

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

1Q: Patrick Travers McMullan & Sonny Hughes Finn **1M:** Junior King & Caolan McTasney McKeever **2F:** Conleth Sloan & Kylian Murray **2T:** Diarmuid Lorenzo Blair & Tommy Mooney **3M:** Jack McNally & Harley Rea McMullan **3A:** Archie Armstrong & Jacob Cooke Faulkner **4W:** Ciaran Kennedy & Ian Silva Brito **4M:** Aodhan Catney & Fionn Wallace **5W:** Conleth McGuinness & Leo Hall **6M:** Oscar Altas & Jaxson Bittles **6H:** James McCorry & Jake Mailey **7M:** Caoimhin Catney & Rio Lawlor **7J:** Corey Doran & Lorcan Timmons **Starlight:** Jacob McKenna **Rainbow:** Daire Ferguson **Moonlight:** Ivan Aldoshyn

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 4th October 2024 for a coaching session on the pitch with our staff members, Mr McEvoy, Tony Kane and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). **Starlight/P4:** Fionntan Morgan, Jude Lagan, Jude Hyndman, Odhran McGranaghan, Darragh Bunting, Conlaoth Delaney, Liam Eagle & Lawrence McAfee. **P5:** Braden McAllister, James Waide, Caolan Doherty, Gerard Frame, Reilly Shay Fahy Cole, Leo Hall, Lennon Lindsay & Odhran McGibbon. **P6:** @Swimming Week 3 P7: Harley Finnegan, Nathan Silva, Yanaton Alem, Kayden Brady, Jay Dilucia, Corey Doran, Caiden McKinney & Alex Cameron. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/solitude-weekly-winners-on-friday-4th-october/?p=1&tags=1081>

School Counselling: Counselling continues for 6 pupils on a weekly basis with Extended Schools funds on Wednesday 9th October and Mental Health Movement (MHM) continues to provide counselling for 4 pupils on Friday 11th October with Stephanie.

World Mental Health Day: To celebrate World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10th October, we have organised a Relaxation and Meditation session with Donna Hawkins for every class in the school this Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th October. The annual Poster Competition to design a poster to highlight the importance of mental health awareness will also take place and the 16 winners will receive a prize on Friday 11th October.

Accelerated Reader Tea with the Principal: Each month, boys close to their AR target, those who have exceeded their target, or are making excellent progress in their AR endeavours will be invited for Morning Tea with the Principal! Today Mr McEvoy hosted our 1st Readers of the Month Tea! It was a great success and thank you to our Coordinator, Mrs. McShane for organising. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/accelerated-reader-tea-with-the-principal/>

HCB Book Fair: The annual Book Fair returns to HCB on Monday 14th October. Remember we get 60% of your total spend back in book vouchers, which we can use to purchase new novels, reading and story books for the school. Please read the information and check the timetable, which will be sent home next week with your son.

Ardoyne Library visits continue on Thursdays from 2.00-2.30pm for P4M R13 on 17th October, P6H R20 on 24th October, P6M R19 on 7th November, P4W R12 on 14th November and P4M (2nd visit) on 21st November. Visit 3 will take place in Term 2.

HCB Student Council for 2024-2025 was selected this week. Well done to the boys who experienced their first student council meeting of the year. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/meet-the-new-hcb-student-council-for-2024-25/?p=1&tags=1081>

Homework Club: We are delighted that the Ardoyne Community Centre are offering a Homework Club for a limited number of Primary 3-6 pupils. Pupils, who are having difficulties with completing their homework and other boys who have asked to go, were given notes/reply slips to take home to get signed last week. This will start this Tuesday 8th October 2024 for Primary 3 @ 2.30 to 3.00pm & Primary 5 @ 3.10 to 4.00pm and on Thursday 10th October 2024 for Primary 4 and 6 @ 2.45 to 3.45pm.

Hazelwood College - Primary School Links Programme: We are delighted that Hazelwood College are continuing to deliver superb lessons (PE, ICT & HE) to our Year 6 & 7 classes this year. 7J R21 & 7M R18 loved their 2nd PE session on Gaelic Football with Mr. Hanvey and are looking forward to the 3rd session next week. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-7-gaelic-football-with-mr-hanvey-from-hazelwood-integrated-college/?p=1&tags=1081>

Congratulations to Thomas Colohan in 1M who achieved his yellow belt in martial arts this weekend.

Pupil Monitoring: This will continue this week on both Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th October to help target pupils with difficulties with attendance, punctuality, homework, reading, spelling, school uniform and behaviour/attitude.

Music: Weekly lessons continue for Singing (Tuesday), Flute (Wednesday), Brass (Thursday), Violin (Thursday), Cello (Friday) & Bassoon (Friday). Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays @ 11.00 to 11.30am & P4-7 on Thursdays @ 11.10 to 11.40am. The P6 boys had a most enjoyable creative movement workshop with Sandy & Rosie from "Off the Rails" Dance Company last week. The theme was "Roots" and explored the history of Black Mountain. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/year-6-loved-their-dance-workshops-this-morning-with-off-the-rails/?p=1&tags=1081>

Singing Workshop for the school choir with tutor from National Youth Choir NI on Thursday 7th November @ 11-12noon. Ulster Orchestra Schools' Concert in Waterfront Hall on 20th Nov 2024 (P4).

Mental Health Awareness: The 4th session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 10th October with specialist, Joe Watson.

Physical Education: Gaelic football for the school team continues on Mondays on the school pitch with Mr. McEvoy (Coach) 3.00-4.00pm. **Swimming (Week 4)** for Primary 6 is on Fri 11th October 24. The focus for the first PE theme for Sept/Oct is **Dance**. Our P2 boys are loving the football sessions with Coach Sean @Project Playmaker NI. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/our-p2-boys-are-loving-the-football-sessions-with-coach-sean-project-playmaker-ni/>

Extended Schools: Week 3 of 8 Extended Schools Programme continues tomorrow, Monday 7th October 2024. Extended Schools timetable and dates for 2024/25- https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240923041020_59_2024_25_ES_DATES_and_TIMETABLE.pdf

Breakfast Club continues daily for P1-7 boys and opens at 8:00am in the school canteen and is **FREE** for Term 1 (includes cereal, toast and a drink).

Mercy College Transition Program (Year 7) on Wednesday 6th November 2024 for both 7J R21 & 7M R18 classes with Mr Nixon (Mercy College).

School Holidays for 2024/25 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240305021858_73_HCB_Holidays_2024-2025.pdf

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

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: What would you do if you found a ring of invisibility?

Weekly Challenge: Tell a relation that you love them and explain why.

Motivational Quote: "Take the first step in faith.

You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Junior Mervyn-Sharma, Jay

James Corrigan, Deaglan

Prenter & Lochlann Turley.



***Monitoring Weekly Class Visits** (pupils with issues with punctuality, attendance, uniform/shoes, homework, Spellings & Reading and behaviour) from VP & Principal continues this **Tues 8th Oct 2024**.

***Football Top Friday** continues **Fri 11th Oct**.

***Friday Tuckshop Day** is on Friday **Fri 11th Oct**.

***Solitude Friday Visit No. 6** on **Fri 11th Oct**.

***School of Philosophy House System:** Weekly winners on **Fri 11th Oct 2024**.

***Extended Schools** - Block 1 (Week 3 of 8) - Monday **7th to Friday 11th October 2024**.

***Dogs Trust Visit:** **Mon 7th Oct** - P4W, P4M & P5W **Wed 9th Oct** - P5M, P6M & P6H & **Thur 10th Oct** - P7J & P7M.

***World Mental Health Day** is **Thur 10th Oct 24**.

Poster competition - on **Fri 11th Oct 24**

***Book Fair Week** starts **Mon 14th October 2024**

***Pupil Awards** for Reading, Maths and Attendance at Mid-term **Monday 21st Oct 2024**.

***Halloween Break** for pupils will be from **Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024**.

inclusive. Early finish on **Fri 25th Oct @ 11.00am**

***Mercy College Transition Program (Year 7)** on **Wednesday 6th November 2024**.

***Flu Vaccination:** P1-P7 (Fluenz Tetra is a vaccine to prevent influenza/flu) on **Wed 6th Nov 2024**.

National Youth Choir NI Singing Workshop (school choir) with National Youth Choir **Thur 7 Nov @ 11-12noon**.

***P7J Relaxation and Therapy sessions** with Donna Hawkins on **Friday 8th, 15th & 22nd Nov**.

SEAG GL Transfer Test 2024 Test Date is on SAT 16th NOV24 Paper 1 & SAT 23rd NOV 24 Paper 2.

***NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe NSPCC programme:** KS1 and KS2 Virtual Assemblies on **Mon 4th Nov & Led Workshops: Wed 13th Nov 9.30am @ 10.30am for Yr6 & 10.45am for Yr 3**.

***Anti-Bullying Week:** **Mon 11th - Fri 15th Nov 2024** - Odd Socks Day (Tuesday 12th Nov) and Poster competition (Friday 15th Nov).

***World Philosophy Day** presentation on Socrates on Thursday 14th November in the hall.

***Ulster Orchestra Schools' Concert** in Waterfront Hall on 20th Nov 24 (P4).

***What's Inside** Yr 7 **Wed 19th Feb 25** 9-12noon.

***First Holy Communion** P4 on **Friday 23rd May @ 11.00am**.

***Primary 1 Health Appraisals** with School Nurse: Dates: **Tues 10th, Wed 11th, Thur 12th, Fri 13th, Tue 17th & Wed 18th June 2025**.



New HCB Student Council



Solitude Winners on 04-10-24



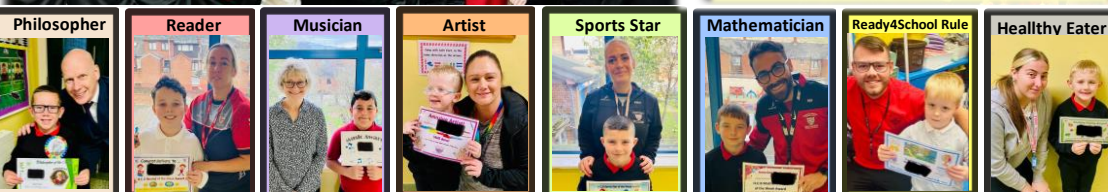
P2 football with Coach Sean



"Off the Rails" Dance Company Workshop



Accelerated Reader Tea with the Principal



	Monday 7 th Oct	Tuesday 8 th Oct	Wednesday 9 th Oct	Thursday 10 th Oct	Friday 11 th Oct
Lunch Menu	Fish Fingers, Oven Baked Wedges, Baked Beans & Peas. Vanilla Ice - Cream & Pears.	Homemade Cheese Pizza, Chips & Baton Carrots. Homemade Baked Banana Cake and Diluting Juice.	Chicken Curry & Nann Bread, Boiled Rice & Sweetcorn. Chocolate & Raspberry Sponge Cake.	Roast Pork, Stuffing, Gravy. Fresh Seasonal Vegetables, Mashed Potato & Oven Roast Potato. Home-baked Popcorn Cookie & Orange Slices.	Beef Burger & Bap. Chips, Mini Corn-on-the Cob & Garden Peas. Frozen Strawberry Mousse

HCB Menu: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/letter/237/20240930091057_77_DinnerMenuUpdatedOctober2024.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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