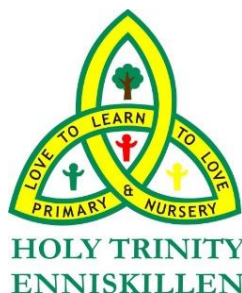




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# Newsletter

October 2022

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## Dates to remember:

- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October: School Mass at St Michael's Church, Enniskillen.
- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October: Ditch the Dark day, pupils wear something bright.
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022: Midterm break, school closed. School reopens on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

**Principal Welcome** You are all very welcome back to a new school year at Holy Trinity Primary and Nursery School. I want to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and their families who have joined Holy Trinity for the first time. I hope you enjoy your time in our school and that through working in partnership we can develop the children to their full potential.

I would ask that parents continue be mindful that Covid is still in our community and to take appropriate action if they believe their child is displaying symptoms. As a staff we will do our utmost to deliver a broad and balanced education which enables each child to flourish in an atmosphere of care, respect and compassion. Finally, can I thank you for your support for the school and ask you to contact us if you have any queries or concerns in the future. Best wishes, *Mr B Treacy, Principal*



## Holy Trinity Speech and Language Class Opens

In September Holy Trinity was delighted to open a new Speech and Language class. The class teacher is Miss Corrigan and classroom assistant is Cora McManus.

The pupils attending are settling in well and making progress every day. On

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October our pupils' parents joined us for the afternoon to celebrate the new class and to recognise DLD (Developmental Language Disorder) Awareness Day. The theme for the day was "Growing".



**Musical Pathways** Children across the school are participating in Musical Pathways classes with Mrs Grainne Kirke this term. The children are enjoying singing together, playing a range of percussion type instruments and moving with the music.



## Holy Trinity welcomes our new classes

Mrs Jones' Nursery Class



Mrs McDonnell's Nursery Class



Miss Keaveney's Pre-school class







Mrs McCann's  
P1 Class



Mrs Colhoun's  
P1 Class



Mrs McMenamin's  
P1 Class



**The Friends of Cancer Fundraiser** Holy Trinity staff were delighted to hold a coffee morning in aid of 'The friends of the Cancer Centre' at the end of September. The morning included a 'Bake Off', a 'Guess the number of sprinkles' competition as well as a prize draw. The bake-off judging panel were delighted with the exceptional bakes and took considerable time to make a final decision on the winning bake, a Cheesecake by our new star baker, Mrs Charlene Hussey. Thank you to all our staff for being so generous in their contributions of savoury and sweet treats as well as for their donations to this very worthy cause. Between the raffle and donations Holy Trinity staff raised £1,000 for 'The friends of the Cancer Centre'. The staff enjoyed a cuppa and chat making it a lovely morning.



**Preschool children enjoy Castlecoole** Holy Trinity preschool children went to Castlecoole for an autumn walk. They talked about the changes autumn is bringing to the park. They collected some leaves, conkers and twigs to bring back to their classroom. The children are going to use what they collected for their art and crafts activities. They will be making autumn pictures.



**Happy in P1** The P1 children have settled well into their school routine and are enjoying learning through play, listening to stories as well as learning letters sounds and numbers. They also love playing together during time outside.







**Lots to do in P2** P2 children have settled into their school routine, it has been a busy few weeks. The children have been learning through play; they have enjoyed messy play in the sand and exploring our outside area with friends. They have been building jigsaws, playing games, working on the computer as well as taking part in musical pathways sessions with Mrs Kirke. Children from each class have interviewed Mr Treacy. He was asked some very important questions about himself and his job.



**Healthy Me in P3** In P3 the children are learning about keeping healthy as part of their 'Healthy Me' topic. Each class carried out an experiment to look at the effect of having too much salt on our bodies and in food. The children also looked at different ways to be healthy. They children sorted foods on a target wheel into healthy and unhealthy categories. They also recorded what they ate in a day into a food diary and compared their healthy food choices.



**Gardening in P4** Mr Starrs' class have been out working in the poly tunnel. They planted sprouting broccoli plants, a blueberry bush and rhubarb. The children also sowed spinach seeds and watered the other plants in the poly tunnel.





**P4 and P5 take part in Shared Education Program** Primary 4 and Primary 5 classes each enjoyed a fun day of activities at the Lakeland Forum at the start of October, led by CoreNI. This is the start of the Shared Education Program for our P4 and P5 year groups where pupils will work with their friends from Jones Memorial PS at times throughout the school year. For more photos visit us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/HolyTrinityPrimaryandNurserySchoolEnniskillen/> or on Twitter at: [HolyTrinity20](#)

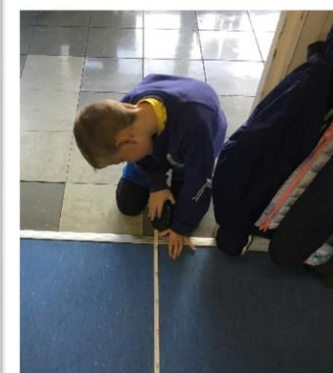
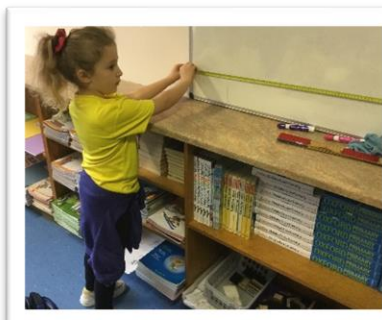


**Learning about Measuring in P4** Mr Starrs' pupils have been learning some practical uses for maths. The children used measuring tapes to measuring some of the objects and spaces in their classroom.



#### Flahavans Cross Country Competition

Congratulations to Meabh from P6 who ran a really strong race and came a fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the first leg of the Flahavan's Cross Country League 2022-2023 competition.



#### Swimming Success

Keira from P6 represented Holy Trinity PS at Swim Ulster's Primary Schools'

Championship swimming competition at Bangor Aurora Complex on Saturday 8th October. She was delighted to qualify for 50m Breaststroke finals, touching the wall in 3rd place, picking up a 3.62 second PB along with her bronze medal. She followed that with another qualification for the finals, this time in the 50m Butterfly. Keira took a whopping 17 seconds off her PB, placing 5th in the 10 year old section. Keira's performance in the 50m Breaststroke qualifies her to compete in the Irish Minor Schools Championships at the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin in March 2023 where she will be representing Holy Trinity. Congratulations Keira!





**Learning about the Famine in P7** In WAU P7 pupils are learning about 'The Famine'. They have been investigating the effect of germs on potatoes with 'The Germy Potato' experiment. They left the potatoes in a dark cupboard over the weekend to see the outcome and just after a few days, the 'touched by unclean hands' potatoes were already starting to grow some 'furry bits'.

There were lots of groans at the sight of this, but happy faces that most of their hypotheses were correct.

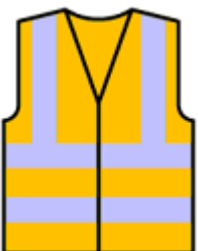
The children have also planted potatoes in class as part of this topic. They will watch them grow over the next few months.



### Holy Trinity Choirs

Mrs Grainne Kirke has been working with the junior choir (Monday) and senior choir (Wednesday) after school over the past few weeks. She is delighted with the fantastic turn out for both choirs. The children are currently working on some pieces for our school mass which takes place later this month.

**Note:** Please take time to label your child's school uniform, coat and hat. This will help us return lost items to the correct owner. Thank you.



During the darker evenings please make sure your children are safe by reminding them to wear reflective clothing when they are out after dark.





## Overviewed of Planned Work - October

### Primary 1



**Topic:** Autumn/ Little Red Riding Hood/ Halloween

**Literacy:** Your child has started to complete homework activities including Jolly Phonics and Grow in Love.

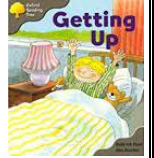
Each week your child will learn a sound from Jolly Phonics. By the end of October the sounds s, a, t, i and p will be introduced. You can access Jolly Phonics online at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and you will be able to support the songs and actions which are being taught in school.



Say the Days of the Week and the Months of the Year with your child.



**Shared Reading:** The children have been introduced to the characters Kipper, Biff and Chip through shared reading lessons. At carpet time the children listen to a story from the 'Big Book' and answer questions relating to the story. Ask your child about the stories: "At School" and "Getting Up".



**P.E.** Each Tuesday our coach takes a PE lesson with the children.

**Remember: children need to wear trainers to school for P.E.**

**World Around Us:** We are going on an Autumn walk to Forthill (more

details to follow). Talk to your child about the different colours of leaves, chestnuts, acorns and the changes in the weather during Autumn. The children will be listening to Autumn stories and learning songs about Autumn.

**Numeracy:** Our focus number this month is number 2. "Half a heart will not do, straight line over makes a 2!"

**Shape:** Our focus shape is the triangle. Have a go at making triangles at home, e.g., using twigs from the garden/lollipop sticks

Your child will receive a number line home this month. We would encourage you to spend time each day looking at the number line **specifically focusing on recognising numbers 1 – 10**. Ask your child to name the number before and after a given number.

- What number comes after 5?
- What number comes before 3?

Look for triangles when out and about with your child and discuss how many sides a triangle has.

**Reminder of Library Days:** Mrs McCann – Friday, Mrs McMenamin – Thursday, Mrs Colhoun – Wednesday

**Musical Pathways** The children are enjoying weekly music lessons with Mrs Grainne Kirk. During this time the children are learning to hear a steady beat in music and have opportunities 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 and in turn aid their progress in literacy and numeracy. Ask your child to sing you some of the songs they have learnt.



**Paths Programme** PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) is a programme designed to facilitate the development of self-control, emotional awareness, peer relations and interpersonal problem solving skills. We are using this programme in P1. Each child will have the opportunity to be "Child of the Day" and will learn about giving one another a compliment.



### Primary 2

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our pupils and their parents/guardians to P2. Thank you for supporting your child as they settle into their new classroom. We are very proud of all the boys and girls.



#### Literacy

We have now worked through the sounds **s, a, t, i, p, n, c, k, e** and **h** (including their capitals forms) to date. It is vital that your child is able to **correctly** form, recognise and sound these out (including their capital form). Please revise these daily with your child, referring to the '**Language of Writing**' in your child's home link book.

Over the next month we will be forming, recognising and sounding out **r R, m M, d D, g G, o O** and **u U**.

#### Mental Maths to practise

- Count forwards in 1s to 30 and backwards from 20 to 0.
- Order numbers to 14, ask questions like "What comes after 10?"
- We have been using a number line in school to practise numbers **before, after** and **in between** within 20 e.g. What number comes **after** 11? What number comes **before** 8? What number is **in between** 13 and 15? Practise adding 1 to a given number within 10 mentally e.g. **7 + 1 =**, use counters to support thinking if needed.





- Practise recognition of the digits 11-20.
- Practise writing the numbers 0-20 correctly in order.



**World Around Us:** Our topic this month is **'Houses and Homes'**. We will be finding out about houses and homes in our local area and how they are similar/different to houses and homes around the world. We will learn how houses are built and what materials are used. Please talk to your child about this. We look forward to hearing what the children find out.



#### Other Notes:

- As the weather is getting colder we ask that all children bring a **warm coat** to school each day. It is important that your child is able to put on their own coat. Please encourage your child to practise this.
- **PE is on Monday for all P2 classes; our coach is Callum.** PE uniform can be worn to school on the days your child has PE. This is a yellow Holy Trinity PE t-shirt, navy/grey tracksuit bottoms or blue PE shorts, school jumper and trainers.
- **Snack/Lunch:** Can we remind parents/carers that we are encouraging children to bring a healthy snack to school each day e.g. a piece of fruit, yogurt, crackers, etc and a healthy lunch. Treats should be kept to a minimum. **No items containing nuts** are allowed in school.
- **Uniform:** Please ensure your child's uniform is clearly labelled with their full name in order to minimise incidents of lost property.



### Primary 3

#### Literacy

##### Grammar

- Children will learn what a verb is (doing word)
- Children will learn what an adjective is (describing word)
- Correct formation of lower and uppercase letters

**Writing: Instructional writing.** How to write instructions for various topics and understanding the steps needed e.g.

- What I need for a good night's sleep
- Steps I need to brush my teeth

##### Spelling

- Children will complete spellings each night (Mon – Wed)
- Use the look, say, cover, write, check method for Friday test

##### Numeracy: Number

- Addition up to 20/30
- Subtraction up to 20/find difference between numbers
- Missing box number sums
- Place value to 99

##### Mental Maths

- Counting in 2s, 5s, 10s to 50 or 100
- Number bonds to 10, doubles of numbers

##### Topic Maths: Measures

- Language of 'length' – units of measurement, non-arbitrary units, cm, m
- Practical measuring inside and outside

##### World Around Us:

- Continued work on 'Healthy Me' topic
- Focus on what is needed for a good sleep, what to do before bedtime to switch off, how we take care of our body e.g. shower, rest, brush teeth, exercise

##### Homework:

- Literacy & Numeracy – Given on a Monday and to be handed in on a Thursday
- Religion – 'Grow In Love' Programme – Given on a Wednesday and to be handed in on a Friday
- Spelling revision completed every night
- Athletics tasks set on a Monday and completed for Thursday

##### Other:

- Please send a coat with your child to school every day as we walk in Forthill and are outside at break and dinner times.
- **Please label all jumpers/cardigans/coats etc. clearly.**



- Healthy snacks to be eaten at break time only and treats to a minimum at dinner time
- PE: Mrs Mc Manus -Tue & Fri, Miss Hoy -Tue & Fri, Mrs Kelly - Wed & Fri.

**Note:** School PE kit to be worn on PE day (navy shorts/leggings, yellow P.E t-shirt and trainers).

#### Primary 4

**Literacy-** Pupils will learn what an adjective is. They will look at punctuation with a particular focus on when we use capital letters. Classes will continue to read 'Little Manfred' by Michael Morpurgo together and they will complete selected activities on the novel. The writing covered this month will focus on letter writing. This will be linked to their WW2 topic and they will be pretending to be evacuees writing home. Pupils will complete comprehension activities weekly and will learn to answer in full sentences making reference to the question in their answers.

Literacy homework includes reading their Accelerated Reading book in preparation for doing a quiz in school.

**Numeracy:** Pupils will take part in mental maths lessons to help them calculate answers mentally. This month the focus will be on place value, partitioning of numbers and using the vertical method for addition, progressing to bridging/carrying. Pupils will learn to understand and use the language associated with these areas. We will also continue to practise solving simple addition word problems.

Daily revision of names of 2D/3D shapes, days of week, months of year and time-o'clock, quarter past/to, half past times. Topic work will focus on length, measuring, using the correct units e.g. cm, km and understanding perimeter.

Mathletics tasks are set for completion as part of homework. Sign in details can be found in your child's homework diary.

**World Around Us:** Pupils will continue to learn about World War 2 including rationing, daily life in WW2, evacuees and the blitz. They will create a collage of a Blitz City Scene and also produce their version of Van Gogh's painting The Road to Tarascon using pastels. They will look at transparent, translucent and opaque in connection with the use of 'blackout' materials during WW2.

**Other Information:** We will continue our Shared Education activities with Jones Memorial PS.

Please check your child's homework diary to support them in ensuring they have completed all homework.

#### Primary 5

##### Numeracy

- Number: Addition and subtraction of Hundreds, Tens and Units, problem solving activities (online games, table top games and worksheets)
- Topic: Properties of 2D shapes (square, triangle, rectangle, circle) & 3D shapes (cube, cuboid, cylinder, sphere, cone), symmetry (mirror images), lines (horizontal, vertical, diagonal and parallel)
- Mental Maths – revision of times tables, use of Mathletics computer programme at least once a week for homework.
- Weekly tables test preparation – whiteboard work.
- Encourage use of everyday Maths e.g. shapes, time and money to enable children to see Maths in day to day context.

##### Literacy

- Novel: Charlotte's Web and related activities
- Grammar work – Verbs (doing words), Adjectives (describing words) and begin Adverbs (describing a verb).
- We will complete Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme (meanings, sentences, endings and workbook) to prepare the children for their Friday test.
- Writing – Poetry – Haiku's and noun and verb ending poems (link with Mini-beast topic and Halloween) and acrostic poems.

##### World Around Us

- Continued topic work on minibeasts – instructions for wormery
- Facts on insects and carry out activities on the spider
- Mini-beast hunt

##### Other Information

- 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 at their level.
- Guided Reading newsletter sent out for parents to read/view on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.



- Weekly Irish classes every Thursday, children to practice some common phrases, numbers in Irish etc every Wednesday night for approximately 10 mins.
- Shared Education trips with Jones Memorial Primary School to take place during the school day at Jones Memorial PS on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of October 2022.

### Primary 6

#### **PDMU**

- Pupils will develop their self-esteem.
- They will be able to recognise various feelings, reactions, points of view of self and others.

#### **Maths Number**

- Complete 'Place Value' (continued from September)

Pupils will be able to:

- Add and subtract using a variety of mental strategies.
- Add and subtract using standard written methods.
- Solve problems involving addition and subtraction. (Maths Games/Izak 9)
- Use the relationship between addition and subtraction to check calculations.
- Understand and underline the key words when solving problems using addition and subtraction. (esp. in Mental arithmetic books)

#### **Maths Topic**

- Complete 'Time' (continued from September)
- 2D shapes.
- Pupils will understand terms of line- horizontal, vertical, diagonal, parallel and perpendicular.
- Pupils will know language associated with measuring a circle. They will be able to find the diameter, circumference and radius.

#### **Literacy**

- Children will understand term 'nouns' (Common, proper, collective and plural nouns).
- Children will understand term 'verbs' and recognise them (doing/being words).
- Children will be able to form verbs in the past, present and future tense.
- Pupils will understand story structure to plan and write a story, drawing on personal experiences [narrative].
- Novel – the children will listen to and respond to our class Novel "Wonder."

#### **Topic/World Around Us (SPACE)**

Pupil will learn:

- How shadows are formed and changed.
- Know the earth travels around the sun and it takes a year to orbit the sun.
- Know that the earth's surface spins into the sun's light we have daylight and when it spins away from the sun's light we have darkness.

#### **Homework**

- Pupils will complete SPELLINGS daily at home. Learn and complete columns on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in spelling booklet. Complete sentences or meanings on Monday night. Revise all tables on Thursday for Friday's test.
- MENTAL ARITHMETIC Complete part A and B on Tuesday, complete corrections and part C on Wednesday. ALL pupils must *highlight* the key part to each question.
- 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 school library at their AR level) Quizzes can be completed in school. Pupils are asked to complete one quiz per week minimum. Reading books will be sent home this month. Please check what reading your child has to do every night alongside their AR Reading.

### Primary 7

#### **Literacy**

- Pupils will continue to read the novel 'Twist of Gold' by Michael Morpurgo and complete associated activities from their novel booklet.
- Pupils will complete a variety of listening and written comprehensions



- Through creative writing we will look at biographies and autobiographies from a range of people and complete work on these.
- Pupils will complete grammar work on verbs including adverbs, verb tenses, regular and irregular and active and passive verbs
- We will complete Schofield & Sims Spelling Programme (meanings, sentences, endings and workbook) to prepare the children for their Friday test
- Guided reading will take place in class. The children can also complete reading at home and do an AR quiz in school on their level

### Maths

- Number: Multiplication and Division – Pupils will continue their work on long multiplication and problem-solving questions and then move on to division strategies. We will also begin to look at fractions, decimals and percentages.
- Topic – We will be looking at Shape and Space. 2D and 3D shapes and their properties, symmetry and the various different types of lines
- Mental Maths – Revision of times tables

### World Around Us – The Irish Famine

- This month we look at potatoes and the effects they had on the Famine. We will be planting potatoes in class as well as doing experiments on how bacteria/germs can affect the potato.
- Pupils will be going on a trip linked to this topic later in the term once the new workhouse is completed at the start of December.

**PE** – Pupils attend swimming lessons weekly.

**Music**- Pupils take part in Musical Pathways every Thursday

### Key Dates/Information:

#### For pupils applying to attend St. Michael's College

- On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October St Michael's College will host a familiarisation day. Parents will be notified by letter indicating which group their son is in and the time allocated to attend.
- Entrance Assessment will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

#### For pupils applying to attend Mount Lourdes

- On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October Mount Lourdes Grammar School will host a familiarisation day. Parents will be notified by letter indicating which group their daughter is in and the time allocated to attend.
- Entrance Assessment will take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



### Internet safety Information

Primary school children are too young to have access to most social media sites without careful adult supervision. There are recommended ages at which children may have access to a variety of social media sites.

For further information on social media guidelines visit:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/social-media-guides>

Visit the Safer Internet website to learn more about keeping your family safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

