




NEWSLETTER

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The Principal and Staff of Holy Trinity would like to wish all our pupils and their families a very happy and holy Christmas.

P1 Nativity Show

Our three primary 1 classes have been working really hard over the past few weeks. They have learnt all about the 'First Christmas' and they are learning their songs and lines for their Christmas show which takes place on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th December.



Holy Trinity Preschool Nativity

Christmas is a really exciting time for all our preschool children. They are working really hard to prepare for their big Nativity show on Tuesday 12th December. The children can't wait to perform their parts with great pride for their parents, carers and families.



Holy Trinity Nursery Nativity

Mrs Jones and Mrs Bogue's nursery classes have been preparing for the Nursery nativity plays over the past few weeks. The children are very excited to be performing for their families. The shows take place from Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th December.



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Holy Trinity families donate Christmas Hampers to the local St Vincent De Paul

Each year we ask the parents and children from Holy Trinity Primary & Nursery School to make donations of non-perishable food items for the annual SVP food appeal. The project is part of the schools ongoing work to support the local community which serves our children so well. Every class in the school makes up a packed hamper from the very generous donations, approximately 24 hampers were made up this year. These were all collected by our local SVP representatives who were so delighted by the generosity of the families from the school. SVP will distribute these hampers to those who need support in the community over the Christmas period.

Mr Owen Sheerin & Mr Michael Darcy representing St Vincent De Paul (SVP) and Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery school would like to thank all our parents and carers for their very generous donations.

Pictured: Mr Owen Sheerin & Mr Philip Darcy from St Vincent De Paul, Mrs Una Williams (Teacher) some Holy Trinity pupils along with a display of the many packed food hampers.



P7 - Famine Walk to the Workhouse and Pauper's Graveyard

On the 24th, 27th and 28th November P7 visited the Enniskillen Museum to learn more about the Irish Famine. Catherine Scott talked to the classes about Ireland before, during and after the Famine. She took us on a walk around Enniskillen pointing out key areas linked with the Famine times. We visited the Enniskillen Workhouse and the Pauper's Graveyard. It was a very interesting and informative trip.



Children's Writing Fellow for Northern Ireland

The first Children's Writing Fellow for Northern Ireland has launched a new creative writing project for primary school children entitled 'Head over Heels'.

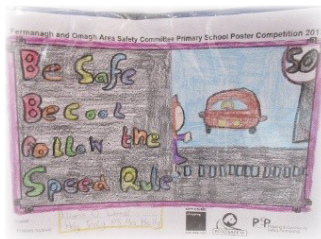
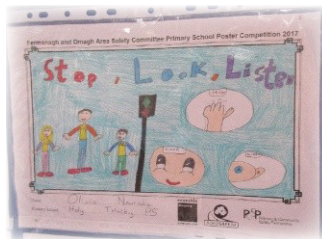
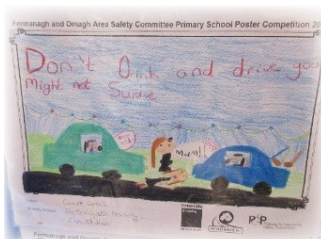
Myra Zepf, the Children's Writing Fellow, based at the Seamus Heaney Centre for Poetry at Queen's University and supported by the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, visited Mrs Cathcart's primary six class and inspired them to write 'Upside down' stories. The pupils had a fantastic morning and are buzzing to get started on their own stories.

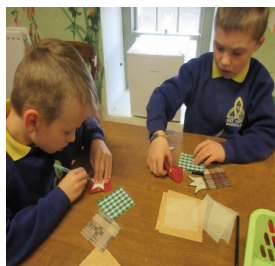
Holy Trinity is one of 25 schools in NI to be selected to take part in the creative brainstorming workshops in the classroom with Myra. From this, Myra will select five young writers and their classes to take part in a special event at the Seamus Heaney Home Place in Bellaghy, in the spring of 2018. At the event in Bellaghy five of Ireland's top illustrators will bring the children's stories to life.



Road Safety Competition

P5 children entered a Road Safety Competition. Out of 500 entries, there were 20 winners. Four girls from Holy Trinity won a £10.00 gift voucher each for the Erneside Shopping centre. Congratulations to Olivia Nawrocka, Cora McConnell, Niamh O'Donnell and Naiara Gonzalez. They enjoyed a little treat in Jamm afterwards.





P4 Victorian Christmas

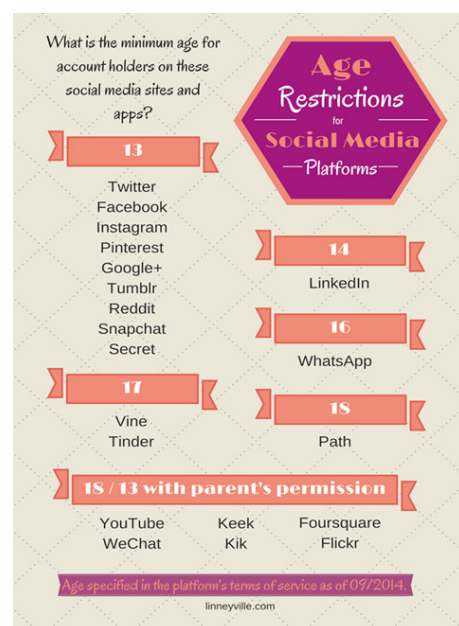
Primary 4 classes visited Florence Court to experience a Victorian Christmas. We made Christmas cards and decorations. We even got to see what life was like for the cook in the kitchen. She had a very busy time preparing and cooking all the food for the Christmas dinner. We had lots of fun.



Age Restrictions on Social Media

It is difficult for parents to know when a child should have access to different areas of social media. The WHSC trust has produced the following illustrated guidelines. For more information on some of these social media sites visit <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Please note that children below **the age of 13** should not be on social media.



PATHS in Holy Trinity

The PATHS® programme aims to promote emotional awareness and problem solving skills among primary school children. Children use the techniques learnt from the programme to help them deal with situations in the playground and the classroom.

On Monday 4th December Gail Irwin, our school PATHS coach, visited Holy Trinity at Mill Street to train some of our P4 children to become PATHS Playground Pals. Six children from each P4 classes attended the training. All our new Playground Pals will use the techniques they have learnt from Gail and from the PATHS programme, in the playground each day. They will show other children how to play playground games in a safe and positive way. Gail also gave an overview of the PATHS programme to our P1 & P2 parents. Thank you to all the parents who attended the information evening.



The photograph shows the children from P1 & P2 who were 'Child of The Day'. They all received fantastic compliments at home and in school to celebrate their achievements.

Holy Trinity are successful at the Flahavans Cross Country event

Thirty pupils from Holy Trinity Athletics Club competed in the 2nd round of the Flahavans Cross country event held at Necarne, near Irvinestown, on Monday 4th December.

The 1200m course was tough with rough conditions under foot and three hills to climb. A huge effort was made by the children to complete the course. They all got very muddy which was part of the fun on the day. Congratulations to Ciara O'Donnell from P6 who represented Holy Trinity with a podium position of a close second place in the girl's race. Well done to everyone on the team who took part in the event. The hard work at weekly training has certainly paid off as many of the boys and girls were ranked in the top 10 positions of their races.

Results on this event can be found on <http://www.athleticsni.org/Results>

Keep up the great work everyone.



Dates to note and Holidays

- **Preschool Nativity:** Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December
- **Junior Choir Performance at Mill Street:** Monday 11th December
- **P1 Nativity Show:** Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December
- **Nursery Nativity:** Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th & Friday 15th December
- **Christmas Carol Service in St Michael's Church:** Wednesday 13th December
- **Choir singing in the community** - various events: Friday 15th December
- **Christmas Holidays:** Thursday 21st December to Wednesday 3rd January

Please note: **School finishes at 12 midday on Wednesday 20th December.**
Children return to school on Thursday 4th January.



MS Office: is available free to all pupils using their C2k username. It can be installed on up to 5 personal devices. Follow the following steps:

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter your child's C2k username in the format auser123@c2ken.net
3. At the next box enter (i) your C2k username auser123 and (ii) password
4. Download the version of MS Office you require

Night at the Races Fundraiser

Help us purchase iPad and Apple TV for our School: We are going to provide an iPad and Apple TV for every classroom next year to support the children's learning. To help us raise the money for this we have formed a Parent Staff Association. The first event that this group have organised is a "Night at the Races" which take place on Friday 9th February in the Westville Hotel. It promises to be a great night and tickets will be on sale in the new year. If you are interested in joining the Parent Staff Association to support the children, please contact Mr Treacy.



P3 - Overview of planned work for December

Mathematics

- Counting in 1s, 2s, 3s 5s & 10s, numbers before, after and between up to 100
- Adding a single digit number to a double digit up to 100
- Adding 2/3 numbers horizontally and vertically.
- Read and spell number names to 20
- Recognition of coins and their value
- Introduction to place value of teen numbers.
- Use coins for simple shopping activities up to 20p and giving change.
- Word problems relating to money. Parents are encouraged to engage children in real everyday shopping activities.
- look at units of measurement - using cm and metres

Literacy: Pupils will learn how to lay out and write their own letter to Santa, sequence and write a recount of the story of Christmas, complete comprehensions related to the Christmas theme and write instructions on how to make a Christmas decoration. They will complete seasonal acrostic poems. Grammar work will continue to focus on capital letters and full stops, speech marks, question marks & adding 'ing' to a word. We will also look at a variety of stories and poems related to Christmas.

W.A.U.

- Exploration of light and uses (in relation to Christmas lights and decorations) – Children will investigate how the earth moves round the sun to make day and night.
- Exploring Christmas traditions around the world.
- Children will design their own decorations

P4 – Overview of planned work for December

Literacy: Pupils will know that adverbs are used to describe verbs. They will identify and use these in their written work and play games about adverbs. Continue to complete the LCSWC method for spellings. Pupils will be reading their shared text, Hurricane and picture book, Flood and will be carrying out activities based on these. In writing pupils will be learning about adventure stories and will be writing their own story based on the book The Tunnel.

Numeracy: Pupils will be continuing to learn their multiplication tables focusing on their 3 times tables and revising their 2, 5 & 10 times tables. Pupils will be solving word problems. Pupils will begin to multiply 2 digit numbers by 1 digit. Our topic work this month will cover time where we will be revising the times of o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Pupils will be writing these in both analogue and digital. They will look at times to 5 minute intervals. We will be solving word problems related to time.

World Around Us: Pupils will continue the topic of Extreme Earth. Pupils will look at the history of Pompeii. Pupils will know what causes earthquakes and how they are measured. Pupils will make their own volcanoes in groups and will construct "earthquake resistant" buildings to withstand their own simulated earthquake. Pupils will create tornado pictures.

P5 - Overview of Planned work for December

Numeracy:

- Number: Language of multiplication and division. Multiplying work (by 2, 3, 4, 5, & 10)
- Topic: Position, movement and angle (grid references, coordinates and compass points)
- Mental Maths – Multiplication of tables. Language of multiplication and division
- Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation
- Learn rule for finding coordinates 'Over the hall and up the stairs'
- Learn rule for compass points – 'Naughty elephants squirt water' (N, E, S, W)

Literacy:

- Novel: Complete Charlotte's Web Novel and related activities
- Grammar work: Past tense work and revision of work covered to date
- Writing: Narrative writing – Retelling a story in their own words and creating an advertisement
- We will complete spelling list 11 – 13 from Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme. Christmas spelling words
- Weekly spelling test preparation

World Around Us:

Topic work – Complete all work on plants and finish carrying out plant investigations

Other Information:

- Athletics tasks & Accelerated Reading to be completed every night
- Homework Diary or homework signed every night

- Take Away Homework to be handed up on a Thursday
- Cross Country – 4th December
- Ceili – Mrs Kelly’s class – 5th December
- Mass – Mrs Gormley’s class – 6th December
- Choir – 7th December
- Carol Service and Christmas dinner – 13th December
- Please return all reading and AR books by Friday 15th December. Thank you.

P6 - Overview of Planned work for December

Maths:

Number (Subtraction work to be completed)

Pupils will be able to:

- Solve problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Know 2-12 times tables (Group appropriate) and use these in solving simple problems.

TOPIC

(Symmetry work to be completed)

- Pupils will understand the term Area and be able to work out areas of 2d shapes (regular and irregular) – counting squares/ formula (cm²).
- The pupils will know that the area of square/rectangle (LxB)
- Pupils will know area of a triangle is LxB divided by 2

English

(Adjectives work to be completed)

- Pupils will understand use of speech marks and use them appropriately.
- Pupils will understand the difference between direct and reported speech.
- Pupils will know the key elements of a recount and be able to write one.
- Pupils will write a story in the first person – Nativity story.

Topic/World Around Us

- Pupils will complete space powerpoints.
- Pupils will know the planets in our system.
- They will know what a constellation is and be aware of the legends connected with them.

We encourage the P6s to keep AR reading and Athletics activities going alongside their daily homework. Also they will continue to complete one 'Take Away' homework each week.

The library is open for P6s on Tuesday and Friday Mornings from 8.15am. The ICT suite is available from 8:15 am each morning for pupils to complete AR tests.

The P6 pupils will be having a trip to the Armagh Planetarium on Wednesday 10th January. More information will follow.

P7 - Overview of Planned work for December

Numeracy:

- In Number we will be extending our understanding of place value. We will be working on problem solving tasks
- For topic work we will be covering co-ordinates
- Times tables from 1-12

Literacy:

- Children will read and complete work on 'A Christmas Carol'
- Children will be begin looking at different types of poetry

World Around Us:

- We will complete the Famine topic.

Trip:

We will be visiting the Ulster American Folk Park in Omagh on 8th December.

Dates to remember:

- Visiting the Enniskillen Museum, the Enniskillen Workhouse, Pauper's Graveyard. Children will bring a letter home showing the date and time for their class.
- 16th December - Mrs Devine and Miss Quigley's classes perform their Christmas show