

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



Phone: 02890-351032 holycrossboys@hotmail.com Twitter: @HolyCrossBoys FB: Holy Cross Boys' PS www.holycrossboys.com

H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

1Q: Bobby Mackin & Diarmuid Lorenzo Blaire **1T:** Carter Baker & Jordan McMullan **2F:** Franco Covaci & Jay Smith **2M:** Luke Reid & Ceejay McGuinness **3Mc:** Thomas Casey & Liam Eagle **3Mo:** Matthew Berry & Jordan McMullan **4W:** Cillian McCabe & James Lennon Wallace **4M:** Daniel Foster & James Waide **5W:** Cain Duffy & James O'Neill **5C:** Aidan Toal & Séamus McGuinness **6M:** Reece Lagan & Oisín Moore **6EJ:** Ronan Burns & Jay Taylor **7L:** Kai Lyttle MvMurtry & Josh Lyttle **7H:** Jake Patterson & Caolan Dunlop **Starlight:** Dáire Savage **Rainbow:** Callum McHugh



Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who have been selected to go to Solitude on Friday 22nd September 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 Rm/P4:** Conor Davey, Daire Savage, Cain Reid, Jaxon Wilgaus, Ollie Maguire, Daniel Foster, James Waide & Kai Slavin. **P5:** Conan McNeill, Ronan Gillespie, Jamie McConnell, Cain Duffy, James O'Neill & Tomas Cosgrove. **P6:** Eoghan Cromie, Jay De Lucia, Alex Cameron, Ryan Reilly, Caoimhin Catney & Piaras Watt. **P7:** Josh Lyttle, Christopher Gormley, Mason Bradley, Tiernan Graham, Jake Patterson & Caolan Dunlop.

Punctuality Monitoring: This will start tomorrow, Monday 18th to Friday 22nd September to help target parents and pupils with difficulties in this regard. When children arrive late to school, they are at an immediate learning disadvantage as they are likely to have missed the teacher-led introduction phase of the morning lesson. We would recommend parents avail of the option to send their child to the Breakfast Club if finding it difficult to ensure their child attends school on time. The **Breakfast Club** continues every morning for P2-7 and will start on Monday 2nd October 2023 for Primary 1. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and costs of £1 per morning (includes cereal, toast and a drink).

Philosophy: Junior dares to think differently on the use of TTR (Think Think Respond) & is the worthy recipient of the Philosopher of the Week!

Class Assemblies: The first of our Class Assemblies will take place this week on the theme of the House System and Positive behaviours at school, which is very relevant at the start of a new school year. P.5 Room 14 on Thur 21st Sept & P2 Room 5 on Fri 22nd Sept. During a Special Assembly this week on the theme of Respect in our Community, local Councillor (SF) Nichola Bradley and Mr McAreevy spoke to the boys (P3-7) about socially unacceptable type behaviours. Unfortunately, there have been a few incidents (outside of school hours) reported to us, involving HCB pupils throwing stones at houses, jumping on car bonnets, hurting animals and using foul language and aggressive behaviour towards elders in the Community. Nichola and Mr McAreevy highlighted how these types of behaviours are totally unacceptable and how they can lead to severe consequences for the young people/children involved in this.

Music: Singing Practice For P1-3 on Fridays @11.00 to 11.30am and P4-7 on Thursdays @11.10 to 11.40am. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly.

Mental Health Awareness: The 3rd session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 21st September with specialist, Joe Watson.

Physical Education: All pupils should wear their full P.E Uniform on their P.E days: **Black Jogger Bottoms, White Polo Shirt, Normal Black School Jumper with HCB Crest & Black Trainers.** Swimming for Primary 6 will start on Friday 22nd September 2023 at the Falls Leisure Centre and the focus for the first Physical Education theme for September/October is dance. School teams for Gaelic Football (Mr Magennis), Soccer (Mr Mullan), Handball (Mr Ferrin) and Table tennis (Mr Ferrin) will also commence soon. GaelFit coaching (6 weeks) will continue on Wed 20th September for P3 & 4 classes (Week 2) and Multipoint Games on Thursdays for P6 (10.10-10.30), P7 (10.30-11.00), P8 (11.00-11.30) and P9 (11.30-12.00). P5 classes will have GaelFast lessons on Tuesdays 1.15 to 2.30pm.

Sport Changes Life - Honour Roll Programme: The programme will be 8 weeks based around the transition from Primary 7 to first year. The 1st of the 8-week programme will start on Monday 25th of September for P7L R18 and P7H R20. Each week there will be a sports session involving different icebreakers, team-building games, and team sports. The workshops are based around both personal development and good relations and will cover a range of topics from hopes and fears, anti-bullying, online safety, healthy lifestyles, team building, Olympic and Paralympic games and values and goal setting.

Extended Schools: We will restart our Extended Schools Programme tomorrow, Monday 18th September 2023. Notes and reply slips have been send home with the boys, detailing out extensive list of activities, including Sports (Multi-Sports, Soccer, Handball, Table tennis and Gaelic Football), Languages (Irish, French and Spanish) and Musical instruments (drums and guitar).

School Nurse Angela Evans, proved an excellent addition last year with The Happy Healthy Children Programme, which helps ensure an enhanced school nursing programme to support the health needs of all the children. This is the 2nd year of the two year pilot. Angela will visit the school this week to discuss and update all pupil medical information and relevant careplans. NB: Please contact the school asap if you have any medical issues/concerns regarding your son that the school should know about.

School Holidays for 2023/24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf

HCB Healthy Eating Policy: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Should you tell lies or not?

Weekly Challenge: Go for a walk.

Motivational Quote: Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right.

Henry Ford.



Oliver Dunning, Brandon Burke Conway, Cohen Carson, Neil Murphy, Charlie McNally, Ray Gough, James Rodgers, Cain Reid, Leo Dewar, Eamonn Burns, Manuel-Iosua Cirpaci, Sean Francis Ferguson, Kayden Brady & Corey Smyth.

Upcoming EVENTS

***Trainer Tuesday:** Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesdays for 50p, starting Tue 17th Sept.

***Friday Tuckshop:** will take place every Friday, continuing on Friday 22nd Sept.

***P1-P7 Intranasal fluenz Tetra vaccine** on Friday 13th October.

***Solitude Friday Visits:** Week 2 on Friday 22nd September.

***Punctuality Monitoring Week** will take place this week Mon 18th to Fri 22nd Sept.

SMOKEBUSTERS is on Wed 20th SEP for P6 and P7 classes

***European Languages Day:** Tues 26th Sept.

***World Mental Health Day:** Tue 10th Oct. Class massage and relaxation sessions with Donna.

***Book Fair** starts on the week beginning Monday 16th October (Details to follow).

***Rewarding Pupils:** Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance at Mid-term and end of term to start Monday 23rd October.

***P7H Relaxation and Therapy sessions** with Donna Hawkins on 6, 13, & 20 Novp (mornings).

***Halloween Break** Halloween Break from Thur 26th Oct to Wed 1st Nov inclusive. Early finish on Wed 25th Oct (P2, 4 and 6 finish 11.45am, P3, 5 and 7 finish 12.00pm. RR, SR and P 1 will finish at 11.30am.

***Anti-Bullying Week:** Mon 13th - Fri 17th November.

***World Philosophy Day** is on Thur 16th Nov 2023 (Focus on Aristotle).

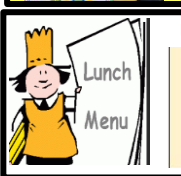
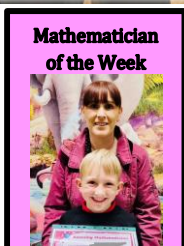
Celebrating the Feast of the Holy Cross



Assembly – Respecting our Community



PE with Community Sports Network



Monday 18 th Sept	Tuesday 19 th Sept	Wednesday 20 th Sept	Thursday 21 st Sept	Friday 22 nd Sept
Sausage Roll, Baked Beans & Chips. Ice Cream and Fruit.	Beef Meatballs, Tomato and Basil Sauce, Sweetcorn & Pasta, Apple Sponge & Custard.	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn & Steamed Rice, Strawberry Mousse.	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Rich Gravy, Cauliflower/Broccoli & Mashed Potato/Oven Roast Potato, Jam & Coconut Sponge Cake.	Beef Burger, Sweetcorn & Chips, Flake meal Biscuit.

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023.pptx

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
RR	8.45	2.00	12.30
SL	8.45	2.30	12.30

HCB Weekly Bulletin for Monday 18th to Friday 22nd September 2023