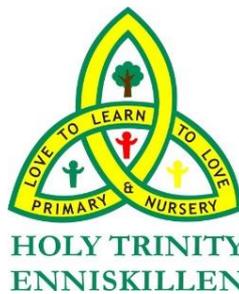




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Dates to remember:

14th – 18th February: Midterm Break, school is closed

17th – 18th March: St Patricks Break, school is closed



A new school for Holy Trinity

After many years it has been confirmed that Holy Trinity is to have a new school building. On the 23 June 2020 the

Minister for Education made an announcement regarding a major capital works investment. Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School, Enniskillen was one of 9 schools listed. Isherwood and Ellis LLP are taking the project through the required design stages to completion. The Board of Governors are looking forward to working with the Department of Education, Isherwood and Ellis and the Trustees to provide future high quality education provision in the new building. A programme of monthly meetings to plan the project are underway. 'We are looking forward to creating enhanced learning opportunities for the children in the future through the provision of a new school building' said Mr Treacy, Principal.



Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School present a cheque to Saint Vincent de Paul.

The pupils and staff of Holy Trinity Primary School recently presented a cheque for £900 to Saint Vincent De Paul. The money was raised through Christmas donations from parents, carers and staff. This donation is part of Holy Trinity's "Our School, Our Community" programme which connects our school to local charities, sports organisations and businesses. In the photo P4 pupils Jude Boyle and Liepa Niauraite, along with our principal, Mr Treacy, present the cheque to Martha Smyth from Saint Vincent De Paul.



Catholic Schools' Week will be celebrated in schools across the island of Ireland from Sunday 23 January – Sunday 30 January. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2022 is 'Catholic

Schools: Living Life to the Full'. During Catholic Schools Week families, parishes and schools are invited to participate in a week of celebration of Catholic schools reflecting on their contribution to the common good of society.



Keep our school safe from COVID: In school we continue to try to minimise the spread of Covid by improved ventilation, keeping pupils in consistent groups and by promoting good hand and respiratory hygiene. To help us keep our school safe please continue to check your child for symptoms; high temperature, loss of smell or taste, a continuous cough; in young children these symptoms may display along with an upset stomach. Keep your child off school if they show symptoms and help them take a lateral flow test. Phone school to let us know. A recent useful informaton guide can be found at: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-59907401>. We have also emailed parents and carers a letter from the Minister for Education which you may find informative.

Snow day at Holy Trinity The children really enjoyed their time out in the playground in the snow early in January. They all put on their gloves and hats to protect them against the cold. They made snow angels, snowmen and snow balls.



Learning About Space Primary 2 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck into our new topic 'Space'. We have had lots of fun learning through play and have worked hard on taking turns when playing with our friends. The children have loved learning about the different planets in our solar system. This month we had a 'Snow Day'. We loved exploring the snow and discussing what snow is and how it is made.



Gaels Christmas Colouring Competition Congratulations to Conn Maguire, Reuben Cassidy Jones, Amy Roche and Anna Morris who all won prizes in the Gaels Christmas completion. Well done to everyone who took part. Thank you to the Gaels for running the competition.



Holy Trinity's Christmas Raffle During December Holy Trinity's pastoral care team organised a staff raffle to raise much needed funds for the Aisling Centre in Enniskillen. Many staff generously donated prizes for the raffle and ticket sales went well. In January Grainne Scott came to our Derrin Road site and Mr Reihill, Mrs McCann, Evelyn and Megan presented her with a cheque for an amazing £500 for the Aisling centre. She was

delighted. Thank you to the Holy Trinity staff for supporting this event through donating prizes and ticket sales. Well done to the pastoral care team for organising the fundraiser.



Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT) Raffle Thank you to everyone who so generously bought tickets for the FoHT Christmas raffle this year. The raffle was a great success. Congratulations to all our winners, a list of all the prize winners is on our school website at:

<https://www.holytrinityps.com/news/congratulations-to-all-the-raffle-winners/?p=1&> Thank you to

the FoHT for running the raffle and to the businesses and friends of the school who donated prizes, it is very much appreciated. Ticket sales from the raffle raised £2835 which is a fantastic sum of money. We will use this to help buy a set of iPads for the school.

P4 join the Ulster Museum online with Shared Education Primary 4 have thoroughly enjoyed a series of online sessions with Fiona at the Ulster Museum in Belfast as part of their Shared Education work with Jones Memorial PS. The Museum sent us lovely boxes of artefacts from the time of WW2 and each class had the opportunity to explore it and talk about them.



Musical Pathways In P4 the pupils have loved their weekly Musical Pathways sessions throughout first term. The photos show P4 children taking turns to play chords on the chime bars to accompany the class singing Christmas songs.

Mrs Kirke will continue the weekly Musical Pathways program with classes across the school this term.



Chemical Reactions In P5 each class has carried out an exciting experiment called the 'Exploding Snowman'. The children had great fun finding out what happens to baking soda when white vinegar is added to it. They could see the chemical reaction before their eyes.



Overview of planned work for January 2022

Primary 1

Topic: Winter / Arctic Animals / Day & Night

Role Play: At the Café

Numeracy:

- **Focus Number:** Number 5. We are learning to write number 5, make a pattern of 5 and make a set of 5. When we write 5 we say **"Make his hat, make his back, make five's tummy round and fat"**. Children will be introduced to different ways of making 5.



The story of 5 is: **1+4 = 5, 2+3= 5, 3+2= 5, 4+1= 5, 5+0 = 5**

Continue to count with your child up to 5/ 10/ 15/ 20.

- **3D Shape:** Cube. We are learning how to recognise a cube this month. We will be experimenting with ice cubes, using cubes to count and building models using cubes. Look for cubes around your home and in the environment.
- **Money:** Recognising 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p coins. We will be using these coins in our role play 'Café'.



Literacy: This month we will be recapping on sounds covered in term one:

s a t i p n c k e h r m d g o

The children will also be learning the sounds: **u l f b**

- Please check your child's word book for new words. Read these each evening with your child.



World Around Us/STEM: Children will investigate how a solid changes to a liquid. We will investigate if an ice cube or a chocolate button will melt first. As part of our role play at 'the Café' we will make and taste hot chocolate.

P.E.: During the Winter months children can wear tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

Musical Pathways: Lessons in Musical Pathways will continue this term. The children are learning songs about Winter and are becoming more confident at participating.



Catholic Schools Week Catholic Schools week begins on 23rd January. You will receive more information about this throughout this month.

Homework:

- Please ensure your child is completing all set homework each evening and that colouring in is completed.
- Please sign homework each evening to show that you are happy with your child's efforts.

Primary 2



Literacy:

- This month we will be focus our shared, guided and modelled reading and writing around the topic of Space. Talk to your child about what they are learning about the topic and encourage them to research facts about space at home.
- Pupils will recognise, be able to say the sounds of and correctly form the letters **s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e, h, r, m, d, g, o, u, l, f, b, j, z, w, v, y, x** and the digraphs **ai, oa, ie, ee, or, ng, oo** and **ch** from the Jolly Phonics programme (upper and lower case, including the 'action'). This can be accessed on YouTube by searching 'Jolly Phonics'.
- Pupils will continue to practise writing simple sentences with some independence. Please continue to encourage and support your child with this at home.

Numeracy:

- This month we will be focusing on the topic of time. Pupils will learn **o'clock** and **half past** times. Encourage your child to read o'clock and half past times on the clock at home.
- We will focus on ordinal numbers 1st – 10th.
- With the use of a number line children will add 2 and 3 numbers within 5 / 10 / 20.
- Addition facts of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. e.g. 3 + 1 =, 2 + 2 =, 4 + 0 =.
- Counting to 100, order numbers to 20 (and beyond), focusing on language **before, after** and **in-between**.

World Around Us / Learning through Play / Other Areas of Learning

- Connected lessons within the topic of Space.
 - Learning through play will link to the topic of Space.
-  Making jet packs, space station small world set, space jigsaws, space play-dough, solar system keywords and sentence writing cards, alien and spaceship painting, etc.



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
- Continue to work on number stories up to 10 or 20 (depending on ability group), consolidating addition and subtraction tables
- 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 'Winter' theme children will look at poems, complete their own acrostic poetry and creative writing. Grammar focus will be on punctuation of sentences, adjectives, plurals (adding -s and -es) and adding **ing** to a word. Our 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.

Primary 4

Literacy: Pupils will know that comparative adjectives are used to compare **two** things usually by adding the suffix **er**. 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 will be 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 time and 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. 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 on the computer.

 **Do This In Memory:** The next 'Do This in Memory' Mass will take place in St Michael's Church on Sunday 23rd January at 10:30am

Primary 5

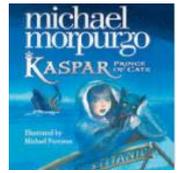
Numeracy

- Number: Division work (using bus stop method, division with remainders). Word problems around the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). Linking multiplying and dividing work.
- Topic: Starting measures (length and weight)
- Mental Maths – Multiplying and dividing (weekly tables linked). Estimation of length and weight

- Problem solving activities and word problems for division, length and weight
- Weekly tables test preparation.

Literacy

- Novel: Continue work on 'Kaspar The Prince of Cats' and related activities from novel booklet
- Grammar work: Apostrophes, possession (showing ownership), contractions (can not = can't)
- We will complete 'Schofield & Sims' spelling programme and activities linked to each week
- Writing: Newspaper reports – skimming and scanning for important information. Write own report linked to novel/ World Around Us topic. Tips for being safe on the Internet linked to 'Safer Internet Day' which is celebrated on Tuesday 22nd February.



World Around Us

- Topic work on Titanic: Cross section of the Titanic, Survivors of the Titanic, Morse Code and who was to blame for the sinking of the Titanic
- Independent research at home on the survivors and the music played when the ship was sinking

Other Information – Trips, Visits etc.

- Complete spelling revision every night (we will complete spelling work in class linked to weekly spellings). Spelling test on Friday morning in school.
- Accelerated reading will take place in class. The children can also complete reading at home and do a quiz in school on their level
- Oxford Owl ebook library is available at: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> Username: ks2https, Password: password2.



Please check that there is an AR quiz on the book if you wish to do a quiz. Go to AR the Book Finder site to check: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx>

- Your child should be able to access their emails from home at this stage
- Irish Dancing – Every Tuesday for 6 weeks
- Gaelic – Every Friday for 6 weeks
- Feel free to email the teacher with any concerns/queries about routines/work
tkelly706@c2kni.net, ggormley828@c2kni.net, pmcgirr670@c2kni.net



Primary 6

Maths

Number

- Pupils will complete 'subtraction' work.
- Pupils will know tables up to x 12.
- Pupils will know how to do short and long multiplication to 10,000.
- Pupils will solve word problems associated with multiplication.
- Pupils will understand the relationship between 'Multiplication' and 'Division'.

Topic

- Pupils will become aware of measurement in its various forms.
- Pupils will be able to calculate perimeters of a range of shapes.
- Pupils will understand the term Area and be able to work out the area of 2D shapes (regular and irregular) – counting squares/ formula (cm²).
- Pupils will know that the area of square/rectangle (**LxB**).
- Pupils will know area of a triangle is LxB divided by 2.

English

- Pupils will know how to use speech marks.
- Pupils will recognise a play and how it is structured.
- Pupils will design a comic strip and begin to write a short play script.
- Pupils will understand and know the correct punctuation and grammar needed to write a play script.
- Pupils will 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.
- Pupils will begin The Vikings topic and find out: Who the Vikings were, where they came from, why did they travel to new lands?

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

Homework

- Pupils will complete SPELLINGS daily at home. Learn and complete columns in spelling booklet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Complete sentences or meanings on Monday night. Revise all tables on Thursday for Friday's test.
- Mental Arithmetic: Monday- complete part A and part B, Tuesday – complete part C. Ensure key language is highlighted and corrections completed.
- Learn TABLES daily at home. (Topmark's 'Hit the Button is great fun programme for learning tables and pupils are familiar with it <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>).
- Other short homework activities will be set occasionally.
- READING: Pupils are encouraged to read lots at home (own books and books from the school library at their AR level). Quizzes can be completed in school. Pupils are asked to complete one quiz per week minimum.

Primary 7

Numeracy

- This month in number we will be covering number properties which include sequences, square, triangular and negative numbers as well as looking at multiples, factors and prime numbers through a range of activities.
- For topic work we will be covering Measures – looking at length, weight, conversions and imperial units.
- Continue to learn and revise times tables from 1-12.

Literacy

- In writing children will focus on different types of poetry and figurative language such as similes, metaphors and personification.
- Pupils will complete grammar work on prepositions and look at complex sentences which include clauses .
- We have a new Novel Book for this term 'The Twelfth Day of July'. This is linked closely with our World Around Us Topic - Ireland/Northern Ireland.

World Around Us: The Topic this term is Ireland/Northern Ireland. Pupils will be learning the provinces and the counties of Ireland.

PE

- Pupils will have gymnastics on Wednesday.
- Pupils will be participating in weekly swimming lessons this term.
Mr Starrs - Thursday, Mrs McGurk - Friday, Mrs Clarke - Friday

Music Pupils will take part in Musical Pathway lessons every Thursday

Homework

- Spellings, Tables, Accelerated Reading.
- Pupils are expected to complete at least one AR quiz per week.
- Pupils will be given Maths and Literacy written homework on a Monday and these are to be completed for Thursday along with spelling meanings and sentences.

Confirmation: Confirmation takes place on Sunday 3rd April 2022 at 3pm in St Michael's Parish Church.

This year there are Hearts on Fire/Preparation Masses to help prepare the children for their Confirmation. You will find more information about these masses on the school's social media. Visit:

<https://www.holytrinityps.com/parent-info/letters-for-parents/p7-letters/>

Key Dates:

- Sunday 16th January 10.30am – Enrolment Mass
- Sunday 6th February 10.30am
- Sunday 6th March 10.30am
- Tuesday 22nd March 6.30pm Service of Light



Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday 8th February. This day is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly and respectfully. This year the theme is '*All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online*'. Each class will talk about and complete activities relating to safe use of the internet during the week of February 8th. For more information visit the UK Safer Internet website at: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2022> for mor information