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Important Dates

Leavers' Mass

The Primary 7 Leavers' Mass will take place in Holy Trinity Church at 1.30pm on Friday 20th June.

Summer Holidays

Holy Trinity P.S. will close for the Summer Holidays on Friday 27th June at 11.15 am. There will be no dinners on this day. Pupils who receive transport from ELB will finish on Thursday as there will be no transport on Friday. School will reopen on Monday 1st September. We will finish at 11:45 and there will be no dinners on this day.

First Communion

Congratulations to all our Primary 4 pupils who celebrated their First Communion on Saturday 17th May. Holy Trinity Parish Church was packed with family members to join with the pupils in celebrating this momentous day in their lives. As always the pupils were beautifully prepared for the ceremony and took great pride in singing their hymns and speaking out their responses. A special word of thanks goes to the pupils of Primary 6 and 7 who assisted with the singing to help make it such a wonderful day.

Key Stage One Assembly

Mrs Donnelly's and Mrs Gallagher's classes led the Key Stage One Assembly, which was on the theme of 'Under the Sea'. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to perform in front of their parents. After the assembly Mrs Boyd presented the Key

Stage One awards for Star of the Month. The award winners were: Cameron Flanagan, Kevin Elumbaring, Niall O'Shea, Annie Berry, Marcus Austin, Jakub Hofman, Michael Kearney, Aaron Smyth, Eve Kempston, Niamh Ward, James Dunlop, Hayley Irvine, Caelan Donnelly, Jay Mc Parland-Mc Cartney, Caragh Madden, Daniel Armstrong, Rhiannon Beck, Libby Milligan and Katie O'Neill. Once again, congratulations to all these pupils.

Key Stage Two Assembly

Mr White's and Miss Harte's classes led the Key Stage Two Assembly. The main theme of their presentation was to reinforce our links with our partner school in Uganda, St Andrew's. The children showed off a range of recently acquired skills to demonstrate examples of the customs and traditions in Ugandan and Irish life. The assembled audience enjoyed the dancing, singing and musical instruments on show. After the assembly the awards for Star of the Month were presented. The award winners were: Joe Curley, Curtis McIlroy, Shane McCartney, Abby Slane, Joseph Doran, Sean Og Conlon, Chloe Fullerton, Rebecca Erskine, Aimee Ireland, Rebecca Lavery, Joshua Mc Bride, Lorcan Mateer-Doran, Ross Mc Gratten and Sean Gibbons. Congratulations to them all.

P7 Business Initiative.

Having displayed great entrepreneurial flair with their company 'Blooming Mums', where they sold bouquets of flowers, P7MH are at it again. The pupils are again displaying their business skills. This time they established a company to blend and



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sell 'smoothies' at the Key Stage 2 Sports Day. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it gives them an appreciation of how a business can be established and developed.

Building Work

Over the last few months Holy Trinity Primary School has been undergoing some refurbishment. The entire school is currently being rewired and this has led to some disruption. We apologise for the inconvenience.

Holy Trinity Summer Scheme

Holy Trinity PS is happy to announce that we will again be running our Summer Scheme for our current P4 children (who will be moving into P5 in September). It starts on Tuesday 1st July and runs until Thursday 17th July. The purpose of the Summer scheme is to help raise pupils' attainment in the key areas of Literacy, Numeracy and ICT. Pupils also engage in sporting activities, art and crafts and have a trip once a week.

Parents/Guardians will receive notes with all the relevant information on Monday 9th June.

Father Wallace Memorial Week

As part of the week of events to celebrate and remember the life of our former chaplain, Father Matt Wallace, Holy Trinity Primary School was involved in three main activities: On Tuesday our special school mass was offered up for Fr. Matt. On Tuesday afternoon we hosted a 7-a-side Gaelic Football tournament at Gort na Mona. Each squad was made up of 5 boys and 5 girls. Holy Trinity had two teams and were joined by Holy Child, Gaelscoil

na bhFal, Bunscoil an tSleibhe Dhuibh and St Kevin's. Our thanks to these schools that attended and helped make the event so enjoyable. On Friday morning we planted a special tree in our Sensory Garden which will come into bloom at this time of each year and will always help us to remember the vision and energy that Fr. Wallace displayed, ensuring that the young people of our area can have excellent facilities to give them a good start in life. All the pupils had a fun afternoon with classes involved in a variety of activities and parties in memory of Father Matt. Our thanks to our caretaker, Tom Culbert, for his magnificent work in getting the garden looking so beautiful for this momentous occasion.

Ugandan Visitors

Holy Trinity PS hosted two visitors from St Andrew's in Kampala. Over the last 5 years we have firmly established our educational partnership with the teachers and pupils from St Andrew's. This year Mrs Devlin and Miss Mc Laughlin spent a week in Uganda and in May St Andrew's principal, Millie, and one of their teachers, William, visited Belfast for a week. Some of the money raised during our Lenten collection was used to buy seed to grow crops in the school. This has meant the school is able to offer the children a meal in the middle of the day. As a result of this there is now almost one hundred more pupils regularly attending St Andrew's and the teachers have reported that in their national exams the pupils are attaining much improved grades. Milly and William have asked us to express their great thanks to all the pupils and their families for the help we provide. It is very much appreciated.



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PE Uniform

Next year we are introducing black tracksuit bottoms with school logo which can be purchased from our suppliers, Truly Fare and Monagh Fashions. On days when pupils have PE they will wear their PE uniform to school.

Sports News

Girls' Football

Congratulations to Holy Trinity Girls' Gaelic team who followed up their Belfast and All County indoor titles by representing Antrim in the Ulster Indoor finals which were held in Magherafelt. Holy Trinity were grouped with Tyrone, Armagh and Fermanagh and qualified for the semi-final by topping the group. They played the Derry champions and the game ebbed and flowed with the lead changing hands on several occasions. Unfortunately, on this occasion the girls were beaten 3-3 to 2-2, but considering that our squad was by far the youngest at the finals the girls really produced a performance they can be really proud of! Well done to all the girls: Cora Morgan, Lucy Collins, Chloe McLaughlin, Lauziata Quinn, Aisling Healy, Niamh Bellew, Zoe Mulholland and Eva Akinshinde.

Hurling Blitz

Holy Trinity's Hurling team participated in a Cumann na mBunscol blitz held at Rossa GAC. Our boys competed well displaying the skills they have acquired during their coaching sessions this year. We had good victories over St Clare's and Ballymacward and a defeat to Bunscoil PF. We hope the children who have been playing hurling in the school this

year will continue to play during the Summer. Holy Trinity was represented by: Luca Caggese, Caoimhin Boyd, David Dixon, Eoin Kelly, Jay Burns, Daniel Ward, Logan Mc Mahon, Lorcan Mateer-Doran, Ronan Green, Callum Walsh, Caomhin Fisher, Aaron Mc Clean, Sean Christopher Carleton and Conor Mooney.

Camogie Blitz

Our Camogs were also in action in a recent blitz also held at Rossa. Our young team, with only three Primary 7 pupils, lost to Victoria and drew with Bunscoil Phobal Feirste. The girls have worked hard over the year developing their skills and we hope they will continue to play with their clubs over the Summer. Holy Trinity was represented by: Lucy Mc Ilwee, Zoe Mulholland, Emma Dixon, Emma Reynolds, Cliona Mc Crory, Aisling Healy, Jaime-Lea Walsh, Fionnuala Marley, Ciara O'Brien, Katie Skelly and Lucy Collins.

Gort Na Mona Coaching

Training continues for boys and girls every Sunday morning from 10.30 to 12.00. All pupils P1 to P6 are very welcome and Gort na Mona will be delighted to see some new faces.

Here Comes the Summer!

We wish all the pupils and parents a happy and enjoyable Summer break. Thank you for your support over the last year and we look forward to seeing you again in September. To our Primary 7 pupils we wish you all the very best in the future. Remember, you are Holy Trinity pupils and we will always keep you in our thoughts and prayers.