

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

ARISTOTLE SL Room: Dylan Og Kelly RR Room: Seb Burns 1Q R2: Cathal Og Thompson & Conal O'Hanlon **LT R3: Conan Anderson & Cillian Sloan**
 2F R4: Finley McKeown & Jack McNally 2M R5: Phelix Dewar & Saul McLroy **3Mc R10: Lawrence McAfee & Ian Silva Brita**
4W R12: Ollie Maguire & Leo Morgan 4M R11: James Rodgers & Ethan McStravick 5W R14: Jack Moss & Jayden Davey 5C R15: Jake
Frame Donaghy & Jayden Rodgers Neill 6M R19: Caoimhin McGarry & Pearse Strain 6EJ R21: Oisín Large & Leo Murray 7L R18:
Bahran Weldeamanuel & Josh Lyttle 7H R20: Jack Murphy & Caoimhin McBride

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 8th March 2024 for a coaching session on the pitch with our two staff members, Tony Kane and Hollie Mailey. 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:** Harlee Cooke Faulkner & Jacob McKenna. P4: NM Sports (1 week left). P5: Jack McAuley Reid, Conlon Foster, Aidan Toal, Rio Cooke Faulkner, James Corr, Leyton Smith, Lewis Campbell, Rafael Escano, Caleb Patterson & Michael Ferry. P6: Ethan Rowles, Corey McCaffrey, Pearse McCrudden, Sean Murphy, Bradain Kane, Rio Lawlor, Ciaran Gormley, Brooklyn O'Neill, Kayden Brady & N Piaras Watt. P7: (Swimming Week 6 of 8).
First Confession: Congratulations to the P3 children who made their First Confession on Friday. Thank you to our school chaplain Brian McKee, Fr Frank, Fr. Vincent, Fr. Anthony, Fr. John, Mrs Martin (Music Specialist), Mr Wallace (RE Coordinator) and our teachers, Mrs Mohan and Mrs McShane and our classroom assistants, Ciarna, Catriona, Alysha and Steven for ensuring that the boys were prepared meticulously for this very special occasion.
O.T.O.S. (One-to-One Support) Reading Boost programme: Week 3 of the 8 for selected pupils continues this week. They will receive one-to-one help from a trained mentor to help develop their reading or boost their confidence.

Pupil monitoring: Focus on Attendance, Punctuality, Homework, Schoolwork, School Uniform/ Shoes & Behaviour/Attitude. We have a list of pupils who are consistently having difficulties in one or more of these areas and closely monitor this on a weekly basis in order to help the boys improve. Mr McAreevy (Thursdays) & Mr Curran (Tuesdays) will continue to visit the classes to check up on these concerns. If there are improvements in the coming weeks, then we will reward your son with a tuckshop voucher and his name will be removed.
World Book Day: HCB celebrated World Book Day, last Thursday 7th March, when the Primary 1 and 2 boys dressed up in their pj's, dressing gowns and some came to school dressed as their favourite book character. The Primary 3-7 pupils brought in their favourite books to share with their class and many parents uploaded some fabulous pictures of their child reading in an unusual place. Thank you to all our parents for your support and help in acknowledging this special day and the power of reading. Congratulations to these boys who won a tuckshop voucher for the best photo in their class of reading in an unusual place: 1Q Cian Carson, 1T Ebon Olagunju, 2F Mason Madden, 2M Saul Gormley & Brody Oliver, 3Mc Lorcan Cahill, 3Mo Lochlan Turley & Odhran McGranaghan, 4M Tiarnan Murphy, 4W Odhran McGibbon, 5W Jaxson Bittles, 5C Kaiden Boothman, 6M Pearse Strain, 6EJ Martin Lundy, 7L Jack Stewart, 7H Mark McConnell, Rainbow Joseph Wilgaus & Starlight Daire Savage. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-celebrated-world-book-day-today/?p=1&tags=1081>.

Sponsored Bounce-a-thon: Thank you so much to all our parents and the local community for the generosity shown and to the boys for their hard work in helping the school to raise an amazing total of £3800 from our Sponsored Bounce-a-thon last Wednesday 6th March in the school hall. A special mention to those pupils who brought in more than £50! The boys also had so much fun in the process. Thank you to Mrs Brooks, Mrs Reel & Mrs Torbitt and CA's Erin and Anna for organising this fantastic event. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-bounce-a-thon-raises-funds-for-novels-and-guided-reading-books--thank-you/?p=1&tags=1081>.
Shared Education: P4M enjoyed their final session with Peace Players last Thursday and look forward to the next two - 1.15 to 1.45 on Thursdays 7 & 14 March.
HIP N Healthy Programme: P7H thoroughly enjoyed their 2nd workshop of the HIP N Healthy Programme last Wednesday on the theme of Tackling Anxiety, which proved to be both very educational and fun for the boys. Well done to the boys, whose contributions during the discussions added depth and perspective to this workshop. This was the 2nd in a series of workshops in school that will focus on topics such as anti-bullying and building emotional awareness. The third workshop (building resilience) is on Wednesday 10th April.

Philosophy: Gavin Óg is our Philosopher of the Week for his insights into Aristotle's Triangle of Happiness.
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: HCB Year 6 soccer team progressed to the quarter final of the EDCO Cup after an exciting game at the Waterworks last Thursday. Leon Shannon opened the scoring with 2 quick goals before Kaelem Madden made it 3-0. Bradain Kane made a fantastic penalty save just before half time to ensure the 3-goal lead going into the break. Leon secured the hat-trick shortly after the restart and the game ended 4-0. Amazing performance lads! Thanks to the coaches, Mr Mullan, Joe Gormley and Tony Kane ●●●
<https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-year-6-soccer-team-advance-to-the-quarter-final-of-the-edco-cup/?p=1&tags=1081>, 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. Thanks to NM Sports who finished with Year 1 and Year 4 this week. The boys thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and learned many new skills along the way. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/football-fever-in-hcb-with-nm-sports-this-morning/>.

Breakfast Club: We are delighted that further funding from the Good Food Fund has meant that we will continue to provide a free breakfast club to the end of June 2024.
Mental Health Awareness: The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 7th March 2024 @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.
HCB Uniform & PE Uniform: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240308100908_94_Parent_Note_on_School_and_PE_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf
School Holidays for 2023-2024 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf
School Holidays for 2024-2025: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240305021858_73_HCB_Holidays_2024-2025.pdf
HCB Healthy Eating Policy: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf

Wellbeing Weekly

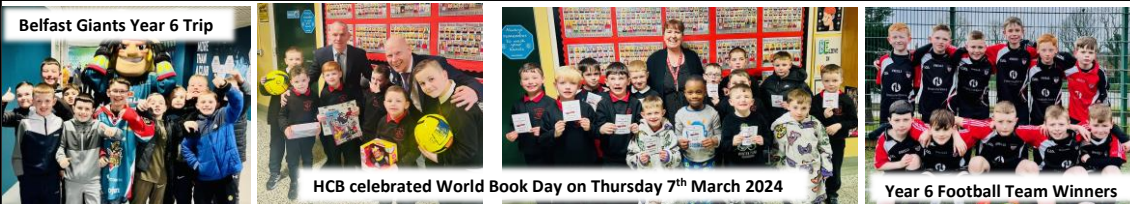
Philosophy Question: Is the music in the air or in your ears?
Weekly Challenge: Close your eyes, put on your headphones and listen to a song that you have never listened to before.
Motivational Quote: Without music, life would be a mistake. Friedrich

Happy Birthday

Logan Murphy, Connor Turner, James Lennon Wallace, Christopher Engelen, Alfie Hillick, Rafael Escano, Danny OgMc Donald-Mullan & Jack Murphy.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on 12th March for 50p.
Breakfast Club is FREE for all in Term 2 & 3.
Tuckshop: will take place on Thurs 14th Mar.
Solitude Friday Visits Next visit Fri 22 Mar.
Rewarding Pupils: Term 2 Winners for Reading, Maths and Attendance on Tue 26 Mar.
Swimming: Year 7: (Fridays) Wk7: 22 Mar & Wk8: 12th Apr. Year 5: Wk1: 19th Apr, Wk2: 26th Apr, Wk3: 3rd May, Wk4: 10th May, Wk5: 17th May, Wk6: 24th May, Wk7: 31st May & Wk8: 7th JUNE (LAST SESSION)
TRIPS: YEAR 4: Armagh Planetarium 23/04/24. YEAR 5: Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24.
HIP N HEALTHY Programme (online) for 7H R20 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 on Tue 19 March.
Accelerated Reader & FRECKLE Certificates for Term 2 on Monday 25 Mar 2024.
Easter Holidays: Pupils will finish early on Thur 28 Mar @11.00am & return Mon 8 Apr.
Careers Week: Mon 22 to Fri 26 April 24
P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits on Monday 15th to Wed 24th April 2024
Holy Communion Year 4 Fri 17 May @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 6 Fri 21 June @10am



	Monday 11 th March	Tuesday 12 th March	Wednesday 13 th March	Thursday 14 th March	Friday 15 th March
	Fish fingers, Chips, Baked Beans & Garden Peas. Homemade Flockmeal Biscuit.	Spaghetti Bolognese, Sweetcorn/Wedges & Garlic Bread. Mandarin Orange Sponge & Custard.	Chicken Curry, Naan Bread, Boiled Rice & Garden Peas. Arctic Roll & Pears.	All pupils finish @11am. No Dinners.	School Closed
Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240228032021_23_Dinner_Menu_Updated_MARCH_2024.pdf					

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

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