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Dates to remember:

- 17th & 18th March: St Patricks', school closed.
- 14th - 22nd April: Easter break, school closed. Return to school on Monday 25th April.
- 2nd May: Bank holiday, school closed.
- 5th & 6th May: school closed. ***Please note this is a change to the school calendar due to the elections.**



Ukrainian Appeal We were overwhelmed by the generosity shown by our school community in response to our appeal for donation of goods for the people of Ukraine. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed, thanks to our staff and pupils for organising the donations and the collections at each site and to everyone who helped load the lorry. What an amazing show of kindness. We hold the people of Ukraine in our thoughts and prayers at this dreadful time.



Flahavan Cross Country Success

The Flahavan's NI Primary cross country finals took place at Mallusk playing fields on Thursday 3rd March. Holy Trinity had a very successful day with Megan from Mr Starrs' class winning 1st place and Meabh placed 28th out of 175 girls. What Megan said:

'The race distance was 1400m, it started at 11 am. I was very nervous beforehand but my nerves disappeared when I started running. It was a close race all the way to the end but I managed to win. I was very happy.' Well done girls, what fantastic running, we are so proud of your achievements.





Nursery learn Ball Skills

The Nursery children are enjoying ball skills with Enniskillen Gaels' coach, Thomas. They are having great fun playing games, following instructions, catching, throwing and kicking.



Celebrating Shrove Tuesday On Tuesday 8th March classes across the school made and ate pancakes to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Pancake making was linked to numeracy, world around us and nutrition. The children learned about weighing and measuring, about hot and cold, about cooking on a pan, tossing pancakes and best of all they enjoyed eating warm pancakes with toppings of butter, jam or sliced strawberries. Yum!



Working in the Poly Tunnel Miss Corrigan has had great help from some of our P3 and P4 boys. They have been working really hard tidying up the poly tunnel in preparation for planting in the spring. They have had lots of weeding to do as well as turning over the soil in the raised beds and washing down the equipment. Miss Corrigan is planning a trip to the local garden centre to buy vegetables and fruit for planting. The children are very keen to start planting out when the weather warms up a little.

Learning through Play in P2 Primary 2 children have been developing their literacy and numeracy skills during 'Learning Through Play'. The children love to read, count and write number sentences. They have been exploring different ways to make different numbers and most of all they have been having great fun working together with their friends.



Testing Wind Gauges in P3 P3 classes made wind gauges as part of their 'Weather' topic. The children investigated what materials they could use, they discussed how they could make a wind gauge and made a plan. They brought recycled materials to school and made their wind gauges together in class. In the playground the children tested how their wind gauge worked under different conditions; a strong wind, a gentle breeze and a very calm day.



Trócaire This month classes are talking about the work of the Irish charity Trócaire and each classroom has a Trócaire collection box on display. Trócaire supports

vulnerable people in the developing world and raises awareness of global poverty and injustice. Classes plan to run a little fundraiser to help raise some money for this very worthy cause. More information on this will follow over the next few weeks.

Book Fair It was wonderful to welcome the book fair back to Holy Trinity at the start of March. There was a lot of excitement across the school as children got to browse through a range of interesting and colourful books. Thank you to the parents and carers who bought books for their children. Our school benefited from all book fair sales, raising £1400 worth of books for our school libraries. Thanks you.





Gymnastics in P4 Primary 4 children have begun a programme of gymnastics with coach Jen from CoreNI. Jen is currently teaching the children how to safely stretch the different parts of the body, the children have learnt some new stretches and are working hard during the lessons. Everyone is really enjoying the gymnastics sessions.



Ceili Dancing practice Mrs Kelly and the Primary 5 children have begun their preparations for next week's St Patrick's Day Ceili. The children have been going to the gym to practice their dancing in groups. They have learnt some new dances and are looking forward to showing off their new talents at the Ceili next week.



Snow Day Last week Mr Devlin's P6 class took a break from their school work to go outside and enjoy the snow.

Overviews of planned work for March Primary 1



Topic: Toys

Role Play: The Toy Shop Children will learn about toys from long ago and discuss how they are different from the toys they play with today. They will draw their favourite toy and use keywords and sounds to write a short sentence.

They will use language associated with the toy shop, e.g. customer, shop assistant, coins, 1p,2p,5p,10p, total, change, how much etc.

Numeracy: Focus Number: 7

Children will be introduced to different ways of making 7.

The story of 7: $1+6=7$, $2+5=7$, $3+4=7$, $4+3=7$, $5+2=7$, $6+1=7$.

Continue to count with your child up to 10/20/30/40/50. Using your number line help your child to find the **number before**, **number after**, **number next to**, **1 more than** and **1 less than**. Using this language with your child is very important.

3D Shape: Recognise a cone. Look for cones when you are out and about e.g. Traffic cones, an ice-cream cone.

Literacy: This month the children will learn the following sounds: **oa**, **ie**, **ee** and **or**. They will listen to the story, song and learn the correct formation of each letter.

Letter Formation During homework activities please focus on using the correct formation of letters and numbers with your child. Guidance sheets on correct formation can be found at the front of the homework book.

Word Book/Reading It is very important that you spend time each day reading and recognising the words in your child's word book. Help your child find these words in their reading books.

 **Musical Pathways:** The children are enjoying weekly music lessons with Mrs Grainne Kirk. During this time, we are learning to hear a steady beat in music and to sing a variety of songs. The children are participating and responding very well. Early experiences in music have links to helping children focus and concentrate which in turn will aid their progress in literacy and numeracy. Ask your child to sing you some of the songs they have learnt.

Primary 2



Literacy: Our shared, guided and modelled reading and writing will relate to our new topic of **Transport**. Talk to your child about different types of transport and look for examples of these when out and about in the lovely spring weather. We are encouraging pupils to **recognise**, be able to **say the sounds** of and correctly **form all letters** covered to date from the Jolly Phonics programme. Remember that this can be easily accessed on YouTube by searching 'Jolly Phonics'.



Numeracy: This month we will be working on our topic of **Money**. Pupils will be encouraged to recognise 1p, 2p, 5p, 10p, 20p, 50p, and £1 coins. We will use coins within our play based learning to practise making and counting different amounts containing 1ps and 2ps up to 20p. Challenge your child to retry amounts using a variety of coin combinations to develop their understanding of coin values.

We will continue counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's which will also link to money work.



Mathletics tasks will be set for homework each Thursday night. Tasks will link to class work and will help to consolidate learning for the children.



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

We will aim to connect lessons linked to the topic of **Transport** – air transport, land transport and water transport. Designing and making transport, garage small world set, bus station role play, garage role play, transport jigsaws, transport keywords and sentence writing cards, water / sand tray, transport fiction and non-fiction stories, transport paintings etc.

Primary 3

Mathematics Depending on group children will

- Continue to work on place value of 2 and 3 digit numbers. They will be able to partition numbers into H.T.U. and T.U. and add and subtract T.U. with and without bridging the ten.
- Children will begin to work with sets/groups of numbers to introduce the concept of multiplication. They will be able to round numbers off to the nearest 10/100. Focus will also be on solving simple word problems set in real life situations.
- Children will continue to use 100 grids to find patterns to add and subtract.

Topic Work Our topic for this month is 'Volume and Capacity'. Children will know the language associated with capacity. They will be able to make estimates using non arbitrary and standard units of measurement. Parents are asked to support children at home or when shopping, pointing out units of measurement on the packages of everyday household items.

Literacy Grammar focus will continue to be on adjectives and this month children will become familiar with the rules for adding 'ING' to verbs. We will use some traditional fairy tales to explore the narrative writing genre.

The World Around Us

- This month's theme will primarily be 'Electricity'.
- We will look at a range of 'Great Science Explorers'.
- Other topics related to this month will be Mother's Day and Saint Patricks Day.

Primary 4

Literacy: Pupils will continue to learn their spellings using the LSCWC method and will complete various activities to reinforce the spelling rules. Pupils will begin reading their class novel, *'The Egyptian Cinderella'*. In grammar pupils will look at direct speech linked to their novel. They will be writing a non-chronological report on King Tutankhamun.

Numeracy: Pupils continue to learn and apply multiplication facts. Our topic work this month will cover 3D shape where children will be learning the names and properties of 3D shapes. We will be looking at the language of direction including left, right and the compass points. Pupils will also consolidate their numeracy learning so far when completing problem solving activities in school and continuing their Mathematics tasks online at home.

World Around Us: This month we will be concluding our topic of Ancient Egypt. Pupils will learn about Tutankhamun, the pyramids and the gods that were worshipped in Ancient Egypt. They will investigate and research inventions and achievements of the Egyptians.

Sacramental Preparation: The children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion this year should attend the next 'Do this in Memory' Mass in St Michael's Church on Sunday 13th March at 10:30pm with their families. If it is not possible to attend in person the Mass can be viewed live online at <http://www.saintmichaels-parish.com/webcam.asp>.

The children will also make their First Confession in school in the coming weeks, a date will be arranged soon. Families should continue supporting their child to practise the 'Act of Sorrow' sent home recently.

Primary 5

Numeracy:

- **Number:** Fractions (halves, quarters, tenths, thirds and fifths) and introduce decimals
- **Topic:** Capacity and volume
- **Mental Maths:** Division of tables (link to multiplying)
- Weekly tables test and mental maths test preparation
- Parents: Could you help children become aware of and read measurements on everyday containers – e.g. milk, sugar, boxes.
- Revision of dividing work is essential

Literacy:

- **Novel:** 'James and the Giant Peach' and related activities .
- **Grammar work:** Prepositions (telling where something is), conjunctions (joining sentences) and speech marks.
- **Writing:** Narrative (story) writing – looking at settings, plots, characters and being able to plan, write and edit a story.
- We will complete **spellings** from 'Schofield and Sims' and matching activities from workbook.
- Weekly spelling test preparation.

World Around Us:

- Finish work on Titanic topic. Complete 'Water' topic – uses of water, saving water in school and home, the water cycle experiment and language associated with water.

Other Information – Work, 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 is still available to use. Username: ks2https. Password: password2. Please make sure you check that there is a quiz on the book if you wish to do a quiz on it using the Renaissance book finder site: <https://www.arbookfind.co.uk/UserType.aspx?RedirectURL=%2fdefault.aspx>
- Irish Dancing: Every Tuesday for 6 weeks – Ceili video shown to all classes on 16th March and link to be sent home to parents.

- Gaelic: 1 - 2 more weeks.
- Titanic Trip – further details to follow.
- Feel free to email your child’s teacher with any concerns/queries about routines/work.
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Primary 6

Number: Pupils will:

- know how to do short and long multiplication to 10,000,
- solve word problems associated with multiplication,
- understand the relationship between multiplication and division,
- understand that division is linked with fractions,
- use fractions in context and understand the terms **proper** and **improper** fractions,
- use fractions to describe quantities, e.g. 5/8 of a class are girls what fraction are boys?
- understand equivalent fractions.

Topic: Pupils will:

- 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,
- collect, record, and interpret various data from a variety of charts and diagrams,
- be able to read and interpret information from tables, pictograms, diagrams, lists, bar charts, simple pie charts and data bases,
- have the opportunity to respond to graphs interactively through ICT programs and complete follow up related activities.

English: Pupils will:

- analyse various types of reports,
- complete a non-chronological report on an animal of their choice,
- study newspapers, layout, features, jargon etc. (with our Irish News Literacy project) and be able to write their own news report,
- know the correct uses of commas and be able to use them accurately in their writing,
- understand antonyms (opposites) and be able to understand the purpose of prefixes in the context of opposites. e.g. honest/dishonest.

World Around Us: Pupils will begin the ‘Vikings’ topic. They will find out why Vikings travelled to new lands. They will find out about Viking raids, Viking weapons and Viking long ships. 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: complete part A and B on Monday and part C on Tuesday. Ensure key language is highlighted and corrections are completed.

Learn TABLES daily at home. (Topmarks ‘Hit the Button is great fun programme for doing this and pupils are familiar with this programme)

Other short homework activities will be set occasionally.

READING: Pupils are encouraged to read lots at home. (own books and books from our school library at their AR level) Quizzes can be completed in school. Pupils are asked to complete a minimum of one quiz per week.

P6 Trip: A trip to Armagh Planetarium is booked for **29th March**. This trip is dependent on availability of buses at that time. Information/cost to follow.

Primary 7

Literacy: Myths and Legends – In Literacy, P7 will read a wide range of myths, legends, fables and traditional stories. Then we will plan and write a new version of a myth/legend. We will also continue our work on our novel, 'Twelfth Day of July', and related activities. P7 will celebrate World Book Day and complete activities for this.

Numeracy: Number work – Fractions, Decimals and Percentages. Topic work – Shape and Space, focusing on area and perimeter.

World Around Us: Northern Ireland/Ireland Topic. Pupils are creating a 3D model of an Irish landmark of their choice.

Religion:

- Confirmation Preparation – P7 pupils will be following the Hearts on Fire scheme created by the Clogher Diocese to prepare children for Confirmation. See our website for links and information at: <https://www.holytrinityps.com/parent-info/letters-for-parents/p7-letters/> (Parent Info/Home School Links/P7)
- Children need to bring in a photo of their Baptism and a photo of their Holy Communion Day. These are going to be stuck into their Confirmation Book. Please place the photos in an envelope, put your child's name on the front and send it in to your child's teacher.

Important dates:

- Tuesday 22nd March: Service of Light St. Michael's Church – 6.30pm (over parish webcam)
- Wednesday 23rd March: P7 trip to Lough Derg – letters will go home to share more information.
- Sunday 3rd April: Confirmation in St. Michael's Church

Internet Safety

Please keep in mind that your children are too young for most social medial apps. See below for age restrictions on many apps.

For more information visit the NSPCC site at: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Social Media Age Restrictions
Information taken from the NSPCC website

Age Group	Apps
Under 13 (with Parental Consent)	Path, Roblox
13 +	Facebook, My Space, Twitter, Skype, Instagram, iTunes, Pinterest, ooVoo, Google+, Scout, Tumblr, Meet Me, Reddit, Periscope, Snapchat, Ask.FM, LinkedIn, RRM
16 +	WhatsApp
17 +	Vine, Whisper
18 +	Tinder, Yik-Yak
18 (13 with parental permission)	You Tube, Play Store, We Chat, Spotify (12 with parental permission), Kik, Keek, FourSquare, Flickr, Musical.ly, Live.ly, Live.ly, Omigle

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