan & Tiernan Graham. **P7:** Conghal McTasney, Ciaran McCallan, Theo Patterson & Riley McNally. **RR/SL:** Ardan McGowan, Eoghann Finnegan, Dáire Savage & John Óg Robinson Taylor.

Teachers' Industrial Strike Action: Many of you will be aware that teachers will take Strike Action on Tuesday 21st February 2023 (Beginning at midnight until 12pm lunchtime on 21/02/2023). We advise that pupils should remain at home on this morning and arrive to school at 12noon for their dinner (Fish Fingers & Chips. Ice-cream).

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 on Wednesday 1st February 2023 and will close at 4pm this Thursday 23rd February 2023 for Year 8 post-primary applications. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

Ash Wednesday Service on this Wednesday 22nd Feb 2023 (P4-7) at 10.00am.

The NSPCC PANTS Programme for Primary 3 classes on Thursday 23rd Feb 2023 with school nurse, Angela.

HCB School Uniform Reminder: As we return tomorrow, this 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 goes to Jack for daring to think differently using Socrates Triple Filter Test - Is it True, Is it Good and Is it Useful?

Physical Education: Soccer: Our school team, under the management of Mr Jennings, will clash with Stranmillis Primary School tomorrow, Monday 20th Feb, in the Cyril Murray Cup final. Good luck boys! The HCB P6 football team are preparing for the 2nd round of the Belfast Under 10 Cup, while the P7 boys are also getting ready for the U11 Belfast Cup semi-final in the coming weeks. Gaelic/Hurling sessions continue with Gaelfit's head coach, Oisín McVicker on Thursdays. Year 7 will have their 4th session on Thursday 23rd February 2023 while the School Handball Team will also have their handball training in the Ardoyne GAA Handball court. **Swimming:** The Primary 7 classes will have their 4th session of their 8-week programme on Friday 24th Feb 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.

Counselling Service: With the support of Happy Healthy Minds, we offer a specialist counselling service for selected pupils, Monday to Friday until Thursday 9th March 2023 (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 23rd February 2023 with specialist, Joe Watson.



Mid Term 2 Award Winners for Attendance, Reading, Numeracy & Internet Safety posters. Well done boys!

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Is time travel possible?
Weekly Challenge: What makes you smile?
Motivational Quote: There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing. Aristotle

Happy Birthday

Jack Stewart, Conor Davey, Cameron Clarke, Reece Lagan, Aodhan McCaul, Kieron James Foster, Ryland Perry, Rhys Reilly, Aodhan Ewing & Taylor McIlvenna.

Upcoming EVENTS

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 21st Feb for 50p.
Friday Tuckshop will take place every Friday, continuing Friday 24th Feb 2023.
Primary 7 Swimming: Week 3 on Fri 24th Feb 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.
CRIS Dates: P7M R18: Monday 27th 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 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 finish early on Thurs 6th April 2023 and return on Mon 17th April 2023.
Careers Week: Mon 24th to Fri 28th April 2023
First Holy Communion: Sat 20th Mar 23 @ 11am.

	Monday 20 th Feb	Tuesday 21 st Feb	Wednesday 22 nd Feb	Thursday 23 rd Feb	Friday 24 th Feb
Lunch Menu	Oven Baked Sausages Baked Beans Mashed Potatoes Arctic Roll & Fresh Fruit	Fish Fingers & Chips. Ice-cream	Breast of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice & Nann Bread Garden Peas Baked Potato Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast Beef Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Savoy Cabbage Oven Roast Dry & Mashed Potato Fresh Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit	Steak Burger in a Bap Chips Baked Potato Tossed Salad/Coleslaw Flakemeal Biscuit & 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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