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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners



1F: Brian Og Wooton & Adam Mooney **1T:** Oisín Young-Lowry & Aaron O'Neill **2Q:** Caleb Davidson & Eamonn Magee **2M:** Patrick Llewellyn & Ciaran Kennedy **3L:** Odhran Braniff & Jack Frame **3M:** Leon McGivern & Martin McClafferty **4W:** Cillian Gearon and James McCorry **4M:** Rio Cooke Faulkner & Lorchain Keenan **5M:** Odhran Leith Corbett & Pearse Strain **5C:** Ollie O'Neill & Ronan Burns **6MJ:** Michael John Nugent & Josh Lyttle **6H:** Aidan Kelly & Mark McConnell **7M:** Michael Morgan & Cain Sproule **7J:** Ryan Owens & Ciaran Toman **Starlight:** John Óg Robinson Taylor **Rainbow:** Seb Burns

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude. They will go on Friday 24th March 2023 (due to weather on 10th March) 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:** John Óg Robinson Taylor, Junior Lavery, Leyton Smyth, Christy Engelen, Patrick McManus, Jaxson Bittles, Jake Mailey, Leo Dewar, Conan McNeill & Jayden Rodgers Neill. **P5:** Jay Dilucia, Jay Taylor, Ollie O'Neill, Piaras Watt, Noah McKeown, Sean McCrudden, Ethan Rowles & Darragh Whelan. **P6:** Riley Harper, Tiernan Scullion, Rhys Ewing, Aidan Kelly, M.J Nugent, M.J Bradley, Phoenix O'Sullivan & Joe Thompson.

Parent Information: All pupils will return tomorrow, Monday 20th March 2023 at the normal times.

Transition Week (P7): The annual Primary 7 Transition Week took place before the break and proved a great success for all involved. The boys had a wonderful experience, as they were given a taste of what their school timetable may look like in September in their next schools. They were taught lessons from teachers from Mercy College, Hazelwood College, Edmund Rice College, Blessed Trinity College, St. Mary's and St. Malachy's. Thank you so much to the schools who sent their teachers and to Mr Morrin (Community Links Coordinator) for liaising with the schools and organising this excellent week in the HCB Calendar. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-7-transition-week/>

Vice Principal Awards (at March Assembly): 1F R2 Conall McLaren, 1T R3 Brody Oliver, 2Q R4 Aodhan Catney, 2M R5 Ciaran Kennedy, 3L R10 Martin Short, 3M R11 Fiachra McComb & Rainbow Room Edward Zhao.

First Confession: Congratulations to the P3 children who made their First Confession before the break. Thank you to our school chaplain Brian McKee, Fr Aidan, Mrs Martin (Music Specialist), Mr Wallace (RE Coordinator) and our teachers, Mr Morrin and Ms Lynch and our classroom assistants, Maria, Danielle, Holly, Nicola and Jamie Lee for ensuring that the boys were prepared meticulously for this very special occasion.

Free Health Check: Keeping Well Van will be located in the School P1 front yard from Monday 20th to Friday 24th March. Please see details using link: <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/free-health-check-keeping-well-van-will-visit-hcb-from-20th-to-24th-march-2023/?p=1&tags=1081>

Philosopher of the week goes to Fionn for daring to think differently on time travel – "to leave the past alone, as it is our future."

Hazelwood College have offered their teachers to deliver lessons for our P6 & 7 classes: 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 28th April & 5th, 12th May @9.50-11.05am.**

Physical Education: School Team: Two 5 - 0 victories in a week have progressed the P6 and P7 football teams into the next rounds of their respective competitions. First up were the P6's who defeated St Patrick's thanks to two goals from Christopher Moloney and singles from Rhys Ewing, Kaiden Boyle McAllister and Jack Stewart. The P7's then repeated the feat on Thursday beating Park Lodge by the same score line thanks to goals from Aidan Murphy, Aidan Green and a treble from Ryland Perry. **Gaelic/Hurling** sessions continue with Gaelfit's head coach, Oisín McVicker on Thursdays. Year 7 will have their next session on **Thursday 23rd 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 24th March 2023**. PE **Sonal Sportz** in The Community Centre on Thursdays (P4- Mrs Mohan 9:30, Mr Wallace 10:00, P6 - Mr Jennings 10:30 & Mr Hawkins 11:00).

Mental Health Awareness: Sessions will continue for P6 & 7 pupils on **Thursday 23rd March 2023** with specialist, Joe Watson.

NEW Dinner Menu: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230313120835_41_HCB_Dinner_Menu_Update_March_2023.pdf

School Holidays 22/23 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230306105621_62_HCB_Holidays_2022-2023_for_Parents.pdf

School Holidays 23/24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Should bullies be looked after the same as the victim?

Weekly Challenge: Focus on an insect or bird and just watch.

Motivational Quote: You become what you believe. Oprah Winfrey

Happy Birthday

Alex Hamilton, Jack Murphy, Rafael Escano, Eamonn Magee, Caleb Davidson, Ronan Burns, Ivan Aldoshun, Oisín Hamilton, Lucas Saunders & Cillian McCabe.

Upcoming EVENTS

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on **Tuesday 21st March** for 50p.

Friday Tuckshop will take place every Friday, continuing **Friday 24th March 2023**.

Primary 7 Swimming: Fri 24th March 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre.

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.

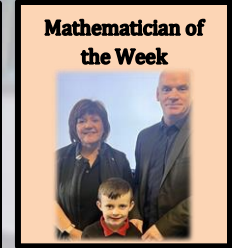
Easter Holidays: Pupils finish early (RR, Starlight/P1 finish @11.30am, P2, 4 and 6 finish @11.45am & P3, 5 and 7 finish @12.00pm) Thurs 6th & return Mon 17th Apr.

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

School Closures in May 2023: Mon 1st, Tue 2nd, Mon 8th, Mon 29th and Tue 30th May 2023. School Holiday Link:

First Holy Communion: Sat 20 May @11am.

P7. Transition Week



	Monday 20 th March	Tuesday 21 st March	Wednesday 22 nd March	Thursday 23 rd March	Friday 24 th March
Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets	Sausage meat pie	Mild Chicken Curry	Roast Beef with Stuffing & Gravy	Golden Crumbed Fish Fillet	
Chips	Mashed Potatoes	Naan Bread Or chicken gravy	Mash & Roast Potatoes	Baton Carrots	
Baked Beans	Spaghetti Hoops	Stewed Rice	Garden Peas	Shortbread Fruit	
Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Rice Krispie Square & Milkshake	Shortbread Fruit	Cornflake Tart	Jam & Coconut 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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