

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

MILL	1F: Alfie Cunningham & Rossa Donnelly	1T: Caleb Quinn & Cruz Perry	2Q: Harrison Conlon & Roan McFarlane Whelan
ARISTOTLE	2M: Noah Prenter & Jack Maguire	3L: Padraig Mallon & Caolan Doherty	3M: Fiachra McComb & Daniel McCluskey
SOCRATES	4W: Jaxson Bittles & Shea McCaul	4M: Jamie McGonnell & Conor Moyna	5M: Odhran Leith Corbett & Ciaran Gormley
PLATO	5C: Shay Braniff & Ryan Reilly	6MJ: Conor Davey & Joseph Thompson	6H: Ryan Flood & Riley Harper
	7J: Aodhan Sloan & Theo Patterson	Starlight: Harlee Cooke-Faulkner	Rainbow: Ivan Aldoshun

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 3rd March 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: Dáire Savage, Thomas Boyle, Donal Lindsay, Lewis Campbell, Alfie Hillick, Rafael Escano, Jake Frame Donaghy, Lorchain Keenan, Jake Rosborough-Barnes & Jack Stitt. P5: Caoimhin McGarry, Shay Braniff, Caleb Hamill, Leo Murray, Jake Boyle Higney, Danny Og McDonald Mullan, Kaelen Madden & Ciaran Gormley. P6: Riley Harper, Danny McGonigle, Daniel Murtagh, T.J Smith, Justin Osborne, Michael John Nugent, Muiz Ojo Evans & Junior Brady.

World Book Day: HCB celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 2nd March, when the Primary 1 and 2 boys dressed up in their pj's, dressing gowns and some came to school dressed as their favourite book character. The Primary 3-7 pupils brought in their favourite books to share with their class and many parents uploaded some fabulous pictures of their child reading in an unusual place. Thank you to all our parents for your support and help in acknowledging this special day and the power of reading www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-celebrate-world-book-day-in-style.

Transition Week (P7): Our annual Transition Week for Year 7 starts tomorrow, Monday 6th March 2023, when the boys will experience an idea of what school life may be like in their next school this September 2023. The two Primary 7 classes will be split into 3 classes and have a form teacher and also a timetable akin to their next school. They will have experience of different lessons, including Home Economics and Business Studies, taught from visiting teachers from Mercy College, Edmund Rice College, St. Malachy's, St. Mary's, Hazelwood and Blessed Trinity. Thanks to Mr Morrin (Community Links Coordinator) for organising this special week for our P7 boys.

Parent Information: We would remind all parents that they are not permitted beyond the foyer doors (unless a meeting has been scheduled by the class teacher). Please ask at reception to make the relevant teacher aware if your son is being picked up early for an appointment and he will be brought down to the foyer.

P1 Parent Information: Starting tomorrow, Monday 6th March 2023, the Primary 1 classes (P1F Room 2 and P1T Room 3) will line up in front of the school (from 8.50am). The Primary 1 teachers and classroom assistants will be outside from 8.50am and take the boys into the school for 9.00am. This is the normal arrangement for Year 1, after the mid-term 2 break. Parents will now leave their children at the gates (like all P2-7 parents/guardians). P1 Breakfast club boys will be brought out to the playground to join their line. Wet Day Arrangements - All pupils will go straight into the classrooms @8.50am.

Philosopher of the week: Awarded to Christopher for his great thinking on the Theory of Evolution.

Hazelwood College have offered their teachers to deliver lessons for our P6 & 7 classes: P6 PE - GAA on Friday 3rd and 10th March @ 9.45am to 10.30am. P6 Spanish: Tuesdays 25th April, 9th, 16th & 23rd May @ 11.30am-12.15pm. P6 Home Economics on Fridays 24th, 31st March and 21st April @9.50am to 11.05am. P7 Home Economics: Fridays 3rd & 10th March @9.50am-11.05am and P7 Home Economics: Fridays 28th April & 5th, 12th May @9.50-11.05am.

Physical Education: Congratulations to the Holy Cross Boys' indoor 5-A-Side team who won the Belfast Competition last Wednesday. Having topped their group last Monday, they qualified for the last four, and defeated St Matthew's in the semi final before a 2 - 0 victory over St Teresa's in the final. All seven boys in the squad played brilliantly with special mentions for Ryland Perry, who scored in every game and Riley Harper who didn't concede any goals. Mr Jennings and the P7 boys remain unbeaten in all competitions. www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-win-belfast-5-a-side-football-competition. Congratulations also to Ryland who was selected for the Belfast Schools Team after his excellent performances in the Cyril Murray Cup, including scoring two goals in the final. Gaelic/Hurling sessions continue with Gaelit's head coach, Oisín McVicker on Thursdays. Year 7 will have their next session on Thursday 9th March 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 next session on Friday 10th March 2023.

Counselling Service: With the support of Happy Healthy Minds, we offer a specialist counselling service for selected pupils which will finish this 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 9th March 2023 with specialist, Joe Watson.

St.Patrick's Day Holidays: Reminder: Pupils will finish on Tuesday 14th @11.00am & return on Monday 20th March 2023 (at the normal times).

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Is there a reason for life and what is it?

Weekly Challenge: Call a friend that you haven't played with in a while.

Motivational Quote: A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new. Albert Einstein.

Happy Birthday

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

Upcoming EVENTS

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

First Confession: Year 3 on Wednesday 8th March @ 1.30pm!

ABRSM Violin Exams: Thur 9th Mar 9.00am to 10.45am

Maiden Voyage Dance Company Workshop (Year 5) on Fri 10th Mar 9.30-11.15am in hall.

Friday Tuckshop will take place every Friday, continuing Friday 10th March 2023.

Primary 7 Swimming: Fri 10th March 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.

Transition Week (P7) Mon 6th - Thur 9th Mar.

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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.

Cullens Funfair will arrive on pitch 17th April, opens 21st April and closes 30th April and leaves pitch on Monday 1st May 2023.

Easter Holidays: Pupils finish early on Thurs 6th Apr 2023 and return on Mon 17th Apr 23.

Careers Week: Mon 24th to Fri 28th Apr 2023

First Holy Communion: Sat 20 May @11am.



Solitude Weekly Winners



5-A-Side Belfast Champs

World Book Day

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

Lunch Menu	Monday 6 th March	Tuesday 7 th March	Wednesday 8 th March	Thursday 9 th March	Friday 10 th March
	Irish Stew	Breaded Fish Goujons	Bread of Chicken Curry with Boiled Rice Nann Bread	Roast Beef Traditional Stuffing, Gravy Cauliflower Cheese Fresh Diced Carrots Oven Dry Roast & Mashed Potato	Breaded Chicken Bites Beans Chips Baked Potato Coleslaw
	Melon, Cheese & Crackers	Sweetcorn Mashed Potatoes	Garden Peas	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Jelly, Ice Cream & Fresh Fruit
		Flakemeal Biscuit & Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Custard		

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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