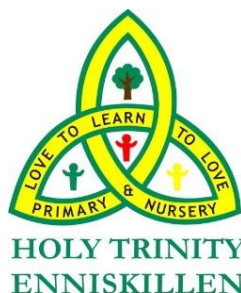




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Newsletter

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Holidays/School Closures:

- Thursday 23rd May: School closed due to the European Elections
- Friday 24th May: School holiday (Change from school calendar)
- Monday 27th – Last May bank holiday; **School reopens on Tuesday 28th May**
- Friday 28th June: Start of summer holidays Half day, children to be collected at 12:00noon.

Dates to remember:

- 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 at 3pm
- Monday 17th June– Wednesday 19th June: P7 Dublin Trip
- Wednesday 26 June –P7 Leavers Mass

Holy Trinity Girls' Gaelic team are County Champions.

Well done to our girls' Gaelic team who are the county champions after beating St Ronan's PS in a really competitive final in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol competition on Wednesday 8th May. Well done girls.



Code Club Well done to the children who took part in Mr Starrs' coding club and completed their 12 weeks course. The children each received a certificate in recognition of all their hard work. They really enjoyed learning lots of new computer skills.



Micro bots in Mrs Galligan's P6 Class

Conor Sloane, STEM Ambassador from Sentinus NI, came to Cornagrade (KS2) early in April to teach Mrs Galligan's P6 class how to programme micro bots. The children really enjoyed his class and have learnt a few new programming skills.





Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT)

Movie Night The Friends of Holy Trinity movie night, held on the 17th April, was a great success. The children really enjoyed watching a movie with their friends. The night raised £384.70 which will go towards school iPads for our pupils. Thank you to everyone who helped on the night, it is really appreciated and thank you to the wonderful FoHT group for organising and running the event.



Friends of Holy Trinity Bag Pack Thank you to everyone who helped with the FoHT bag pack, your help is really appreciated by our school. Just over £500 was raised for our school iPad fund.



Friends of Holy Trinity help Holy Trinity purchase Ipad Congratulations to the FoHT group. Their fundraising has enabled our school to purchase a number of iPads for our children to use in school. Thank you to everyone who helped organise events, helped at events and to those who donated money to this cause. It is very much appreciated.



Accelerated Reading Congratulations to our top AR readers in KS1 and KS2 for April, 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.



P2 Learn about Dinosaurs. P2 have started their dinosaur topic by exploring the role of the palaeontologist. The children pretended to excavate dinosaur bones using a cookie and a toothpick. Their challenge was to take out the chocolate chips using only the toothpick. Great fun was had by all!



Holy Trinity 1st Rugby Team

The Holy Trinity 1st Rugby team took part in a Rugby festival in Omagh on the 1st May. The children competed against lots of other schools. It was a great day of Rugby with a lot of tackling and scoring. The children really enjoyed themselves. The team were then invited to attend another Rugby festival at the Kingspan Stadium, Belfast, on Wednesday the 8th. Here is what two of the boys had to say about the trip...

'Yesterday we travelled to a Rugby festival in the Kingspan Stadium in Belfast. This is where Ulster play!! We were very excited. We travelled by bus, and since there were only nine of us, we shared the bus with Jones Memorial. There were some very good teams taking part in the festival, some train three times a week! We played three matches, and won one of them. We had a great day and at the end we got a goodie bag with a water bottle, a T-shirt and a mini rugby ball!'

'Thank you to Mr Starrs for bringing us to the tournament. It was very enjoyable and I hope we participate in more festivals like this!' Paddy & Thomas



Past pupils visit Holy Trinity with two Cups

Two past pupils, Brandon and Conor, came to visit Holy Trinity to show our children the MacRory and Hogan Cups. The boys were part of the winning team who won the two cups for St Michaels in April. It was great to see them and the pupils were keen to hear about how hard the boys worked together to become a strong winning team. Thank you to Brandon and Conor for bringing the cups to our school.



Enjoying outdoor activities at the Share Centre

Ms Devine and Mrs O'Connor's classes really enjoyed their day at the Share Centre where they learnt all about Archery and really enjoyed having a go.



The Nursery children enjoyed decorating Bunny cookies. Molly's Dad, Declan, came into the Nursery before Easter to help show the Nursery children how to decorate Easter Bunny cookies. The children really enjoyed decorating their own cookie. Thank you Declan.



Canaries in P5

Kyla from P5 brought her two canaries Goldie and Patrick in to show everyone in her class. The Canaries were very popular. Thank you so much Kyla.

Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Ronan from Mrs Clarkes P7 class who represented Holy Trinity in the Spelling Bee competition. Ronan came 3rd in the competition. We are very proud of his excellent performance.



P4's Shared Education program

The P4 children enjoyed the last of their shared education program with Jones Memorial in April, this is what they had to say.



'When Jones Memorial came to our school we had fun doing electricity circuits and working together. We listened very carefully when Marion told us stories from around the world! We enjoyed the Math Trail, counting, adding and taking away. It was really fun and we made new friends. Mrs Kirke taught us new songs to sing and new games to play! There were prizes for number bonds BINGO! When we went out to play we played with the children from Jones Memorial and had lots of fun!' *Megan & Emilie*

'I enjoyed playing the maths bingo game with Jones Memorial children. It was cool to have fun whilst learning at the same time.' *Anna*



'I enjoyed sharing our break time with Jones Memorial children and doing the maths trail. All the activities helped us to learn more about our friends from other schools.' *Edward.*



'Jones Memorial came to our school, we used crocodile clips and a battery to try and turn on the light.

We like meeting new people from another school. I'm shy if I meet new people.' *Catherine & Dilanas*



P7 enjoy a retreat in Lough Derg in preparation for Confirmation

On Friday 3rd of May all of the P7 classes went to Lough Derg to take part in a special retreat to prepare us for our Confirmation. 'When we arrived we met Lynette and Shimhin, our leaders for the retreat.

They played some games with us to help us get to know ourselves better and learn more about each other. They also showed us the Penitential beds where the monks prayed hundreds of years ago.





In the afternoon we took part in a reflection about the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Deacon Martin took us on a tour of the island's Basilica which was really interesting; there was a piece of wood in the church from the actual cross that Jesus died on. It was a really lovely retreat which we really enjoyed. Thank you.' By Farrah Cauldwell & Connor Rice



P3 Overview of planned work for May

Mathematics: Depending on group children will work on the place value of number to 999, addition of H.T.U. and T.U. (while bridging /not bridging the ten) and decomposition-subtraction. Work on multiplication and division of 2s 5s 10s is ongoing with focus on using these operations to problem solve.

Topic work: We are currently revising all topics covered throughout the year.

Literacy: Children will look at the author Roald Dahl with study of '*Fantastic Mr Fox*' and work beginning on '*The Twits*'. Grammar work will look at punctuation; commas, revision of letter names, alphabetical ordering and dictionary work. They will also know when to use there/their, were/wear and adding -ed. Children will begin to recognise the difference in writing in the past and the present. Our writing genre focus for this month is Report Writing.

Topic: The World Around Us

Water: its uses, the water cycle, floating and sinking

STEM: Children will work in groups to plan, design and test a bridge which is strong enough to hold a toy car.

P4 Overview of planned work for May

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: Pupils will continue the topic of 'Buildings'. In art pupils will be creating watercolour postcards of famous London buildings. They will be creating collages of houses using wallpaper. We will look at alternative endings to stories. In Science, pupils will be looking at fire and what a fire needs to grow. We will look at how and why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly. We will look at fire safety. Pupils will learn that chromatography is used to separate mixtures of colours. Children will create a coloured spot on a piece of filter paper, submerge it into water just covering the spot and watch the colour change and move up the filter paper.

Important dates

First Holy Communion- St Michael's Church at 12noon

- **Saturday 11th May-** Mrs Smith and Mr Dooris' Classes
- **Saturday 18th May-** Mrs McMenamin's Class

P5 Overview of Planned work for May

Numeracy

Number: Revision of all topics – addition, subtraction, multiplying and dividing, fractions and decimals

Topic: Different types of angles (acute, right angle, obtuse, straight and reflex)

Mental Maths – Continuous revision of all tables – multiplying and dividing for speed and accuracy

Literacy

Novel: Continue reading 'James and the Giant Peach' and complete related activities

Grammar work: Proof reading and editing exercises. Revision of nouns, verbs and adjectives. Exclamation marks, Prepositions (word that tells you where or when something is in relation to something else, for example: on, under, inside, outside), Prefixes (letters you can add to the beginning of a word) and Suffixes (letters you can add to the end of a word) to build longer words.

Writing: Fantasy writing – Look at images from Michael Foreman and write stories and poems on these. Start looking at play scripts. Children will look at the features of a play script and write their own scene from a play script. (Look at characters, plots, stage direction and perform scenes).

We will complete **spellings from Schofield and Sims** – Topic Words

Weekly spelling test preparation.

World Around Us

Topic work – Starting a new topic: World War 1.

Complete 'K' (what we know) and 'W' (what we want to know), war vocabulary, causes of war, countries involved in the war, timeline of events and looking in detail at a soldier's uniform.

Other Information – Work, Trips, Visits etc.

- 10 minutes AR every night and quizzes on AR book and reading book
- Homework diary to be signed every night

Trips

- 15th May 2019: County Cavan Museum (Trenches)
- Enniskillen Museum visit (WW1):
 - 23rd May 2019 (Mrs Green & Mr Mc Elroy)
 - 24th May 2019 (Mrs Gormley & Mrs Kelly)
- 21st June: End of Year trip to 'Water World' in Bundoran

P6 Overview of Planned work for May

Maths: Pupils will be working on decimals and percentages. Pupils will complete some revision work for summer test. **Topic** – Pupils will be completing data handling activities (mean, mode, median, range) and the language of probability.

English - Pupils will revise punctuation and grammar activities for summer tests. Written activities will focus on persuasive and procedural writing.

Topic/World Around Us: Pupils will complete work on the Vikings and in May begin the topic of 'Europe'. They will complete a persuasive brochure on a country of their choice as part of an ICT task.

AR reading – Pupils should be working towards their term three word count targets. 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.

- Pupils will be completing 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.
- Takeaway homework will continue for P6.
- AR Books can be changed in the library between 8.30 and 8.50. The ICT suite is also available at these times to complete AR tests.

P7 Overview of Planned work for May

Literacy: Novel Work- 'Boy' by Roald Dahl and related activities. Record of Achievements

Numeracy: Data Handling Work- Graph work. Problem Solving activities

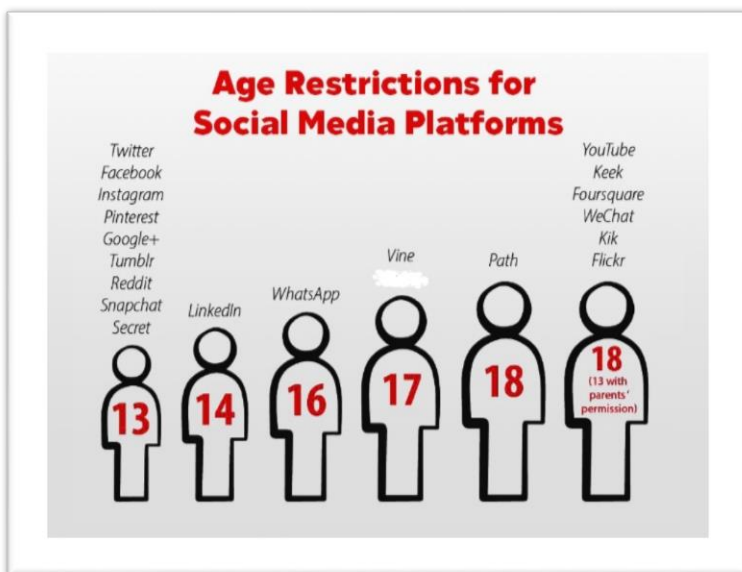
World Around Us: Our topic this term is 'Rainforests'.

Reminder: Encourage your child to gather any certificates or achievements that they wish to include in their Record of Achievement.

Dates for your diary:

- Sunday 19th May: Confirmation at 3.00pm St. Michael's Church Enniskillen
- Trip to the 'Hangout'
 - Thursday 30th May: Mr Starrs & Mr Morris' classes
 - Friday 31st May: Miss Quigley & Mrs Clarke's classes

Internet Safety



We remind our parents and guardians of the age restrictions in place for use of social media. Remember to manage your child's access to all Social Media platforms and ensure accounts used are private.



The UK safer Internet Centre is a great source of advice for parents. Go to

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Parents may find useful advice on the Parent Zone site at <https://parentzone.org.uk>