

**HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PARENTS NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2012**

**EVENTS IN TERM 2**

**3<sup>rd</sup> January- School re-opens after Christmas holidays.**  
**12<sup>th</sup> January- Yoga class for parents 9.15-10.15**  
**13<sup>th</sup> January- 6 week course for parents- Managing Stress and Positive Mental Health**  
**16<sup>th</sup> January- P1-P3 after school club re-commences**  
**26th January- Service of Commitment- 10.45**  
**30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> February- Annual Reviews for Unit children**  
**14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February- Mid Term Break**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> March -Confirmation**  
**19<sup>th</sup> March- Off School for St Patrick's Day**

**PARENTS ARE REMINDED THAT CHILDREN ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BRING MOBILE PHONES, IPODS, PSP PLAYERS ETC INTO SCHOOL AT ANY TIME.**

**PRIMARY ONE ENROLMENT**

Enrolment forms for parents wishing their child to begin P1 in September are now available from the office in Holy Trinity School.

It is essential that you return your completed form along with your child's birth certificate and baptism lines (if the child was not baptised in Holy Trinity Church) to the school before then .

We are very fortunate in that Holy Trinity is one of the few schools in Northern Ireland whose pupil numbers have steadily increased over the past few years. In the majority of schools pupil numbers have steadily decreased in recent years.

We can only take in 90 children and over the past two years we have reached this quota. We feel that this is as a result of the excellent reputation Holy Trinity has both in and outside

the community with regard to the excellent education provided, the high level of pastoral care, sporting excellence, links with parents, high standards of behaviour etc.

**All forms must be completed by the 18th January at 12.00 noon but we strongly urge you to get your form in as quickly as possible.**

**PARENT COURSES**

The following courses will take place in term 2. If you are interested please contact Aileen or Isobel on 02890616465 or why not just come along

**Yoga classes - 9.15-10.15 every Thursday in the Middle P5 classroom.**

**Managing Stress and Positive Mental Health - 6 week course. Every Friday 9.15-10.15. This course will take place in the Parents' Room.**

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**BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM**

The boys' team recently reached for the final of the Belfast indoor five-a-side tournament after beating both Gaelscoil na bhFal and Christ The Redeemer in their qualifying group games.

In the final the boys played extremely well and did themselves proud when they beat Edmund Rice, drew with Holy Child and were narrowly beaten by Bunscoil Phobal Feirste to finish as runners-up.

This was a great achievement as the other three teams all play in a league above so very well done!!

**Squad:**

Ciaran Scullion, Sean Smith, Joseph Mc Kee, Barry Begley, Tim Scannell  
Ciaran Donnelly, Ruari Dixon, Paul Gorman

The boys are also in the league play off with St Bride's for the honour of being B League champions

**HOLY TRINITY WIN  
ALLIANZ CUMANN NA  
MBUNSCOL GIRLS INDOOR '5s'  
COMPETITION**

Holy Trinity's Girls travelled to St John's GAC to defend the Allianz sponsored indoor title they won last year with a young squad which included two Primary five pupils and three Primary sixes.

Having qualified through the round-robin stage unbeaten, Holy Trinity came up against Gaelscoil na bhfal and St Kieran's who were the winners of the other qualification days. The enthusiasm and talent on show was a credit to all schools which resulted in a superb Finals with little between the teams on the day.

It took the last match of the tournament between Holy Trinity and St Kieran's to decide the winners of the Trophy. Lauren McFarlane continued to pull off tremendous saves in the final match and she was ably supported in defence by Abbey Dahunsi and Katie Boyd O'Neill who marshalled the defence magnificently. Lara Dahunsi's bursting runs from midfield caused St Kieran's trouble and allowed Cora Morgan room to cause more damage up front. Eventually, after a titanic battle, Holy Trinity emerged victorious which saw the trophy return to Turf Lodge for the second year in a row.

Panel: Lauren McFarlane, Abbey Dahunsi, Katie Boyd O'Neill, Lara Dahunsi, Cora Morgan, Lucy Collins, Ronetta Daunoraite and Jordan McCabe

**SCHOOL COUNSELLING  
SERVICE**

Are you worried about your children? Do they seem very quiet and shy? Do they always seem angry? Are they easily led and make the wrong choices? Are they

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sad over a bereavement, separation etc.?

Then why not use the services of the school counsellors? If you are interested in getting support for your child contact Mrs Boyd in the school.

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTION!**

For the parents whose children arrive late for school or for parents who are regularly late when picking their children up after school we ask parents to make changes on your list of new year resolutions.

It is not always the children's fault if they are late for school. Children feel uncomfortable when they have to come into the classroom when their class is already settled to work. Teaching and learning begin as soon as the children arrive in their classroom and those children who arrive late play catch-up for the remainder of the day.

Please give your child a good example for life by having them in school every day on time.

**BAD WEATHER**

Hopefully we will not have extreme weather conditions like last winter.

If the weather is very poor and there is heavy snowfall this year, for health and safety reasons, the school may be required to close.

When the weather is poor, parents wishing to check if the school is closed, should check the school website and listen to the following radio stations- Downtown, Cool

FM, Radio Ulster, U105 and City Beat.

Parents should also ensure that the school has an up to date mobile number in case we need to contact them.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

To every boy and girl who performed in the Christmas Concert, you were brilliant! We are so proud of the individual class performances and we congratulate the staff for their hard work to polish the performances.

Thank you parents for creating or providing the beautiful costumes for your children.

We are confident you will have wonderful memories of the Christmas Concert 2011.

**Our school is pICTure perfect!**

**Holy Trinity gains prestigious ICT Mark Award**

Children at Holy Trinity Primary School are at the forefront of using information and communications technology (ICT) to enhance their work, and that's official!

Following an extensive external assessment, Holy Trinity Primary School has become the first primary school in the Belfast Education and Library Board area to be awarded the prestigious ICT Mark. The award recognises the success of the school in developing the strategic use of ICT in both administration and across the curriculum.

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Mr David Cargo, Chief Executive of Belfast Education and Library Board, said “We are determined that all local children will have the best opportunity to excel in the jobs market of the future. Holy Trinity Primary School should be congratulated on this wonderful achievement. This demonstrates the excellent ICT management and teaching that is taking place in our local schools.”

Mrs Armstrong, our Principal, commented: “Everyone at Holy Trinity Primary School is delighted that we have been awarded the prestigious ICT Mark. It has long been a central plank of our teaching philosophy to explore and utilise ICT to the advantage of our pupils and this has been noted as a strength of the school in reports by the inspectorate.

We believe that ICT can be used in every aspect of learning and that it is essential our children are equipped for the modern world. That Holy Trinity Primary School has received this award is a welcome recognition of the school’s positive approach to ICT. We are very proud to have gained the right to include the ICT Mark on our website and correspondence and will spur all of us on in our continuing commitment to ensure that our children enjoy all of the benefits of excellence and forward-thinking in ICT.”

Mrs Armstrong noted particularly the sterling work of the co-ordinators with particular responsibility for developing ICT in

Holy Trinity Primary School, Martine Rooney and Cathy Harte, and ensuring that the school was ready for ICT Mark assessment and who commented: “We are really pleased that the presentation of this award shows recognition of the excellent ICT work that is taking place at Holy Trinity Primary School.

Applying for the award really brought into focus the ICT work that we are doing each and every day. All the children and staff deserve credit for this achievement.”

Bernadette Brooks, Naace General Manager, said "Holy Trinity Primary School thoroughly deserve the accolade of an ICT Mark accreditation. They clearly demonstrate how important it is to take a whole school approach to using ICT in schools. We look forward to working with Holy Trinity Primary School to demonstrate how ICT can have a substantial impact on learner outcomes in the future.

We believe that the pupils and staff deserve a reward for their great achievement in ICT.

To reward them we will allow them to have a half day’s holiday on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. School will close on that day at 11.30am.

Well done everyone!

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