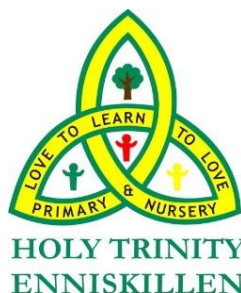




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Newsletter

April 2019

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Holidays/School Closures:

- Thursday 18th – Friday 26th April: Easter Holidays
- Thursday 2nd May: School closed due to Council Elections
- Monday 6th May: May bank holiday
- Monday 27th - Tuesday 28th May: 2nd May bank holiday
- Monday 17th – Wednesday 19th June: P7 Dublin Trip

Dates to remember:

Saturday 4th May: **FoHT bag pack** at ADSA (10am – 6pm)

Saturday 11th May & Saturday 18th May: **First Holy Communion** at 12 noon (see P4 overview for details)

Sunday 19th May: **Confirmation** at St Michael's Church



Book Fair: Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair and bought books. As a result of your support we can now purchase almost £2000 worth of books for our school libraries.

World book day in Preschool and Nursery

Mrs Cathcart's P6 class had a lovely morning out in the Pre-school and the Nursery celebrating WBD. They read the children their favourite story and even had a little time to play. It was a fantastic experience for everyone and we definitely have some teachers for the future. Thank you to the staff and the pupils for the lovely cards and fun morning.





Mummers win at Fermanagh Feis.

Congratulations to Mrs Galligan's P6 class who came 1st in the Acted Scene section of the Fermanagh Feis. Well done to all the girls and boys involved and a special thanks to Mrs Galligan, Geraldine and Arlene for all their time and hard work.



Golden ticket winners on World Book Day

Congratulations to all our pupils who created book box reviews, there were very imaginative boxes displaying some beautiful artwork. It was very difficult to choose winners in each year group, the teachers had to pick a few. Our winning pupils were delighted to receive a £5 golden ticket to use at the book fair for their fantastic cereal box book reviews.



School Choir

Congratulations to Mrs Kirke and the Senior Choir for their amazing performance at the Fermanagh Feis. The choir have worked really hard over the past few weeks to perfect their performance and were runners up in the competition. They are currently deciding where to go for their end of year trip.



Cookery in KS2 This month saw the last day of the after school cooking club on KS2. The pupils who attended really enjoyed learning new skills and made mini pizzas and homemade chips on the last evening. Thanks to all the adults who gave up their time to help out





P7 Crafty Kids Fair

Miss Quigley and Mrs Clarke's P7 classes held a Crafty Kids Fair in school and raised £1100 which will go to Young Enterprise and the Peter McVerry Trust, a homeless charity in Dublin. The children worked hard in school and at home to create lots of beautiful crafts and gifts to sell. They learned lots of new skills about starting and running a business and making a profit. Well done to all pupils involved and to Miss Quigley and Mrs Clarke for their excellent guidance. The children will present the money to 'The Peter McVerry' charity when they are in Dublin at the end of the year. Well done everyone.



What the children had to say!



Our P7 Craft Fair was a huge success, I thought it was exciting running our own business. We learned new skills as we were in charge of the till.

Cora & Conor

We liked selling our products to pupils and parents. We enjoyed the experience of running a small business.

Luca & Eirinn

I enjoyed selling to lots of parents and pupils, especially my mum and dad.

Patrick

I have new business skills now after our fair. **Ruairi**

I liked creating products at home and being creative.

Caoimhe





P3 classes enjoy a trip to Enniskillen Museum

The P3 children enjoyed a trip to the Enniskillen castle where they visited the museum and learnt all about castles; this tied in with their topic 'Fairytale'.



The children loved seeing and being inside a real castle, just like the setting of the many fairy tales they have been reading and learning about in class. Catherine told the children all about the Maguires and what life was like in the castle. Julian then brought everyone inside to show the children the weapons. He talked about what would have happened during battles and how the castle was defended. Julie then gave the children lots of clothes and the children got to dress up like the Maguire clan and pretend to have their very own banquet! To finish Catherine gave each child a quill and some ink to try writing with.



P5 enjoy Gaelic games at Brewster park

The Fermanagh County Board organised a Hurling and Gaelic football skills course at Brewster Park for P5 children. Our three P5 classes joined P5 children from the Erne Integrated college and they had a great morning practicing their hurling and football skills together.





Rainforest Coding in P4

In our ICT lessons P4 have been working on coding using Rainforest Coding. This programme allows them to learn how to code using Scratch. Throughout the Rainforest Coding programme the pupils learned how to create code for their robot game. They created code and solved problems which allowed them to move a robot through a series of passages using their mouse and the keypad.



Playground Pals in Holy Trinity

PATHS Playground Pals is a programme which enables children to have positive experiences in the playground. A number of Holy Trinity children have completed training to become Playground Pals. In the playground they help other children to use PATHS strategies to calm down and to problem solve, whenever issues arise. The Playground Pals job is to create a warm, friendly and fun environment for the children to play in. Thank you to our Holy Trinity Playground Pals who are doing a great job ensuring that everyone is happy.



Fermanagh College drama students highlight the importance of 'Online Safety'

A large group of drama students from the Southwest College came to Holy Trinity to perform for the P5 pupils. They put on a very lively and colourful show highlighting a number of important messages about online safety and peer pressure. The P5 children really enjoyed their performance.



S Be Safe

Keep your personal information safe and secret. Think carefully before you share a photo of yourself or your friends.

Full Name	Jane Smith
Address	123 Street
Phone Number	01234 5678
Web Address	www.123456.com
Email Address	jane.smith@123456.com
School Name	Friendly School
Forward	never

M Don't Meet Up

Never arrange to meet an online friend because it can be dangerous. No matter how well you think you know people, they might be pretending.

A Accepting Emails can be dangerous

If you receive junk mail (called spam) or messages that make you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult that you trust and delete them. Don't reply to them.

R Reliable?

The Internet is full of friendly people and amazing information. However, sometimes people might say or write things which are untrue, so you should always think carefully before trusting what you see or hear.

T Tell Someone!

Most of the time that you are online, you will have lots of fun. However, if you see anything that makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, make sure that you tell an adult that you trust.





Accelerated Reading

Congratulations to our top AR readers in KS1 and KS2 for March, keep up the

great reading.

Note: Parents, make sure to register with the Accelerated Reading Home Connect site so you can receive an email each time your child completes a quiz.

- Click the link at the foot of our school web page.
- Log in with your child's AR username and password
- In setup enter your email address and click save.



The Circus in P2

Over the past weeks the Primary 2 children have been learning about the Circus. As part of this topic Brent and Luke from 'In Your Space NI' visited our school and showed the children how to perform some wonderful circus tricks. They taught them how to juggle bean bags, spin plates and how to perform the 'Bow Tie' and 'Tic Toc' tricks using flower sticks. It was a lot of fun! The children have also been learning about the features of an advertisement. They worked in pairs to design an advertisement for a Circus and decided where best to display their advertisement in the school. They created some beautiful artwork.



P3 overview of planned work for April

Mathematics: Depending on group children will continue work on:

- multiplication of 2s, 5s, and 10s and introduce dividing or sharing
- place value of H.T.U. and T.U. bridging and not bridging the ten
- vertical addition of 2 digit numbers e.g. $21 + 33 =$
- using the 100 square to explore patterns and quick methods of adding (+9) (+11)

Topic Work:

Money - finding the cost and giving change within 20p/99p

Measures - Capacity using standard measures e.g.: litres and ml

Literacy:

Continue our theme of traditional/fairy tales. Introduce our new author for term three, Roald Dahl, and begin our class novel **Fantastic Mr Fox**. A range of activities related to both including cloze procedure, diary writing, narrative writing. Continue work on verbs –adding ed and ing,

The World Around Us:

- Observations of signs of Spring, mother and baby animals, life cycles of the frog.
- Continue our Great Science stories - Miners Lamp and Dinosaur Discovery
- Investigation of materials and their properties.

P4 overview of planned work for April

Literacy- Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rules. Pupils will be reading their class novel, *'Danny the Champion of the World.'* In grammar pupils will look at homophones, synonyms, antonyms, colons and commas in lists. We will be writing a play script based on the Three Little Pigs.

Numeracy- Pupils will be learning about division and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. We will be looking at fractions of objects and fractions of numbers. Our topic work this month will cover handling data where we will be looking at Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams. We will be reading scales and giving change with money. Pupils will also use ISAK9 and complete problem solving investigations.

World Around Us- This month we will be introducing our new topic of Buildings. Pupils will look at homes in Victorian times and will be able to name different types of houses e.g. detached, terraced etc. Pupils will look at the work of LS Lowry and complete pictures using perspective and collages. Pupils will learn about the Great Fire of London and the diary of Samuel Pepys. Pupils will look at budgets linking to numeracy. They will write a for sale or for rent poster. Pupils will begin their Stop Motion animations in ICT.

Holy Communion: Holy Communion will take place in **St Michaels Church at 12noon on**

- **Saturday 11th May** for Mrs Smith and Mr Dooris' classes
- **Saturday 18th May** for Mrs McMenamin's class

P5 overview of planned work for April

Numeracy

Number: Continuation of fractions. Decimals- recognise, write and order basic decimals

Topic: Money – Identifying and using money linked to problem solving activities.

Time – telling the time, problems linked to time, reading timetables

Mental Maths: Use and discuss mental strategies to calculate total amounts and give change

Weekly tables test, revise all tables learned to date

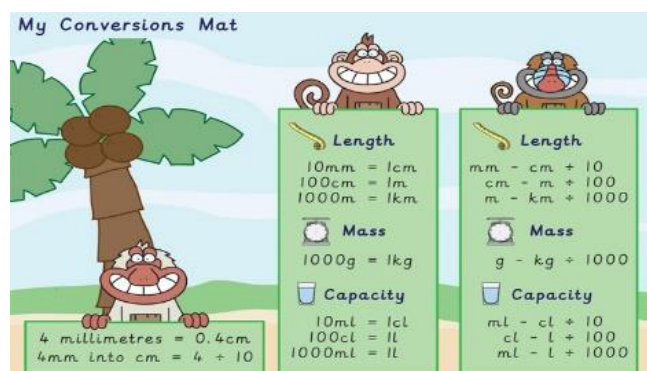
Parents: Could you encourage children to handle money at home and in real life situations. Revise conversion table

Literacy

Novel: Start new novel 'James and the Giant Peach'

Grammar work: More advanced punctuation, commas and exclamation marks, revision of apostrophes

Writing: Narrative (story) writing – looking in more detail at how a narrative story is made up of, build up, problem and resolution



We will complete **spelling list** 23, 24, start topic words from 'Schofield & Sims' and matching activities from workbook. Weekly spelling test preparation.

Parents: Could you encourage children to read their Accelerated Reading Books and complete two or more quizzes before Friday.

World Around Us

- Continuation of 'Water' topic – Uses of water, saving water in school and home, states of water, water cycle in a bag, terms: evaporation, condensation, precipitation etc.
- Water experiments related to the above topics

Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc.

- 10/15 minutes Accelerated reading (AR) /Doodle Maths every night
- Homework Diary signed every night
- Takeaway homework to be handed in by Thursday and **a high standard** is needed from all children
- Ensure all children remember to do 2 quizzes in school when they complete their AR book and nightly reading book

Trips

- County Cavan Museum – 15th May 2019 (Link to WW1)

P6 overview of planned work for April

Maths: Pupils will be working on fractions (moving on to decimals and percentages). They will also be introduced to prime, cube and square numbers.

Topic - Pupils will be working on data handling activities, 12 hour and 24 hour time.

English: Pupils will know when to use apostrophes for contractions and to show possession. Written activities will focus on persuasive writing.

Topic/World Around Us:

Pupils will continue their work on the Vikings. They will learn about Viking Raids, villages, clothes and Viking Gods. All P6 pupils have completed their Viking Trips to Enniskillen Castle which was a great day out.

AR reading: Pupils should be working towards their term 2 word count targets. (if they have not yet achieved this already). Also, congratulations to our newest P6 Millionaires.

Homework

We encourage the P6's to keep doing AR reading and Doodle Maths, which is part of their daily homework.

Please note: this month pupils will not be doing 'Take Away Homework' but will complete a written Numeracy or Literacy homework each evening as a reinforcement of work completed in class.

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.

- **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.

P7 overview of planned work for April

Literacy: Novel work – 'Boy' by Roald Dahl, Poetry linked with Rainforest Topic

Numeracy: Percentages, Area & Perimeter and Angles work

World Around Us: Finishing off Ireland topic and moving on to the rainforests

Reminder:

- Make final payments for Dublin Trip.
- Confirmation photographs. (Baptism, Holy Communion and Sponsor).

Dates for your diary:

- Confirmation talk for parents 3rd/4th April 2019 at 7.30pm
- Museum Visits:
 - ◇ Mrs Clarke's class 4th April
 - ◇ Miss Quigley's class 5th April
 - ◇ Mr Morris's class 8th April
 - ◇ Mr Starrs's class 15th April
- Reconciliation Service for P7 pupils 10th & 11th April 2019 during school hours
- Love for Life & puberty Talk 12th April 2019