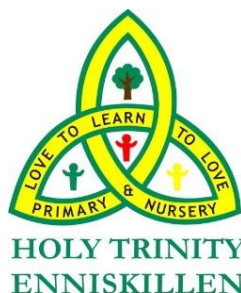




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Newsletter

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Dates to remember:

- **Friday 27th September:** School closed, staff training
- **Thursday 31st October - Monday 4th November:** School closed, Halloween break
- **Monday 18th November:** School closed, Parent teacher meetings.

Welcome

I would like to wish you a warm welcome back to a new year in Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School. The children have settled really well in the new term. To the new children and their families, who have joined Holy Trinity for the first time, can I extend a particular welcome to you.

We are looking forward to another successful year where our focus will be on providing the children with an excellent, well-rounded, education in an inclusive, caring and nurturing environment.

Our P7 pupils from last year have been nominated for a "Heritage Angel Award" for a project they undertook on landmarks in Ireland and I would encourage you to vote for them at:

<https://www.ulsterarchitecturalheritage.org.uk/heritageangelawards/northern-ireland-our-shared-past-present-future/>

The "Friends of Holy Trinity" parents, staff and friends group continues to go from strength to strength. They are currently running a Couch to 5K in the Lakeland Forum each Wednesday evening at 7.15, parents/grandparents are welcome to join. They are hoping to be ready for the Enniskillen Spooktacular run in October. The group have further events planned for the coming months, if you would like to join this group please contact the school office.

Can I remind everyone to drive with extreme care when coming to the school and to be mindful of local residents when parking.

If you have any queries or concerns over the coming year, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes, *Mr B. Treacy, Principal.*

School Uniform reminder:

The **Holy Trinity School uniform** consists of:

- a 'Sunbeam Yellow' Polo T-Shirt with school crest
- a 'Blazer Blue' sweatshirt or cardigan with school crest
- a grey pinafore or skirt or grey trousers
- plain grey socks or tights
- black shoes

The **Holy Trinity PE Uniform** consists of:

- a 'Sunbeam Yellow' PE T-Shirt with school crest
- blue shorts
- trainers

Please label all parts of your child's uniform clearly so that misplaced items can be returned to them.



Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT)

Thank you to the parents, friends and staff who came out to help do a little painting around the school grounds on Saturday 21st September. They did a great job. All help in maintaining our school grounds is very much appreciated.

Congratulations to everyone who has joined the Couch to 5K.



Macmillan Coffee morning

Holy Trinity held its annual fundraising coffee morning for Macmillan in September raising an amazing £952.52 for this very worthy cause.

Thank you to all the wonderful bakers, those who made sandwiches, brought cheese and pickles and especially to the Patricia, Celia, Rosie, Eithna and Mr Reihill for setting up before and clearing up after the event. They were wonderful.

This year saw another hotly contested 'Bake Off' competition. Cathy Robinson won the first prize with her beautiful apple pie, a well-deserved winner.

There was a great raffle afterwards, Cathy, Julie, Patricia, Megan and Mr Treacy were the lucky winners. Thank you to those who donated the fantastic prizes for the occasion. Thank you to Mrs Williams and Megan for organising the fundraiser again this year.



Mrs McCann's P1 Class



Welcome to all our new P1 children. We hope you are enjoying learning with your teacher and teaching assistants.



Ms O'Hanlon's P1 Class



Mrs Colhoun & Mrs Kane's P1 Class

Nursery & Preschool

Welcome to our new Nursery & Preschool children. We hope the children are enjoying the fun activities each day.



Mrs Jones' Nursery Class

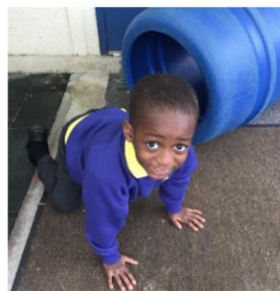


Mrs Bogue's Nursery Class



Miss Keaveney's Preschool Class

Nursery classes busy at work!



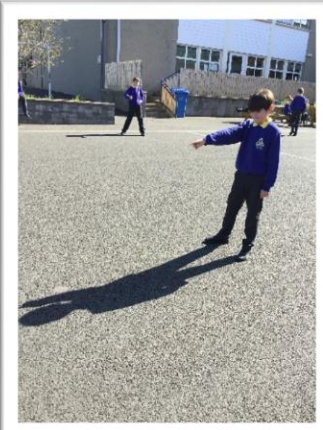
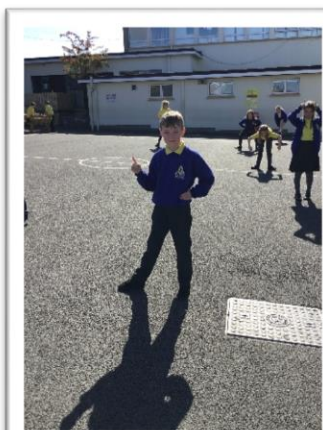
[Preschool Trip to Casltecoole](#) Holy Trinity Preschool visited Castlecoole for their Autumn Walk in September. The children spent time looking for the different changes that autumn brings. They collected lots of leaves, conkers and twigs to bring home for craft work. They had great fun climbing and swinging from some of the fabulous big trees. Back in Preschool the children made some amazing creations in their art and craft area. Everyone really enjoyed their first trip.



Gardening success The pupils in Miss Corrigan's class were delighted to harvest a wonderful pumpkin that they grew in the polytunnel. They did taste experiments with the pumpkin and even made and enjoyed pumpkin pie, Yum! Last term the boys worked hard planting and watering the plants each day. Their hard work really paid off! They are enjoying collecting the apples that have grown on the trees and were excited to see that something else may have had a nibble of the apples too!



P6 Shadows P6 children had some fun in the sun learning about shadows and how they change with the Sun.



Top Class Elites in Holy Trinity Children from the Holy Trinity Running Club had an exciting opportunity to train with an elite runner in September. Gideon Kimsop, who is from Kenya, came along to our training session. It was interesting to hear about his own running experience and achievements. The children enjoyed the running activities he had planned and they even challenged him to a race! Gideon was very impressed with the talent in the Running Club and encouraged the children to run as much as they can. He wished the children well in their upcoming cross country events.





Our P1 children are enjoying making bubbles, learning to use the computers, outdoor play and lots of fun classroom activities.



P5 pupils enjoyed a trip to Florencecourt house. The P5 children are learning about mini beasts in class this term. They went on a trip to Florencecourt where they enjoyed exploring the grounds for mini beasts; they found lots of mini beasts and also identified some of the different types of trees that grow there.



Blackberry picking

Mrs Kelly and Ms Devine's classes went blackberry picking. 'We saw blackberries of all colours. We are learning all about Seamus Heaney and liked reading his poem *Blackberry-Picking*. We used the blackberries we collected to make some really tasty treats'.



Planting potatoes in P7. The P7 children enjoyed planting potatoes in class. They are looking forward to a bumper harvest.



Moving to P5



It's been an amazing start to P5. Our teacher, Mrs Kelly, and our classroom assistant, Aideen, are very kind. Our first topic in maths was 'Place Value'. I really enjoyed it. I had a lot of fun during maths lessons, especially completing challenges. Our first P5 novel is called 'Charlotte's Web', it is very good. I enjoy doing takeaway homework activities. The dinner ladies make delicious food for us all in the canteen. I am very happy in KS2.

Caithlan Henderson

In P5 I liked meeting my new teacher, Ms Devine, and playing outside. *Eoin Flanagan*

My good memory so far in P5 is getting to play with my friend Callum.

Oisin Campbell

My good memory in P5 so far is getting to eat in the dinner hall. *Kyle Dolan*

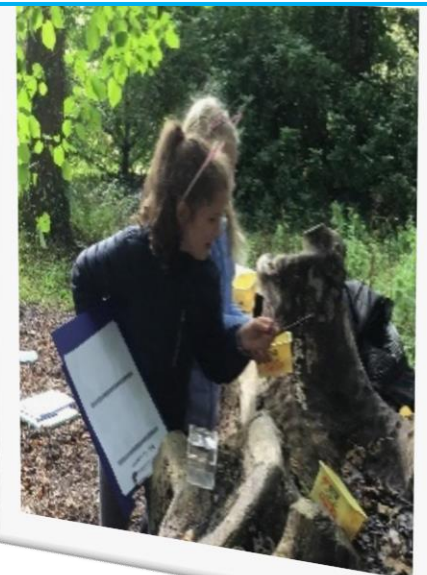


When we arrived in P5, we felt excited. Our teacher is Mrs Greene. She is very stylish. Our classroom assistant is Teresa and she is so helpful. The canteen serves delicious food, especially the scones, milk shakes and roast dinners. We have gotten to know Mr Reihill, he is funny and loves Gaelic.... he is so not strict – thank goodness. Our first trip was to the Ardhoven, where Tom Sweeney entertained us. We also went to on a trip to Florence Court and did a mini-beast and leaf hunt. It was good fun. There are lots of afterschool clubs. The school council is helpful and kind. We look forward to the rest of the year. *Emily Stewart and Niamh Reilly*



I was very excited about moving to P5. I like Mrs Gormley who is my teacher and all the lovely food in the canteen. I like to say 'hello' to Noelle every morning and going to the shop with Ms Devine's class. I am very happy that Lorna is still my helper and came over to Cornagrade with me. I love P5. *Aoife Clancy*

I am now getting used to the Cornagrade site. I like seeing my Dad because he works here. Last year, I used to see my mum in school because she works in KS1. My favourite part about KS2 is the canteen, because in KS1 we didn't get pizza and I love pizza. I love the food and playing outside. I like P5 because the work is more difficult than last year and I like hard work. *Anna Morris*





Congratulations to our top readers for September.

There has been an amazing start to our school year with lots of our children making good use of our school library and taking lots of Accelerated Reading quizzes. We encourage all the children to keep up the great reading.



Overview of planned work for October

Primary 3

Mathematics (Depending on group): Number work will focus on subtraction up to 20, finding the difference between numbers, doubles of numbers to 20 and missing number box sums. Consolidation of number bonds related to weekly table tests. Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s to 50 or 100. Using the 100 grid to find numbers and quickly add and subtract 10 and 9. Introduction of the place value of number to 99.

Topic work

Measures: length using cm and metres, weight, data handling. **Times:** o'clock, half past and corresponding digital times.

Literacy: This month children will be looking at books by the same author (*Julia Donaldson*) e.g. *The Gruffalo*, *Monkey Puzzle* etc. Focus will be on '*Room on the Broom*' where they children will carry out book reviews, character profiles and recounts. They will also be introduced to the genre of 'Report writing'.

Topic/World Around Us: Finishing off work on 'Ourselves' and 'Senses'. Looking at teeth: how to care for them, types of teeth and tasting. Seasonal change: Autumn, Halloween and its traditions.

Other Information

Your child's P3 class will visit Florencecourt House on the 14th or 15th of October for the Halloween Ball. (This is mainly art/craft activities associated with Halloween.) More information to follow.

Each class will attend Mass in St Michaels church this term as part of our religious programme.

(Mrs Morris: 16th October; Mrs Reihill: 23rd October; Mrs Mc Manus: 30th October)

Accelerated Reading(AR): Children have now started the AR programme. We would appreciate your support in incorporating this into their homework for 5/10 minutes each night. Quizzes on books read will be completed in school.

Note: Take time to log on to the AR **Home Connect** site and register your email address. You will then receive an email each time your child completes a quiz. Ours schools 'Home Connect' link is at the bottom of the school website.

Primary 4

Literacy- Pupils will learn what an adjective is. They will look at punctuation with a particular focus on when we use capital letters. Pupils will continue to read 'Little Manfred' by Michael Morpurgo and will complete selected activities on the novel. Writing this month will focus on letter writing. This will be linked to their WW2 topic, the children will be pretending to be evacuees writing home. Pupils will complete comprehension activities weekly and will learn to answer in full sentences making reference to the question in their answers.

Numeracy- Pupils will take part in mental maths lessons to help them calculate answers mentally. This month the focus will be on addition and number bonds to 20. e.g. $13+7=20$, $4+16=20$. Pupils will learn how to find fractions of numbers based on their ability. Pupils will learn the language associated with addition e.g. more than/add, learning that addition can be carried out in any order e.g. small number first or larger number first, begin to calculate addition sums mentally, use written methods to solve addition sums, solve simple addition word problems and use the vertical method to solve addition sums.

Daily revision of names of 2D/3D shapes, days of week, months of year and time-o'clock, quarter past/to, half past times.

Topic work will focus on length, measuring, using the correct units (e.g. cm, km) and understanding perimeter.

World Around Us- Pupils will continue to learn about World War 2 including rationing, daily life in WW2 and VE Day. They will create their version of Van Gogh's painting 'The Road to Tarascon' using pastels. They will look at transparent, translucent and opaque. Pupils will carry out an experiment using a hairdryer and ping pong ball.

Primary 5

Numeracy

Number: Addition and subtraction of Hundreds, Tens and Units, problem solving activities (Introduce Izak 9 and activities, iPad, online games, table top games and worksheets)

Topic: Properties of 2D shapes (square, triangle, rectangle, circle) & 3D shapes (cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone), symmetry (mirror images), lines (horizontal, vertical, diagonal and parallel)

Mental Maths – Complete revision of addition tables and start subtraction tables

Weekly tables test preparation – whiteboard work

Encourage use of everyday maths e.g. shapes, time and money to enable children to see Maths in day to day context

Literacy

Novel: 'Charlotte's Web' and related activities

Grammar work – Verbs (doing words), adjectives (describing words) and begin adverbs (describing a verb). We will complete Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme (meanings, sentences, endings and workbook) to prepare the children for their test

Writing: Poetry – Haiku's and noun and verb ending poems (link with Mini-beast topic and Halloween) and acrostic poems

World Around Us

Continued topic work on Mini-beasts. Facts on insects and carry out activities on the spider. Mini-beast hunt

Other Information

- Sign diary when checking homework activities – *Week 1 (Literacy), Week 2 (Numeracy), Week 3 (World Around Us), Week 4 (Religion, P.D.M.U). Spellings/tables/reading and M/A to be completed every night*
- 10 minutes Accelerated Reading every night- 2 quizzes per week (Children can go to library in morning from 8.30 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. to get/change books. They need to choose one big book and one smaller one on their level. Quiz can be done on these books and nightly reading book every week)

- Bring musical instrument in to school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home please) – Letters for Charanga programme to follow
- Highlight important information or signs in mental arithmetic work each night
- Please ring office or write a note in the diary to make an appointment if you need to speak to class teacher. Thankyou.

Primary 6

Maths Number - Pupils will be able to:

- Add and subtract using a variety of mental strategies.
- Add and subtract using standard written methods.
- Solve problems involving addition and subtraction. (Maths Games/Izak 9)
- Use the relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations.
- Understand and underline the key words when solving problems using addition and subtraction. (esp. in Mental arithmetic books)

TOPIC

- 2d shapes.
- Pupils will understand terms of line: horizontal, vertical, diagonal, parallel and perpendicular.
- Pupils will know language associated with measuring a circle. They will be able to find the diameter, circumference and radius.

English: Children will:

- understand term 'nouns' (Common, proper, collective and plural nouns)
- understand term 'verbs' and be able to recognise them (doing/being words)
- be able to form verbs in the past, present and future tense
- understand story structure to plan and write a story, drawing on personal experiences [narrative].

Novel – the children will listen to and respond to our class Novel 'George's secret key to the Universe'.

Topic/World Around Us - Pupil will learn how shadows are formed and changed and will know:

- that the earth travels around the sun and it takes a year to orbit the sun
- that when the earth's surface spins into the sun's light we have daylight and when it spins away from the sun's light we have darkness

Homework

We encourage the P6 children to keep doing their daily class AR reading. 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 8.50am
- the **ICT suite** is also available at these times to complete AR tests.

Primary 7

Numeracy

- This month we will be covering fractions: simplifying, equivalent, proper, improper and ordering fractions.
- We will look at the relationship between common fractions, decimals and percentages. We will calculate fractions and percentages of quantities, including money.
- We will study acute, obtuse reflex and right angles and estimate, measure, draw and label angles up to 360 degrees.
- Learn multiples and factors. We will look at prime, squared, cubed and triangular numbers.
- We will use and express formulae in words and in symbolic form.
- Revision of tables 1-12.

Literacy

- Pupils will continue to read the novel 'Twist of Gold' by Michael Morpurgo and complete associated activities
- Children will complete grammar work on tenses, comma, capital letters, direct and indirect speech, proof reading exercises, homophones, similes, metaphors, prefixes and antonyms.
- Children will complete a variety of listening and written comprehensions
- Through creative writing we will look at biographies and auto-biographies from a range of people and complete work on these.

World Around Us

- The Topic this term is 'The Famine'.