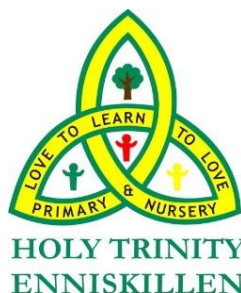




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Newsletter

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Message from the Principal

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year. I want to remind you of a number of procedures in school which are important to ensure that the children receive the best education we can provide and learn in a safe, secure environment:

- 1. Healthy eating and physical activity:** To help our children lead healthy active lives we would ask parents and staff to make sure:
 - Children have a healthy lunch – no energy bars etc.
 - Fast food is not sent into the school
 - Children do not have any energy drinks in school
 - Sweets will not be used for prizes in school except on special occasions such as Christmas/Easter
 - The 'Daily Mile' will start for classes in the coming term.
- 2. Mobile Phones:** Over recent weeks a number of issues have arisen which have caused concern about children's use of mobile phones and social media. Please make sure you are aware of what your child is accessing on the internet. **Note: Children are not allowed to have mobile phones in school.**
- 3. School Uniform:** Thank you for making sure that children wear the full school uniform. Black shoes are part of our school uniform.

Thank you. Brian Treacy. Principal

Holidays:

Monday 17th – Friday 21st February: School Closed -Mid Term break

Monday 16th –Tuesday 17th March: St Patricks day break

Dates to remember:

- **Monday 27th January – Sunday 2nd February:** Catholic Schools Week
- **Monday 27th January:** Closing date for School entries to Fermanagh Feis
- **Thursday 13th February:** Wayne Denner Internet Safety talk for parents at Mill Street, 7:30 – 9:30pm
- **Friday 28th February:** Night at the races organised by the FoHT. **Tickets can be purchased through the school offices.**
- **Wednesday 11th March:** 1st Confessions - Mrs Smith & Mrs McGovern/Mrs Fee's classes
- **Wednesday 18th March:** 1st Confession - Mrs McMenamin & Mrs McDonnell/Mrs McGirr's classes

Holy Trinity receive some surprise funding Thank you to **Lakeland UK** for the fantastic donation of £500 towards our school resources. Thank you also to Joanne Wardman for applying to Lakeland for funding on our behalf. Joanne entered our school into a funding draw through her work and our school were the very lucky UK winners. We are so delighted. Kaylem, Joanne's son, presented the cheque to a very happy Mr Treacy and his P2 teacher, Mrs Mongan.



Nursery and Pre-School children visit P1 classes Mrs Jones, Mrs Bogue

and Miss Keaveney's classes visited P1 in December to meet the P1 teachers and have a look around the classrooms. They chatted to the P1 children and played some fun games in the hall. Before they left they enjoyed visiting Santa in his Grotto. What a lovely Trip. Thank you to everyone involved in creating an amazing Christmas grotto for our children to enjoy.



Congratulations to our top AR readers for January



Madison raises £700 for Mary's Meals

Nine-year-old Madison from Mrs Cathcart's P6 class was recently awarded the Chief Scout Award for a challenge she set herself during the summer. Madison amazed her friends and family when she smashed her five

peak challenge raising £700 for Mary's Meals. She hiked for five days during the summer, reaching the summit of five of the highest mountains in the UK - Slieve Donard, Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike, Snowdon and Carrauntoohil.



Madison has been hillwalking since she was six and regularly hikes with her Scout group. After hearing about Mary's Meals in her local community Madison decided to take on the challenge to help children like her gain an education and receive a daily meal. Madison's father reflected, "The first day of the hike was tough as she took on two of the highest peaks, Slieve Donard and Ben Nevis, in just one day; But Madison is really determined, if she says she is going to do something, she does it!" Well done Madison.

Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT) The FoHT parents and friends group organise and run social and fundraising events throughout the school year. The group are doing some amazing work to help fund a range of activities and equipment for the children in our school. Last term the FoHT raised £995.53 from their Christmas Disco and the Spooktacular run.



FoHT are organising a night at the races which will take place on **Friday 28th February in the Westville hotel**. If you could help with this event, or would like to join the group, please contact the school office leaving your name and contact details. **Tickets for the night can be purchased from the school offices**. Thank you.

P4 are enjoying the 'Relax and Stretch' program with Shauna They had great fun using their imaginations to move their bodies like zoo animals. The P4s loved Shauna's session and are

already looking forward to next week.



St Vincent de Paul

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to our Saint Vincent de Paul collection at our Carol Service in December. Martha Smyth, president of our local SVdP was very grateful to receive a cheque for £420.48. This money will be used to help those in need in our local area.

Supporting the Friends of the Cancer Centre

Holy Trinity staff held a fund raising coffee morning in September. The event raised £1000 for local cancer charities. This year our school

is supporting 'Friends of the Cancer Centre'. Mrs Williams was delighted to present Friends of the Cancer Centre representatives, Geraldine Corrigan and Marita McKervery, with a cheque for £1000. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this fundraiser.



School raffle Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for our school raffle this year and congratulations to everyone who won a prize. The money raised, an amazing £2411, will be used to buy drama resources for our school. A list of the winners is on the December news on our school website.

St Joseph's Art competition Holy Trinity was well represented in the St Joseph's Christmas Art competition with lots of our P7 pupils taking part. The children each designed a Christmas bauble reflecting the meaning of Christmas. There were some really lovely designs. Deivs Tarvids was the overall competition winner while Emily Scott received best from the Holy Trinity entries. We also had three runners up. Congratulations everyone.



Wall murals Kevin McHugh has been back in school and has painted some beautiful new murals on our KS2 site. They really cheer the corridors up, the children really love them. Some of the children got the opportunity to help with the art work. Thank you Kevin.



Winter in P1 The children have been painting snowmen for their Winter Topic. They have also been enjoying “warm” foods in the Cosy Café.





Attendance

Congratulations to Mrs Farley's P2 class and Mrs Greene's P5 class for having the highest attendance in first term. The classes got a certificate and extra play time as reward. December monthly awards go to Mr Devlin's P6 class (KS2) and Mrs McMenamin's P4 class (KS1).

Our school target for attendance this year is 96%. This is a high but achievable target and one which the Department of Education would see as appropriate for primary schools. It is very important for your child to be at school as much as possible to help them with their school and class routines, maintain class friendships and to achieve academically.

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- Establish a good routine in the mornings and evenings so your child is prepared for the school day ahead.
- Make sure your child goes to school regularly and follows the school rules.
- Ensure your child arrives at school on time – not late.
- Arrange dental and medical appointments outside school hours when possible.
- Always inform the school if your child is absent due to illness.
- Take truancy seriously, if your child is not attending school as you expect they may be putting themselves at risk. Who are they with? What are they doing?
- Take family holidays outside term time.
- Talk to your child about school and take an interest in their school work (including homework).
- Attend parent evenings and school events.
- Praise and reward your child's achievements at school.
- Always support school staff in their efforts to control difficult or challenging behaviour.
- Discuss any problems or difficulties with the school, staff are there to help and will be supportive.

Do not be afraid to ask for help if a problem arises.



Microsoft Office for PC or Mac is available free to staff and pupils and can be downloaded to 5 personal devices using your child's **C2k username and password**.

To download Microsoft Office:

1. Visit <http://portal.office.com>
2. Enter your C2k Username in the format `auser123@c2ken.net`
3. At the next box re-enter your C2k username and your password
4. Click Install Office to download the version of MS Office you require

Remember you can also use a C2k username and password to sign in to Office apps on tablets and smartphones

Overviews for January

Primary 3



Mathematics: Depending on group children will focus on:

- counting in 1s, 2s, 3s, 5s, 10s, numbers before, after and between, up to 50 or 100
- adding a single digit number to a double digit up to 100
- adding 3 numbers horizontally and vertically
- read and spell number names to 20
- missing number sums
- doubles and near doubles

Pupils will continue work on number stories up to 10 or 20 (group dependant) consolidating addition and subtraction tables. They will recognise what is the ten and unit of a given number and add T. U. without bridging the 10.

Topic Work: Name and identify the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, recognise the symmetry in shapes

Literacy: We will begin to look at stories by the author *Jill Tomlinson* and work on her novel *The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark*. Associated work will include character profiles, book reviews, comprehensions and narrative writing.

Connected to our theme 'Winter' children will look at poems completing their own acrostic poetry and creative writing. Grammar focus will be on punctuation of sentences, adjectives and adding **ing** to a word. Big book focus will look at positional language.

The World Around Us: Our main theme is Winter. Children will investigate Penguins and their habitat. They will devise ways of measuring and recording weather and make their own weather symbols. They will investigate permanent and non-permanent changes which occur when looking at ice-cubes. Pupils will be able to make simple plans of their classroom using a key.

Other Information

- **30th/31st January** - P3 classes will visit the town library (details to follow)
- PE programme pupils - weekly dance class this term

Primary 4

Literacy- Pupils will know that comparative adjectives are used to compare **two** things usually by adding the suffix **er**. Pupils will know that superlative adjectives are used to compare **more than two things** usually by adding the suffix **est**. Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rule. Pupils will be reading their class novel 'Flat Stanley and the Great Egyptian Grave Robbery' and carrying out activities based on this. In writing pupils will be learning about instructions and will be writing instructions for mummification linked to their WAU topic.

Numeracy- Pupils will be learning about multiplication. They will know that multiplication is repeated addition and that it can be done in any order. They will continue to learn multiplication facts. Pupils will solve simple multiplication word problems and learn how to multiply a 2-digit number by a single digit. Our topic work this month will cover handling data where pupils will use tally charts, record information on bar graphs and interpret and read pictograms.

World Around Us- Our topic this term will be Ancient Egypt. Pupils will be able to locate Egypt on a map and will be able to name the 7 continents. Pupils will learn about the features of rivers and learn about the importance of the River Nile. They will look at what has survived in Egypt today and they will learn about mummification. In science, pupils will design a fair test to mummify an apple. In art, pupils will look at self-portraits and complete their own. We will be researching Ancient Egypt to help us complete PowerPoints in ICT.

Primary 5

Numeracy

- **Number:** Multiplication and division work. Problem solving activities
- **Topic:** Compass points and directional work, calendar work linked to New Year and basic time work
- **Mental Maths** – Multiplication and division tables
- **Home** - Learn times tables that are set each week
- Problem solving activities and word problems for multiplication

Literacy

- **Novel:** 'Kaspar Prince of Cats' Novel and related activities from novel booklet
- **Grammar work:** Compound words (combination of two or more words that function as a single unit of meaning, homophones (said same but with a different meaning and spelling) and synonyms (similar words)

- **Writing:** Diary Writing – Important features of a diary account, writing in the 1st person, sequencing events in chronological order and including feelings and emotions
- We will complete Schofield & Sims Spelling programme and related activities (week 13, 14, 15)

World Around Us

- Topic work – Finish topic of Enniskillen work and start new topic 'Titanic'
Who built it, where it was built, construction and departure, sections of the ship and passengers on the Titanic

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/computer suite each morning from 8.30am – 8.45am to complete quizzes and borrow/change books. Pupils choose one big book and one smaller one on their level. Quizzes can be completed on library books and on nightly reading book every week)
- Bring **instrument** into school every Wednesday (Keep safe at home please) – Use of '**Charanga Music Programme**' at home (Passwords given to all children)
- **Highlight important information or signs in Mental Arithmetic work.** Complete corrections
- Shared Education with Jones Memorial – 14th January
- Fire Station talk – 16th January
- Football every Monday and Friday for this term
- Trip to the Titanic Quarter Belfast – To be confirmed for Feb/March

Primary 6

Maths Number Pupils will:

- know tables up to X 12
- know how to do short and long multiplication to 10,000.
- solve word problems associated with multiplication.
- understand the relationship between multiplication and division.

Topic Pupils will:

- understand Rotational Symmetry
- be able to calculate perimeters of a range of shapes
- understand the term 'Area' and be able to work out areas of 2d shapes (regular and irregular) – counting squares/formula. (cm²)
- know that the area of square/rectangle is **(LxB)**
- know area of a triangle is LxB divided by 2

English Pupils will:

- recognise a play and how it is structured
- design a comic strip and begin to write a short play script.
- understand and know the correct punctuation and grammar needed to write a play script.
- know how dialogue is set out and be able to use adverbs to qualify verbs in writing dialogue

World Around Us Pupils will:

- complete our space topic by visiting the Planetarium.
- begin The Vikings topic and find out who the Vikings were, where they came from and why they travelled to new lands?

Children are encouraged to visit their local library and take out books that may be relevant to our topic.

Homework

We encourage the P6's 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).

Remember:

- 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.

Note: *The P6 pupils will be having a Trip to Armagh Planetarium on January 20th*

Primary 7

Numeracy This term in number, we will be covering Place value, addition, subtraction multiplication and division. For topic work we will be covering Measures – looking at length, weight, conversions and imperial units. Times tables from 1-12.

Literacy In writing children will focus on different types of poetry. Children will complete grammar work on nouns and revision of punctuation. Novel Book – 12th Day of July

World Around Us The Topic this term is Ireland/Northern Ireland.

PE Children will be participating in weekly swimming lessons. Girls will have the opportunity to take part in netball lessons.

Homework

- P7s will now begin 'Takeaway Homework' tasks. On a Monday night they should choose 1 task from a choice of 3 to be completed for Friday.
- They will also complete one Mental Arithmetic test each week and will have the 'At Home' page from Grow in Love to discuss.
- Spellings, Accelerated Reading and class reader will continue.
- **Confirmation:** Confirmation is on Sunday 29th March in St Michael's Parish Church.

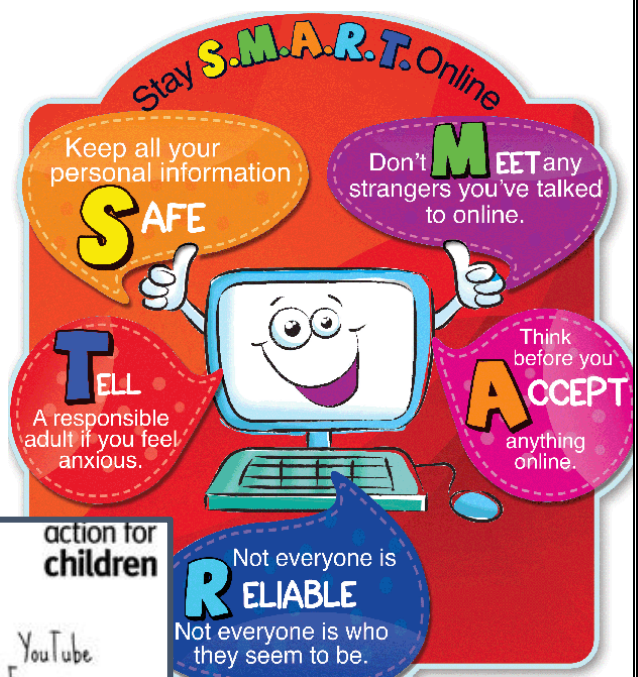
Trips

- All boys will be visiting St Joseph's College on Friday 24th January.
- End of year trip to Dublin Monday 15th- Wednesday 17th June.
Please continue to send in payments towards trip and encourage children to contribute their own money, if possible. All money to be paid by Friday 3rd April.

Internet Safety and your children

If your child is using devices which can access the internet you should always consider their online safety.

- Have a conversation with them about being SMART on line, use the image below.
- Make sure to set up age restrictions on devices and games that they use.
- Visit the internet safety section of our school website for some helpful links



Remember that primary school children are too young to have their own or access to social media accounts.

Note: Wayne Denner (Online Safety Professional) will give an Internet Safety talk for parents and Staff on **Thursday 13th February** at our Mill Street site, 7:30 – 9:30pm.