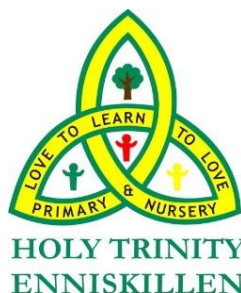




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Newsletter

November 2019

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School Closure: Thursday 12th December: General Election

Dates to remember:

- **Monday 18th November:** School closed, Parent teacher meetings
- **Tuesday 26th November:** Nursery/Preschool open day, 10am and 5pm. **Phone 02866323313 to book** a visit.
- **Thursday 28th November:** P1 open day, 11am and 5pm. **Phone 02866324959 to book** a visit
- **Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th December:** Nursery/Preschool nativity show
- **Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th December:** P1 Nativity show
- **Wednesday 18th December:** School Carol Service in St Michaels Church, Enniskillen
- **Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January:** Christmas holidays



holytrinityprimary. Holy Trinity Primary & Nursery School is now on Instagram.

P1 Parent Information Evening Thank you to all parents who attended the Primary 1 information evening. It was a great opportunity to meet our parents and for them to see the range of learning that is taking place in P1. The children all received a storybook and parent information booklet.



Eco Council Our school Eco Council have had their first meeting for the 2019-2020 school year. The children, with Mrs Gormley, discussed a number of eco issues including Ditch the Dark, Greta Thunberg, Recycling in Holy Trinity and plans for a future 'Power Down' across Holy Trinity where no electric would be used for a specified time. The Eco Council are doing great work to keep our school 'Green'. Thank you



Heritage Angel Awards Congratulations to last year's P7 pupils who won the Heritage Angel award for their work on famous monuments in Ireland. These amazing pieces were displayed in the Enniskillen Museum last year. Some of our past pupils, along with Mr Starrs and Mr Treacy went to accept the award at a ceremony in Armagh. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for our children and thank you to the past pupils who attended the event.



Inclusive Walk Autumn 2019 Neither the weather nor the early morning start could kill the KS2 Learning Support Class children's enthusiasm and excitement as they skipped around the beautiful Lough Erne Resort. The staff loved the trip as well, they enjoyed a warm cup of tea and delicious scones afterwards in the very cosy hotel. The children already can't wait to return next year. A big thank you to Chris from the local council for organising this annual event.



Playground Pals in Holy Trinity Our Playground Pals can be seen wearing their yellow Playground Pals vests and blue caps out and about in the playgrounds at break times on both Key Stage 1 and 2. These children are good role models for all our pupils. They have received training on how to help other children in the playground. All our children know if they have a problem they can go to a PATHS Playground Pal for help. Thank you to all our playground pals for their great work.





Library Visits Mrs Cathcart and Mrs O'Connor's classes had a great time in the public library on Thursday 3rd October. The children are becoming more independent and are choosing and scanning books themselves now. Many children have decided to become new members which is wonderful to see.



Mr Calculator visits KS2 The KS2 pupils enjoyed a fun visit from 'Mr Calculator' who introduced the children to a different way to learn about numbers. The children enjoyed participating in all the number activities.



Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT) Congratulations to the Staff, Parents and Friends of Holy Trinity who completed the 6-week 'Couch to 5K' running program and then ran the Enniskillen Spooktacular. Thank you to those who raised sponsorship for our school by completing the run. The FoHT group are a wonderful support to our school and are always looking for new members, if you would like to join please contact our office to let us know.



WWII in P4 Our P4 classes have been learning all about World War II this term. They made suitcases and wrote letters as if they were evacuees.

Some of the children brought in pictures of items their family had from the world war. Eabha Smyth brought in a helmet that belongs to her granny. It was worn by soldiers in WWI. Eabha's granny showed it to her pupils when she was teaching them about the wars. Ben Burges brought in an ammo box that belonged to his great grandfather who was a soldier in

WWII. Ben wrote a lovely piece, ***'I thought it would be interesting to show my class an ammunition box from WWII that belonged to my great grandfather. He was a soldier in WWII and fought in North Africa, Italy and in Austria. He was given medals for his service during the war'***. Ben also showed the class a lovely photo of his great grandfather wearing his army uniform.



Maths in P5 Mrs Kelly's class were having fun learning how to add 2 digit numbers using 'Regrouping' during math class. They also made number spinners to help them with their activity!



Enniskillen Poem – Shared Poem

In the mornings it's hustle and bustle,
Round the roundabout.
If you listen closely you might hear a child shout!

We're busy, we're fizzy,
And we want to shout hooray!
Because we're in Enniskillen right here now this day!

The people, the pubs,
The schools, the clubs,
You'll always find a beat,
Up Townhall street.

It has great walking parks,
Where you can walk your dog.
In the morning when you wake up,
There might be fog!

Enniskillen is so cool,
It even has its own swimming pool!!

Environment

The leaves on the trees are rustling,
The birds in the air are flying,
The flowers in the grass are waving,
And yet we decide to destroy it all.

The waves on the beach move in and out,
The fish in the sea swim out and about,
The grass near the sand swings and sways,
And yet it will all be gone one day.

The leaves on the ground crunch and crackle,
The animals in the wood walk and travel,
The squirrels in the trees munch on berries,
And we leave the Earth dirty and smelly.

This Earth is ours and ours alone,
So it's our fault that we've destroyed our home,
We need to work together,
If we want to keep this place.
Because if we don't,
We surely won't,
Be able to keep this space.



P6 Poetry Some of our P6 children wrote poems to celebrate National Poetry Day this month. We thought they were great.

Flive Art competition

Congratulations to our three Flive Art competition winners, they joined pupils from other schools on a cruise in the Little Red boats from Enneside to the Enniskillen Castle. They had a great time with all the laid on entertainment. Thank you Flive.



The truth about football by Edward Murphy

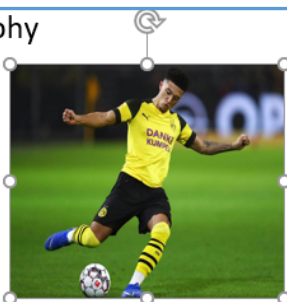
I love football, football loves me, together we're like our own family.

But in a way it wouldn't suit, cause it's always getting wacked by my boot.

I'm in a team as perfect as can be,

I love football and maybe just maybe it might love me.

Probably not!!!



Top AR readers in October Congratulations to our top Accelerated Readers for October. Keep up the great reading everyone.



Musical pathways Each week Mrs Kirke takes classes for musical pathways. The children really look forward to her lessons.



P2 counting coins Children across the school have been bringing in their 5p coins to school in an effort to fill the coin bottle in their classrooms. Mrs Dobbs' class used their coin bottle to practice their counting. Thank you to everyone who has brought in 5p coins so far, please keep up the great collecting. This is a great fundraiser run by the Friends of Holy Trinity group. We really appreciate your generosity and hope to buy new library books with the money collected. If you would like to join the FoHT support group, please contact the school office.



Ditch the Dark Well done to all

our children for taking part in the schools Ditch the Dark day. The school was awash with lots of brightly dressed children. This is a really important initiative to highlight the importance of being seen during the dark winter months to our children and their families. If you look at our social media sites you will see lots of photos across the school.





Halloween around the school There were lots of Halloween themed activities taking place across the school during the run up to the Halloween break.

Marion read stories in the library for our KS1 children;



Mrs McGovern's
P4 class made some
scary Halloween
cookies;



P6 classes
created some
great
Halloween art;



Mrs Dobb's class
bobbed for apples;



Mrs O Connor & Ms Devine's classes made pumpkin lanterns, roasted pumpkin seeds and delicious pumpkin soup!



The Nursery made toffee apples and dressed up.



Making Pizza Ms Devine's class went to 'Little Wings' as a treat for all their hard work so far this term. The children got to make and then eat their own pizza. They all enjoyed ice cream and hot chocolate to finish. It was a lovely well deserved morning.



Overviews for November

P3 Overview

Maths Depending on their group, children will work on doubles and near doubles of number to 20. Counting to 100 and 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 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 our bread in class; Look at the work of artist *Kandinsky*

Other Information Dental nurse will be talking to the children about care for their teeth.

P4 Overview

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 continue to learn their multiplication tables focusing on their 3 times tables and revising their 2,5 & 10 times tables. They will learn about addition of numbers bridging the 10 e.g. 45 + 56. They will look 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 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-

Wednesday 6th November (9.30-12.30): Mrs Smith's and Mrs McDonnell's class

Thursday 7th November (9.30-12.30): Mrs McMenamin and Mrs McGovern/Mrs Fee's classes

P5 Overview

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:** Complete 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: Enniskillen (History of Enniskillen, local landmarks, changes in Enniskillen, poets and artists)

Other Information – Trips, Visits etc.

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- 2-3 quizzes per week (**Children may go to library in the morning from 8.30 – 8.45am to borrow or change books.** They should choose one big book and one smaller one on their level. Quizzes can be completed on library books and nightly reading book every week
- Bring instrument into 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

P6 Overview

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

- continue properties of 2D shapes
- pupils will be able to draw reflections of simple shapes in horizontal, vertical and diagonal lines
- pupils will understand rotational symmetry

English

- continue Verbs work
- pupils will understand the term **Adjective** and will be recognise and use in differentiated activities.
- pupils will understand **adjectives comparisons**. (bigger, biggest)

Topic/World Around Us Pupils will:

- know facts about the sun
- Know that the moon orbits the earth every twenty-eight days
- 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 P6 children to keep doing AR reading as part of their daily homework. Each pupil should be taking at least one AR test per week (more if on green and orange level)

- **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

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 am and pm, 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'.

Ulster American Folk Park Trip: Wednesday 27th November 2019

Some hints for parents which might help children with concentration.

