

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

ARISTOTLE SL Room: Daire Savage RR Room: Eoghan Finnegan 1Q R2: Leo Crawford & Carter McIlvenna 1T R3: Carter Baker & Caiden Morelli 2F Kane and Hollie Mailey (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: John Og Robinson Taylor & Jacob McKenna. P4: NM Sports (3 weeks left). P5: Eamonn Burns, Leo Dewar, Lorchain Keenan, Haiden Toner, Ethan Curley, Seamus McGuinness, Lu Daire Clarke, Ali Albasha, Riley Braniff, Jaxson Bittles & aolan McAllister. P6: Finnbar Johnston, Noah McKeown, Kaelem Madden, Darragh Whelan, Kieron Muldoon, Manuel Cirpaci, Rio Lawlor, Odhran Leith Corbett, Nathan Silva & Ethan Maguire. P7: (Swimming). **HCB School Uniform Reminders:** HCB School Uniform consists of: Black jumper (with school crest), Red Polo shirt, Plain Black trousers, plain black shoes/black trainers (no stripes/designs). On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in school (watches are not considered items of jewellery and may be worn). Earrings ARE NOT PERMITTED. Hair: Lines or dyes ARE NOT PERMITTED. PE Kit: Black Bottoms, White Polo Shirt, Black School Jumper with HCB Crest & Black Trainers. https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20240109111038_16_Parent_Note_on_School_and_PE_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf

Transition Week (P7): Our annual Transition Week for Year 7 starts tomorrow, Monday 26th March 2024, when the boys will experience an idea of what school life may be like in their next school this September 2024. 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. **O.T.O.S. (One-to-One Support) Reading Boost programme** will begin tomorrow, Monday 26th Feb and will last for 8 school weeks for selected pupils. Each child has been chosen by their class teacher to avail of this excellent opportunity based on their recent exam results and performance or reading in class. They will receive one-to-one help from a trained mentor to help develop their reading or boost their confidence. They will receive this help 2 days each week. A short Reading Workshop for the selected pupils/parents is on tomorrow, Monday 26th February @ 2.00pm with Mrs. Reel (Communication Co-ordinator). **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. **World Book Day** is on Thursday 7th March 2024 this year. We would like the Primary 1 and 2 pupils to either wear or bring their pyjamas to school or their dressing gown. They can also bring their favourite small cuddly toy to school for the day. Or if they already have a costume for World Book Day, they can wear it. We would ask that Primary 3-7 pupils bring their favourite book to school to share with their teacher and peers. Mr McAreevy has asked if the parents could upload a photo of their child reading in an unusual place to their class app. There will be prizes for the best photos. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-celebrate-world-book-day-in-style/?p=25&tags=1081>

What's Inside Programme: Our YEAR 7 boys alongside the girls of HCB and Mercy Primary really benefited and enjoyed this very comprehensive and interactive workshop, which prepares 10-11 year olds for both physical and emotional changes, exploring the changes associated with the transition to post-primary school, as well as recognising the importance of building healthy relationships. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-7-whats-inside-interactive-workshop/> **Sponsored Bounce-a-thon:** Like last year, we are holding a sponsored Bounce-a-thon in school hall on Wednesday 6th March 2024. The money raised will provide much needed funds for purchasing novels and guided reading books. Each boy will be asked to seek sponsors or donations from their family and friends (1 sponsor sheet per family). Every child in school who has been given parent/guardian consent, will get a chance to take part. Sponsor sheets were distributed on Mon 19th Feb for the pupils taking part. All monies should be returned to the class teacher by Mon 4th Mar 2024. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/sponsored-bounce-note-formpdf/?p=18&tags=1081> **CRIS and Peace Players:** P7L met up with their buddies from Glenwood PS last week. They had a great day playing games and participating in a tower building competition. The boys will meet this Tuesday 27th February for the last joint session at Glenwood. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/buddy-up-programme-with-glenwood-ps/> P4M enjoyed their first of 4 sessions with Peace Players on Thursday and look forward to the next three - 1.15 to 1.45 on Thursdays 29 Feb, 7 & 14 March. **Philosophy:** Philosopher of the Week Noah stands proudly with his certificate and 2 Fabulous students (Queens University). The philosophical theme this week was identity and change! **MUSIC:** Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly. **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 6 School Football team meet Our Lady Queen of Peace @ 2.00pm at the Waterworks in the Primary 6 EDCO Cup this week. Year 7 will have week 5 of their 8-week swimming programme on Friday 1st March. The focus for Physical Education theme in Term 2 is Games & Gymnastics. Year 5 will continue their GAA programme with Gaeltit's Oisín on Thursdays. PSW enjoyed the coaching in the sunshine last week. They were learning about passing the ball while moving, dipping, toe kicks and scoring. The children were so happy to see Coach Oisín back and are already looking forward to next week. **NM Coaching** for P1T in hall @9:30, P1Q,30 mins in hall @10:00, P4W AYC @10:30 & P4M AYC @11:30 (2 weeks left - Friday 1st and 8th March 2024). NM Coaching for Year 6 on Tuesdays and Year 5 on Thursdays (for 4 weeks). **Mental Health Awareness:** The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 29th FEB 24 @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson. **School Holidays** https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf

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

Conor O'Shea, Cathal Og Thompson, Rossa Donnelly, Thomas Casey, Lennon Lindsay, Conleth McGuinness, James Braniff & Corey McCaffrey.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on 27th Feb for 50p.

Breakfast Club is FREE for all pupils in Term 2.

Transition Week (P7) this week beginning Mon 26th to Thur 29th FEB 2024.

Tuckshop: will take place on Friday 1st Mar.

Sponsored Bounce-a-thon Wed 6th March.

World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024

Solitude Friday Visits Next visit on Friday 1st Mar.

First Confession (Year 3) Friday 8th March 2024

Rewarding Pupils: Term 2 Award Winners for Reading, Maths and Attendance on Tue 26 March.

Year 7 Swimming: Week 5 on Fri 1st March 2024.

TRIPS: YEAR 2: Titanic Museum 06/03/24. YEAR 4: Armagh Planetarium 23/04/24. YEAR 5: W5 (Energy Workshop) 06/03/24 & Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24. Year 6: Belfast Giants 01/03/24.

HIP N HEALTHY Programme (online) for 7H R20 on Wed 6 Mar: Tackling Anxiety, Wed 10 Apr: Developing Resilience & Wed 8 May: Three Pillars of Growth.

NSPCC PANTS programme visit P1-P4 11/04/24

St. Patrick's Day Assemblies KS1 & KS2 on Wed 13th March 24.

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

Accelerated Reader & FRECKLE Certificates for Term 2 on Monday 25 Mar 2024.

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

Careers Week: Monday 22- Friday 26 April 24

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

Holy Communion Year 4 Fri 17 May 24 @11am.

School Closures in May 2024: Mon 6th & Tue 7th and Mon 27th & Tue 28th May 2024.

Year 7 Leaver Ceremony Fri 21 June @10am

Summer Holidays Year 1-6 on Fri 28 June @11am



PHILOSOPHER	READER	MATHEMATICIAN	MUSICIAN	SPORTS STAR	Healthy Eating	Artist

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 26th FEB Friday 1st MAR 2024



Monday 26th Feb	Tuesday 27th Feb	Wednesday 28th Feb	Thursday 29th Feb	Friday 1st March
Baked Pork Sausages & Gravy Baked Beans / Garden Peas Chipped / Baked Potato Ice-Cream & Two Fruits	BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap Sw sweetcorn / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Oven Roasted Garlic & Paprika Wedges Jaffa Cake Pots	Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed / Baby Potato Fruit Sponge & Custard	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Gravy Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed / Oven Roast Potato Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap with Onions Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Steamed Rice Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20240206013322_80_HCB_Dinner_Menu_for_Spring_-_Summer_2024.pdf