

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

MILL	1Q: Logan Neill & Callum Magill	1T: Joey Sloan & Leon Neill	2F: Cillian Robinson & Kaison Grogan	2M: Cruz Perry & Archie Armstrong	3M: Ian Silva & Sean Neeson	3Mo: Francis Murphy & Jude Hyndman	4W: Odhran McGibbon & Harley Boyle	ARISTOTLE
SOCRATES	4M: Connell Gourley & Finn McConnell	5W: Calvin McGeough & Jayden Davey	5C: Conor Moyna & Leo Dewar	6M: Ciaran Gormley & Kayden Brady	6E: Lorcan Timmons & Caiden McKinney	7L: Mason Jay Bradley & Michael John Nugent	7H: Riley Harper & Cain Whelan	PLATO

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who have been selected to go to Solitude for a coaching session on the pitch on Friday 8th December with our two current staff members, Tony Kane 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:** Stephen Marley, Jack Stewart, James Braniff, Kaelann Gilvary, Shay Gilvary, Connell Gourley, Kenzie Morgan & Finn McConnell. **P5:** Theo Hyland, Jake Frame Donaghy, Rhys Corrigan, Jayden Davey, James McCorry & Patrick McManus. **P6:** Kaelem Madden, Finn Johnston, Jay Taylor, Ethan Maguire, Ryan Reilly & Ciaran Gormley. **P7:** Muiz Ojo, Christopher Gormley, Junior B Evans, Rhys Ewing, Kaiden Boyle McAllister, Mark McConnell & Alfie O'Hare.

P1-3 Christmas Show (BABUSHKA): Our annual P1-3 Christmas Show will take place for parents on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December at 10.00am in the school hall. Tickets cost £3.00 and will be available in the front office from tomorrow, Mon 4th December 2023.

Hygiene Talks Thank you to our school nurse, Angela, for visiting the Primary 6 and 7 classes last week to provide a very worthwhile and informative awareness session on the importance of personal hygiene. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the discussion and in particular, the interactive demonstrations. HCB would like to thank Angela for this great initiative and look forward to future visits!

Annual Christmas Window Painting at Tesco Superstore Yorkgate: Thanks to our wonderful P7 pupils alongside Sharon and Helen who did a superb job in decorating the windows at Tesco Superstore, Yorkgate. Grateful thanks to Donna (Community Champion) for the invite. The boys and staff had a great time. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/annual-christmas-window-painting-at-tesco-superstore-yorkgate/?p=1&tags=1081>, **CRIS:** P3Mc R10 completed their four Buddy Up sessions with their new friends at Glenwood Primary School last week, learning about identity. P7L will start their sessions in January 2024.

HCB Anti-Bullying Ambassador Team: Our new HCB Anti-Bullying Ambassador Team started last week in the Primary 1 to 3 Play Zones to assist the staff member on duty. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/our-new-hcb-anti-bullying-ambassadors-for-2023-24/?p=1&tags=1081>

Counselling Service: With the help of ES funding & the PHA, we are now offering a specialist counselling service for selected pupils on Mondays (Mental Health Movement at the Marrowbone Hub) thanks to Caoimhin McNulty and on Wednesdays in the school with Anne.

Physical Education: Year 7 will start their 8-week swimming programme after Christmas on Friday 12th January 2024. The focus for the 2nd Physical Education theme for November/December is Gymnastics. Multipoint Games at the Ardoyne Community Centre with Community Sports Network continues Thursdays for 6J (10.10-10.30), 6M (10.30-11.00), 7H (11.00-11.30) and 7L (11.30-12.00). Year 5 will have week 3 of their handball programme with Gaelfit's Oisín on Thursdays in the school hall. P5 classes will also have Gaelfit lessons on Tuesdays 5W R14 @ 1.10-1.50pm and 5C R14 @ 1.50-2.30pm. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/handball/>

Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and costs of £1 per morning (includes cereal, toast and a drink). Wednesdays are always FREE and we give out Tuckshop and Breakfast Club vouchers every Wednesday. BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE FREE for ALL PUPILS IN TERM 2.

Music: The HCB choir, under the guidance of Mrs Martin, performed beautifully at the Christmas Carol fest in St. Anne's Cathedral on Friday. Well done boys. 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 next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 7th December @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

Extended Schools Block 2/Final Week 5 will start tomorrow, Mon 4th to Fri 8th Dec. Block 3 Week 1 will restart on Mon 8th to Fri 12th Jan and end on week Mon 5th to Fri 9th Feb 2024.

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

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

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Is it ok to eat meat?

Weekly Challenge: Picture your favourite place and go there in your mind to feel good again.

Motivational Quote: Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened.

Dr. Seuss

Happy Birthday

Diarmuid Blair, Conn Curran
Mcllkenny, Tomas Cosgrove,
Lorchain Varndell Keenan,
Rio Cooke-Faulkner, Joseph
Thompson, Caoimhin
McBride & Thomas Boyle.

Upcoming EVENTS

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 5th December for 50p.

Breakfast Club FREE entry on Wed 6th Dec for P2-7 pupils from 8am.

Tuckshop: will take place this Fri 8th Dec.

Solitude Friday Visits on Friday 8th Dec.

TRIPS: RR & SR to Cinema on Mon 18th Dec.

Soccer Team to play St. Michael's PS on Mon 11th Dec at 12.00pm. School Tournament at Hammer Youth Club @9.30am on Fri 15 Dec.

Rewarding Pupils: Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance at end of term 1 on Monday 18th Dec 2023.

***P1-3 Christmas Show:** Parents Day 1 on Wed 13th & Day 2 on Thur 14th Dec 23

***Santa visit (P1-4) & Christmas Jumpers** (All pupils) & Christmas carol service (1.30pm) in church on Tue 19th Dec 2023

Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumpers (all pupils) on Wed 20th Dec 2023.

Christmas Carol Service at Holy Cross Church at 1.30pm on Tuesday 19th December.

Christmas Holidays: Pupils will finish earlier on Thur 21st Dec @11.00am and return for Term 2 on Monday 8th Jan 24.

Year 7 Swimming: Starts Fri 12th Jan 24.

P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits on Monday 15th to Wed 24th April 2024.

Holy Communion on Fri 17 May 24 @ 11am.



HCB Anti-Bullying Ambassadors



Handball programme with Gaelfit's Oisín

CRIS - Buddy Up Programme

Window Painting at Tesco

Hygiene Talks

Reader of the Week 	Sports Star of the Week 	Mathematician of the Week 	Philosopher of the Week 	Merry Christmas CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU ROAST TURKEY AND STUFFING CRISTAL SAUSAGES PORK MASHED CARROTS DESSERT OF THE DAY ORANGE & BLACKCURRANT JUICE Will be served on 20/12/23	Healthy Eating Ambassador
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	Monday 4 th Dec	Tuesday 5 th Dec	Wednesday 6 th Dec	Thursday 7 th Dec	Friday 8 th Dec
Lunch Menu	Monday Sausage, Beans and Chips. Jelly and Fruit.	Tuesday Savory Mince, Baton Carrots & Mashed Potato. Sponge & Custard.	Wednesday Chicken Curry, Naan Bread, Sweetcorn & Steamed Rice. Ice Cream & Fruit	Thursday Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Rich Gravy, Carrots, Peas & Mashed Potato/Oven Roast Potato. Flake meal Biscuit.	Friday Fish finers, Beans and Chips. Fingers and Frozen Yoghurt.

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/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 4th to Friday 8th December 2023