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**HOLY TRINITY
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Newsletter

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Dates to remember:

- 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.**



Roots of Empathy in P3 Meet Ruby... Ruby and her mother

Michelle are visiting Miss Murray's Primary 3 classroom on Mondays. They are participating in the 'Roots of Empathy' programme with Mrs McCann and Miss Murray. The class look forward to Ruby and Michelle's visit each week and they talk all about their feelings and emotions. Roots of Empathy is an evidence based programme delivered in primary schools, it helps raise social-emotional competence and increasing empathy in children. At the heart of the programme is a baby and parent who visit the classroom during the school year. A trained 'Roots of Empathy' instructor coaches the children to observe the baby's development and to



label the baby's feelings. The baby is the 'Teacher' in this experiential learning, the instructor helps the children identify and reflect on their own feelings and the feelings of others. Thank you so much to Michelle and Ruby for being involved with this programme.

Pictured is Miss Murray's class meeting Michelle and Ruby for the first time.



New play equipment in the P1 playground

The P1 children are really enjoying the new play equipment which was bought recently for their playground. There are chalk boards, mini trampolines, basketball hoops, tricycles, balls and a climbing frame.





Green Day Fundraiser The Holy Trinity School community was delighted to present cheques for £400 each to the Alzheimer's Society in Northern Ireland and the Brain Tumour Charity recently. The money was raised through the "Green Day" the school held in the run up to St Patrick's Day. Children wore something green to school and families/carers made a donation of £1 for charity. Thank you to everyone who made a donation. Pictured are pupils Michael and Lynn along with P5 teachers Mrs Kelly and Mrs McGirr and principal Brian Treacy and below two of our P2 classes dressed in green to support our fundraiser.



Ceili Celebration at Holy Trinity The P5 children put on a wonderful performance of Irish dancing and music to celebrate our patron saint, St Patrick. The children performed a number of dances during the afternoon including the Walls of Limerick, the Waves of Tory, the Broom dance and Shoe the Donkey. Seán McAdam from Mrs Kelly's class performed a solo piece on the accordion and did a solo dance. The dancers were accompanied by Mrs Mongan on fiddle, Miss Murray on flute, Mr Jim McGrath and Seán McAdam on accordion. The performance was videoed and then watched by the whole school before our St Patrick's day break. Thank you to Mrs Kelly and all the P5 staff for working with the P5 classes over the past weeks, preparing them for the show and for decorating the hall; thank you to Megan for recording everyone and to Mrs Mongan for editing and bringing the recordings together for us. It's a great watch. If you would like to see this video it is still available on our school website news at: <https://www.holytrinityps.com/news/happy-saint-patricks-day/?p=2&>



Gymnastics in P4 The P4 classes are enjoying the CoreNI gymnastics classes with Jen.





Confirmation Congratulations to all the children who made their Confirmation on Sunday 3rd April, we hope you enjoyed your day. Thank you to everyone involved in preparing the children and to those who helped out on the day. Each class are pictured below with Bishop Duffy, Monsignor O'Reilly, Deacon Martin and their teachers and classroom assistants.



Confirmation Party at school On Thursday 7th April the P7 children came to school in their confirmation clothes and each had their photo taken by a professional photographer. They then went to Mass in St Michael's church. Afterwards they enjoyed a party in the school hall where there was food, balloons, dancing and lots of chat. The children all looked wonderful and they really enjoyed this little bit of chillout time. Everyone enjoyed some dancing, including the staff.



P3 Enjoy the Sun P3 classes made the most of the good weather, they enjoyed their snack together at the picnic tables out in the playground.

Learning about the Titanic

In P5 pupils have been working on the Titanic topic over the past weeks. They have learnt many interesting facts about the Titanic, about the people who sailed on her and about the dreadful disaster that

struck her. The children also made their own Titanic models.

Ice Experiment in P5 Children from Mrs Kelly's and Mrs Gormley's class took part in an 'Ice Challenge'. They used a container of ice to simulate the icy cold conditions that passengers on the Titanic had to endure as they went overboard. The children had to see how long they could hold their hands in the ice. The icy conditions created some very red hands as well as some unusual expressions as the children persevered and endured this task.



Friends of Holy Trinity (FoHT) group present iPads to Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School Julia Keys and Lindsey Hanna, representing FoHT, visited us this week to present our pupils with a set of 20 new iPads.

Our school has benefited from the support of the FoHT over the past few years. We really appreciate their work in fundraising, organising fun events and activities for pupils as well as providing much sought after prizes. Julia and Lindsey are pictured here with Mr Brian Treacy, Principal, and pupils Enoch and Lucy. If you are interested in joining the Friends of Holy Trinity group please contact our school and leave your contact details.



Feisty chairs in P6 In P6 the children have been learning about Persuasive Writing. All the pupils' chairs in Mr Devlin and Miss Kelly's class went on strike for one day. The boys and girls had to write persuasive letters to convince the chairs to come back. There were some excellent letters written by the pupils and by the end of the afternoon the chairs had been persuaded and were back behind their desks. A great relief to all the children who were in need of a rest from standing and sitting on the floor.



P7 use green screen technology to bring their novel 'The Twelfth Day of July' to life. Mr Starrs' P7 class have been working in groups to make video news reports based on their novel 'The Twelfth Day of July'. The story is about a girl called Sadie who went missing. In class we used the green screen and an Ipad for the recording and then the iMovie app to do the editing. The finished videos were uploaded to the Holy Trinity YouTube channel and a link sent to our families/carers so they can watch them. *By Leon Wheeler*

3D Printing at Holy Trinity Over the past few weeks Mr Starrs' class have been using the 3D printer. 'We used MS Paint to create bookmarks, we used a template to make the bookmark and then we got to design it with shapes and letters. The next step was cropping and saving the bookmark, we had to save it to a folder with our names on it. We had problems

with some of the cropping and saving but eventually all managed it. Then came the most important part, the actual 3D printing. As I am typing this some are still printing, some have been printed and have turned out really well. The printer can print two bookmarks at a time, each took around 1 hour to complete and we should be finished soon.

Mr Starrs talked me through how to prepare the files for printing and hopefully I will be able to prepare the next set myself. It is quite complicated and confusing. First you have to do certain settings and then you need to move it about on the printer, slice it with special software and save the sliced file to an SD card. Then you take the SD card to the 3D printer. You turn a big wheel on the printer and scroll down to the select the correct file. Finally, you press the big wheel and the printer starts to print. You just have to wait a couple hours for the printing to finish.

By Max Phillips



Overview of planned work for April Primary 1



Topic: Spring and Easter

Role Play: The Vets - Children will take on the role of the vet/nurse/receptionist/animal owner. Role play helps develop communication and express emotions and feelings. e.g. Show empathy when a sick animal comes to the vet.



Literacy: This month the children will learn the following sounds: **z, w, ng, v and oo**. 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. Sing the alphabet song with your child.

Point out the **capital letters** to your child in their reading book and in stories.

During reading we are encouraging children to read with expression. E.g. during 'Jack and the beanstalk' story the giant speaks with a loud deep voice but Jack's mummy speaks with a quiet and soft voice.

Numeracy: Focus Number: 8

Children will be introduced to different ways of making 8. They will make patterns of 8 and write the word 'eight' and number '8'. Children will learn about the story of number 8 practically using 'Unifix' during Numeracy activities. e.g. 4 and 4 altogether make 8, 3 and 5 altogether make 8

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.

We are continuing to learn how to add 2 numbers together in fun and practical ways. Here is a way you could help your child at home, using kitchen roll holders, two polystyrene cups and small toys e.g. Lego pieces.

3D Shape: Recognise a cylinder. Know a cylinder can slide, roll and stack. Look for cylinders around your home and when out and about

World Around Us This month we are looking at all the changes that happen in Spring, baby birds, buds on the trees, tadpoles. Talk to your child about Spring.

The children will learn about the Easter Story through the Grow in Love programme.

The Nursery classes are joining Primary 1 for an Easter Egg Hunt.

We are going to visit the Enniskillen Museum and Forthill Park in April (more details to follow).



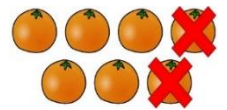
Primary 2

Literacy: Our shared, guided and modelled reading and writing will link to our new topic of **Dinosaurs**. Talk to your child about different dinosaurs and use books and the internet to find out some interesting facts.



We have now covered all sounds from our Jolly Phonics programme. We are encouraging pupils to **recognise**, be able to say the **sounds** of and correctly **form** all letters using the correct formation. Remember that this can be easily accessed on YouTube by searching '[Jolly Phonics](#)'.

Numeracy: This month we will continue work on our **money** topic and we will also be working on the topic of **subtraction** – we will be doing this practically using equipment and moving on to using a number line. We will continue counting in 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's.



Mathletics 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 Lessons will be linked to the topic of **Dinosaurs**. Dinosaur small world set, dinosaur duplo, dinosaur jigsaws, dinosaur keywords and sentence writing cards, water/sand tray, dinosaur fiction and non-fiction stories, dinosaur paintings, etc.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and wish all our families a safe and happy Easter. We hope that the weather stays nice so that the children can make the most of the outdoors.

Primary 3

Mathematics: Depending on group children will:

- work on multiplication of 2s, 5s, and 10s.
- work on place value of H.T.U. and T.U.; bridging and not bridging the ten.
- work on vertical addition and subtraction of 2 digit numbers.



- continue using the 100 square to explore patterns and quick methods of adding and subtracting.
- use a variety of operations to help with problem solving activities.

Topic Work: We will continue to work with money; finding the cost and giving change.

Measures- Capacity using standard measures (litres)

Literacy:

- Introduce our new author Roald Dahl and begin our class novel 'Fantastic Mr Fox'.
- Range of activities related to this including Cloze Procedure, Diary writing, Persuasive writing.
- Continue our work on verbs, adding **ed** and **ing**.

The World Around Us:

- Observations of signs of Spring.
- Mother and baby animals.
- Life cycles of the frog.
- Begin our investigation of Materials and their properties.

Other Information: P3 will visit Forthill for "Signs of Spring" activities.

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 be reading their class novel, 'Danny the Champion of the World.' In grammar pupils will look at homophones, synonyms, antonyms, colons and commas in lists. We will be writing a play script based on the 'Three Little Pigs'.

Numeracy: Pupils will be learning about fractions of objects and fractions of numbers and will be solving word problems. They will continue to learn multiplication and division facts. We will be reading scales and giving change with money. Pupils will also use ISAK9 and complete problem solving investigations.

World Around Us: This month we will be introducing our new topic of Buildings. Pupils will look at homes in Victorian times and will be able to name different types of houses e.g. detached, terraced etc. Pupils will look at the work of LS Lowry and complete pictures using perspective and collages. Pupils will learn about the Great Fire of London and the diary of Samuel Pepys. Pupils will look at budgets linking to numeracy. They will write a for sale or for rent poster. Pupils will begin their stop motion animation projects.

PE: Your child should wear their PE kit to school on Tuesdays and Fridays; Yellow T-Shirt, blue shorts/bottoms, school jumper.

First Holy Communion takes place in St Michael's Church, Enniskillen at 6.30pm on the following date:

- **Tuesday 10th May:** Mrs Mongan's class
- **Wednesday 11th May:** Miss Harte & Miss Corrigan's classes
- **Thursday 12th May:** Mrs Smith & Mrs Reihill's classes

The next **Do This in Memory Mass** is at 10:30am on Sunday, 10th April 2022 (Palm Sunday)

All support materials can be found on our school website www.holytrinityps.com/parent-info/letters-for-parents/p4-letters/



Primary 5

Numeracy:

- **Number:** Continuation of fractions. Decimals: recognise, write and order basic decimals.
- **Topic:** Money - Identifying and using money linked to problem solving activities. Time - telling the time, problems linked to time, reading timetables
- **Mental Maths:** Use and discuss mental strategies to calculate total amounts and give change
- Weekly tables test - revise all tables learned to date
- Parents – could you encourage your children to handle money at home and in real life situations. Revise conversion table.

Literacy:

- **Novel:** Start new novel 'James and the Giant Peach'.
- **Grammar work:** More advanced punctuation, commas and exclamation marks, revision of apostrophes.
- **Writing:** Narrative (story) writing – looking in more detail at how a narrative story is made up of, build up, problem and resolution, start fantasy stories

My Conversions Mat

Length	Mass	Capacity
10mm = 1cm 100cm = 1m 1000m = 1km	1000g = 1kg	10ml = 1cl 100cl = 1l 1000ml = 1l
mm - cm + 10 cm - m + 100 m - km + 1000	g - kg + 1000	ml - cl + 10 cl - l + 100 ml - l + 1000

4 millimetres = 0.4cm
4mm into cm = 4 ÷ 10

- We will complete **spelling lists** from 'Schofield & Sims' and matching activities from workbook
 - Weekly spelling test preparation
 - Parents - encourage your child to read their Accelerated Reading Books and complete 2+ quizzes before Friday
- World Around Us:** Continuation of Water topic: Uses of water, saving water in school and home and states of water. Water experiments related to the above topics. Start WW1 topic.

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. Collins e-books to be completed in school and at home. Passwords given in diaries
- Oxford Owl is still available to use. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/> 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.
- Feel free to email the teacher with any concerns/queries about routines/work tkelly706@c2kni.net, ggormley828@c2kni.net, pmcgirr670@c2kni.net
- Shared Education - trip to be confirmed.
- Trenches trip to be confirmed.
- Core N.I Wellbeing in Action 10-week programme in school.

Primary 6

Maths: Number: Pupils will be working on fractions and moving on to decimals and percentages.

Topic: Pupils will be working on 'Data Handling' activities.

English: Pupils will know when to use apostrophes both for contractions and showing possession. Written activities will focus on persuasive writing.

Topic/World Around Us: Pupils will continue work on the Vikings. They will build a Viking boat from recyclable materials.

AR reading: Congratulations to all the children who have achieved their term two AR target, it's now time to get thinking about your Term three target. Also, congratulations to our newest P6 Millionaires.

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 part B on Monday, complete 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 one quiz per week minimum.

Trip: The pupil Armagh Planetarium trip has been **rescheduled to Friday 27th May**. Information/cost to follow.

Primary 7

Literacy: Novel work – Pupils will be finishing their novel, "The Twelfth Day of July", before Easter. After Easter P7 pupils will be reading 'Boy' by Roald Dahl.

Writing – After completing our Myths and Legends topic, after Easter Primary 7 will be working on poetry linked with our Rainforest Topic.

Numeracy: Percentages, Area & Perimeter and Angles work. Pupils will begin Data Handling after Easter.

World Around Us: Completing Ireland topic and moving on to Rainforests topic after Easter.

PE: Weekly swimming and yoga, rugby is starting after Easter.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 8th April: Bronagh Starrs – Talk about transition to secondary.

Congratulations to all of the Primary 7 pupils who made their confirmation on Sunday 3rd April.

