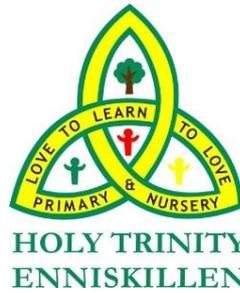




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Important notes and dates to remember:

- **Monday 12th November:** Parent Teacher Meetings at Mill Street
- **AWARE NI is running a 'Supporting Children's Emotional Health' programme in Fermanagh House on 20th November 2018:** Parents, if you are interested in attending this programme please download and complete the form which can be found on our school web site (see the Parent info page under Information for Parents).
- **Applying for Primary 1 and Nursery places for the 2019/2020 school year:** The way in which parents apply for Primary 1/Nursery places is changing. Online applications are being introduced in the 2019/2020 school year. Please check the Education Authority website <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions> from the end of November 2018 onwards for updates on how to apply for a place, key dates in the admissions procedure and schools' admissions criteria for September 2019/2020 school year.

Jeans for Vincent Fundraiser

On Friday 19th October the children & staff at Holy Trinity wore their jeans to school to support 'Jeans for Vincent', a fundraising initiative by St Vincent De Paul. The charity supports a large number of families in our community and will be delighted with the donations they receive. Everyone wearing jeans made a small donation. The school raised a brilliant **£1190** for Saint Vincent de Paul. Thank you to the families & friends of our school for your generous support for a very worthy cause. Dr John Porteous and Mr Eunan Maguire, representing St Vincent De Paul, were delighted to receive a cheque on behalf of the charity. Mr Treacy, Eabha and Charly made the presentation.



Hallowe'en crafts in Mrs Fee's P3 class

We made witches in class today for Hallowe'en. The hats were made from black paper and we used folded orange paper for the hair. We made eyes from white paper. Some witches had hairs on their chin made from wool. They all looked so different. *By Nicole and Eabha*



Friends of Holy Trinity group



Friends of Holy Trinity have now held two meetings to discuss our action plan and ideas to support children in our school and our community. We will provide further information to parents at the parent teacher meetings on Mill Street on 12/11/2018, you can meet some of the committee members. Any contributions or ideas will always be appreciated.

Rugby with Rob

Primary 6 pupils have been enjoying learning to play Rugby in the Autumn sunshine, coached by Rob Watson from Enniskillen Rugby Club. Pupils have been really active during these classes and have had a lot of fun learning new skills. The pupils celebrated their new talents by taking part in a school's blitz. Holy Trinity were one of 5 local schools who took part and they thoroughly enjoyed the exercise and fun on the pitch. Thank you to Enniskillen Rugby club, coaches, referees and club members (special mention must go to Moya, Mrs Devine's daughter, who was a great team mentor.)



Hallowe'en fun in P2



P2 enjoyed a spooky story time with "Esmeralda" in our school library. They also loved the Hallowe'en games especially apple bobbing and making chocolate apples.



P4 are learning lots about WWII

In Primary 4 we have been learning all about World War II and evacuees. Some of us made evacuee suitcases as part of our Takeaway Homework. They are fantastic.



Super Accelerated Readers

The children at KS1 have been enjoying reading lots of books from the school library. The ICT suite is very busy every morning with pupils completing and passing quizzes. Well done to our top Accelerated Reading readers for October from each class in P3 and P4 for October. Keep up the great reading everyone.



****Please Note:** Parents please remember to register on the Accelerated Reading (AR) web site so that you can receive an email every time your child completes a quiz. Its lovely to see their progress. To register click the **AR Home Connect** link at the bottom of the school web page, have your child log in using their AR login and password. Click the **email setup** link at the top left of the page and enter your information. When you log in you will also see all the books your child has read.

Cross Country success

There was a hive of activity at the Ballygawley playing fields on Wednesday 10th October for Round 1 of the Flahavan's Porridge Cross Country League. This highly anticipated event was the first outing of the season for the Holy Trinity Running Club. Ideal running conditions and a spectator friendly venue added to the atmosphere, where 14 enthusiastic Holy Trinity children completed the 1200m winding course with determination. Well done to all our runners who took part.

In a field of over 100 competitors, many children from Holy Trinity finished the course within the top 20! Congratulations to Tegan Boyle who represented Holy Trinity with a 2nd place podium position. Congratulations also to the Girls' Team who are currently in first place of the league. The event results can be found on <http://www.athleticsni.org/Results>

The Holy Trinity Running Club thoroughly enjoyed participating in this competition and we are looking forward to celebrating further success at upcoming running events in the near future.



P5 are learning about mini beasts

The P5 classes were "Woodland Explorers" on the 29th of October when they visited Florence Court gardens. The children had great fun learning outside for the day. They explored and examined different types of leaves and mini beasts around the gardens. They had great fun getting their hands dirty and found some really interesting things. The trip linked in with the current P5 mini beast topic.



Hallowe'en fun in Miss Corrigan's class

For Hallowe'en Miss Corrigan's class carved pumpkins, played pumpkin hurdles and had pumpkin races. They had a wonderful day.



Baking Club on KS1 with Mrs McDonnell

Holy Trinity KS1 Baking Club is running for 6 weeks after school on KS1. Mrs McDonnell has been teaching the P4s how to make Pizza and Sausage Rolls. They are planning to make Apple Crumble next. The children are really enjoying learning to bake.



Ditch the Dark

There were lots of brightly coloured children at school for our 'Ditch the Dark' day. The aim is to highlight the importance of wearing bright and reflective clothing when out during the dark winter nights. Don't they look great. Please make sure to have your children wear reflective clothing when they are out and about over the winter months.



November overview of planned work for P3

Maths: Depending on their group, children will work on doubles and near doubles of numbers to 20. Counting to 100 / 50 in 1s, 2s, 5s, 10s. Place value of number to 99. Adding any digit to 10. Addition and subtraction of numbers to 20, finding the difference between numbers, missing numbers sums.

Topic work- Money-recognition of coins and simple shopping activities up to 20p (depending on group)

Literacy: Big book focus- Little Red Hen. Grammar focus is on speech marks and question marks. Letter writing format. Sequencing the story of bread. Writing genre - looking at **report writing**

World Around Us: Continue the theme of Autumn- investigating squirrels. Making bread linked to *Little Red Hen*. Investigate breads from around the world. Children will have the opportunity to see bread being made in class. Look at the work of artist *Kandinsky*

Other Information: Class visits to 10 o'clock mass in Saint Michael's church have started (14th November- Miss Maguire).

November overview of planned work for P4

Literacy- Pupils will know that verbs are doing or action words and that adverbs describe verbs. They will identify and use these in their written work. 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 focusing on settings and characters.

Numeracy- Pupils will be continuing to learn their multiplication tables focusing on their 3 times tables and revising their 2,5 & 10 times tables. They will be learning about addition of numbers bridging the 10 e.g. 45 + 56. They will be looking at written and mental methods for solving addition sums. Pupils will also be solving word problems. Our topic work this month

will cover time where we will be revising the times of the o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to, days of the week and months of the year. We will be solving word problems related to time. Pupils will be reading clock times at five minute intervals and using both analogue and digital time.

World Around Us- Pupils will begin a new topic of 'Extreme Earth'. They will look at the layers that make up the earth. Pupils will know how volcanoes are formed, how they affect people's lives and the terms 'extinct', 'dormant' and 'active'. We 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.

Trip to Enniskillen Castle Museum- links to WWII topic

Tuesday 20th November- 9.30-12.30- Mrs Smith's class

Wednesday 21st November- 9.30-12.30- Mrs McGirr's class

Thursday 22nd November- 9.30-12.30- Mrs McMenamin's class

November overview of planned work for P5

Numeracy:

Number: Subtraction of Thousands, Hundreds, Tens and Units, problem solving activities (Use of Izak 9, problem solving activities)

Topic: Continuation of properties of 3D shape (cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone), symmetry (mirror images), lines (horizontal, vertical, diagonal and parallel) and start co-ordinates work

Mental Maths – Subtraction of tables. Begin multiplication of tables. Language of multiplication and division. Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation

Literacy

Novel: Charlotte's Web and related activities

Grammar work – Capital Letters, Punctuation (full stops, question marks and commas)

Writing – Newspaper reports – (how to be a reporter and write their own article)

We will complete Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme – Unit 8 – 11 (ed and ing, irregular past tense and s es). Spelling test preparation

World Around Us

Topic work – Plants and learn new vocabulary associated with plants. Study different types of plants and flowers, parts of a plant and conditions for growth. Seasonal change and seed dispersal. Encourage children to view plant life and seasonal change in the world around them

Other Information – Trips, Visits etc.

Doodle Maths tasks & AR every night. Homework Diary signed each Thursday. Takeaway homework to be handed in on Thursday morning. Please bring instrument to school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home please) – Use of 'Charanga Music Programme' at home (Passwords have been given to all children). Highlight important information or signs in Mental Arithmetic work. Complete corrections

Ulster Orchestra in Lakeland Forum – Wednesday 7th November 2018

Doodle Maths Note: If you have any concerns about Doodle Maths please write a note in your child's school diary informing the teacher of the difficulties. Please do not help your

child answer Doodle Maths questions as this will only raise the level that they are on and the questions will become too difficult for them.

November overview of Planned work for P6

Maths Number (Addition work to be completed). Pupils will be able to subtract with and without decomposition; subtract whole numbers using a range of mental, written and calculator methods; solve problems involving addition and subtraction; know 2-12 times tables and use these in solving simple problems.

TOPIC (2D shapes to be completed). Pupils will be able to draw reflections of simple shapes in horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines. Pupils will understand rotational symmetry.

English (Verbs work to be completed). Pupils will understand the term Adjective and will be able to recognise and use in differentiated activities. Pupils will understand adjectives comparisons. (bigger, biggest)

Topic/World Around Us (Work on sun and earth to be completed). Pupils will know that the moon orbits the earth every twenty-eight days. They will learn about the first moon landing and keep a moon diary. (**The pupils will keep a Moon diary for the month of November. Please encourage your child to do this as it is part of our practical science activities.)

Homework

We encourage the P6s to keep doing AR reading and Doodle Maths which is part of their daily homework. Each pupil should be taking at least one AR test per week (more if on green and orange level) and working towards their word count target for the term. Takeaway homework will continue for P6.

- **AR Books** can be changed in the library between 8.30 and 8.50.
- **ICT suite** is also available at these times to complete AR tests.

November overview of planned work for P7

Numeracy: This month in *number*, we will be working on algebra, using formulae in words or symbolic form, working on function machines and negative numbers.

In **data handling** we will be labelling and interpreting a range of graphs, tables, diagrams, spreadsheets and databases. Understand, calculate and use mean, mode, median and range. Use language of probability, use a scale, list possible outcomes and order events.

In **measures** pupils will understand digital and analogue clock, use a.m and p.m, become familiar with reading various timetables and calendars, calculate time differences, understand ratio and scale, converting from one unit to another. **Times tables** from 1-12. Revision of square numbers, cubed numbers, triangular numbers and prime numbers.

Literacy

Pupils will continue to read the novel 'Twist of Gold' by Michael Morpurgo and complete associated activities from their novel booklet. Children will complete grammar work on rhyming words, hyphens, conjunctions, synonyms, double negatives and conjunctions. Children will look at newspaper writing this month.

World Around Us:The Topic this term is the Famine.

Trips: Workhouse and Famine Walk Trip

Miss Quigley – Monday 26th November, Mr Starrs – Tuesday 27th November, Mr Morris – Wednesday 28th November, Mrs Clarke – Friday 30th November