



Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential

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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

MILL	1Q: Cael O'Hanlon & Leo Crawford	1T: Conor O'Shea & Jaxx Walker	2F: Adam Petticrew & Cillian Robinson	ARISTOTLE
MCGOVERN & CONN MCKENNY	2M: Thomas Lean & Lenni Smith	3Mc: Jude Quigley & Liam Eagle	3Mo: Lorcan Turley & Theo Hughes	4W: Leon
SOCRATES	4M: Cohan Rafferty & Zavion Den Heijer	5W: Alfie Hillick & Christy Engelen	5C: Haiden Toner & Jake Frame	6M: Oisín Moore & Manuel Cirpaci
	6E: Danny Og McMullan & Jake Boyle	7L: Patrick Valliday & Mason Jay Bradley	7H: Faelan McGuckian & Alfie O'Hare	Starlight: Dylan OgKelly
			RR: Seb Burns	PLATO

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude for a coaching session on the pitch on Friday 15th 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.

Christmas Time – Key dates: P1-3 Christmas Show for Parents Day 1 on Wednesday 13th & Day 2 on Thursday 14th Dec 23 @10.00am. Homework Packs will be sent home on Friday 15th December 2023. Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Visit will take place on Tuesday 19th December 2023. It will be a non-uniform day when P1-7 pupils and staff will be asked to wear their Christmas jumper (or Christmas symbol). Santa will meet P1/2/RR/SL pupils in the hall and then visit P3/P4 classrooms. **Christmas Carol Service:** The Primary 4-7 pupils will join Holy Cross Girls' and Mercy Primary on Tuesday 19th December 2023 @ 1.30pm in Holy Cross Church. **Christmas Holidays:** All pupils will finish earlier (11.00am) on Thursday 21st December 2023 and return for Term 2 on Monday 8th January 2024.

Confirmation for Year 7 will be celebrated on Friday 26th January 2024 at 11am in Holy Cross Church. This sacrament will be celebrated alongside Holy Cross Girls' P.S. The Service of Commitment and Light will be held on Thursday 18th January 2024. More information on this will follow.

Accelerated Reading/FRECKLE: Presentation of Certificates for P4-7 pupils in classes by Mr Connolly (AR) and Mr Morrin (FRECKLE) on Mon 11 Dec 2023.

Term 1 Awards: We will visit the classes on Mon 18th Dec 2023 to give out awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance for term 1.

Philosophy: Philosopher of the Week Jake dared to think differently on the concept of happiness.

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.

November Staff Mental Health & Well-being Draw: Congratulations to the winners of this month's draw, Helen and Donna! Thank you to @Laverycomedyclubbelfast and @dirtycarswanted for their very kind donations, it is greatly appreciated!

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. Multisport Games at the Ardoyne Community Centre with Community Sports Network continues Thursdays for 6J (10.10-10.30), 6M (10.30-11.00), 5W (11.00-11.30) and 5C (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 Gaelfast lessons on Tuesdays 5W R14 @ 1.10-1.50pm and 5C R14 @ 1.50-2.30pm.

The School Team, under the guidance of Mr Mullan and Joe Gormley, will encounter St. Michael's PS tomorrow, Monday 11th Dec at 12.00pm in the EDCO U11 Cup (9 a-side) at Solitude. The boys have already enjoyed victories over St. Joseph's P.S and Strandtown P.S.

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 PUPILS IN TERM 2.

Music: Greg from the Ulster Orchestra visited our bassoonists on Friday (pics below). 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 14th December @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

Extended Schools: ES 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

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: **Why is it important to wear a seatbelt or sit in a booster seat?**

Weekly Challenge: **Count how many times you can say; please, thank you and excuse me. Can you beat 20?**

Motivational Quote: **Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood. Helen Keller**

Happy Birthday

Logan Canavan, Seamus Burns, Jack O'Hare, Patrick Llewellyn, Maddex Neill, Jack Frame, Rio Lawlor, Caoimhin Catney & Jack Hamilton.

Upcoming EVENTS

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 12th December for 50p.

Breakfast Club FREE entry on Wed 13th Dec for P2-7 pupils from 8am.

Tuckshop: will take place this Fri 15th Dec.

Solitude Friday Visits on Friday 15th 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 15th Dec

Rewarding Pupils: Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance at end of term 1 on Mon 18th Dec 23.

P1-3 Christmas Show: Parents Day 1 on Wed 13th & Day 2 on Thur 14th Dec 23 @10.00am

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 Holidays: Pupils will finish earlier on Thur 21st Dec return Term 2 on Mon 8th Jan 24.

Year 7 Swimming: Starts Fri 12th Jan 24 P1

K52 Environmental Show on Tue 16th Jan 2024 @9.30am in school hall.

Confirmation for Year 7 on Fri 26 Jan 24 @ 11am in Holy Cross Church. Service of Commitment and light will be held on Thursday 18th January 2024.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Fri 9th Feb 2024

St. Patrick's Day Hols: Pupils finish early (11.00am) on Thur 14th and return on Tue 19th Mar 2024.

Easter Holidays: Pupils will finish early on Thurs 28th Mar (11.00am) 24 and return on Mon 8th Apr 2024.

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

Holy Communion on Fri 17 May 24 @ 11am.



Reader of the Week	Sports Star of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Philosopher of the Week	Christmas Dinner to be served on 20/12/23 CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU ROAST TURKEY AND STUFFING COCKTAIL SAUSAGES PEAS BATON CARROTS DESSERT OF THE DAY ORANGE & BLACKCURRANT JUICE	Healthy Eating Ambassador
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	Monday 11 th Dec	Tuesday 12 th Dec	Wednesday 13 th Dec	Thursday 14 th Dec	Friday 15 th Dec
Lunch Menu	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.

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 11th to Friday 15th December 2023

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