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Important Dates

Ash Wednesday – 10th February

BT Internet Safety Training-
Thursday 18th February, 1:30-2:30pm
in the Key Stage 2 Hall.

Mid-Term Break – Monday 15th,
Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th of
February

Confirmation – Friday 4th March at
11:00 am in Holy Trinity Church

First Penance -Thursday 10th March
at 10.45am in Holy Trinity Church.

Communion – Saturday 14th May at
11:00 am in Holy Trinity Church

Catholic Schools Week

This week we have been celebrating
Catholic Schools Week. The theme
this year is *'Catholic Schools:
Challenged to Proclaim God's Mercy'*

We are reminded that education is
more than just transmitting simple
facts. This week, devoted to Catholic
schools, gives everyone involved in
Catholic education the opportunity to
acknowledge and celebrate the
contribution that our Catholic schools
make to Irish life.

During this Catholic Schools Week,
we explore with the children how they
can be the face of God's mercy in our
classrooms, the playground, our
school, our families and in our
community by promoting tolerance,
respect and inclusiveness.

Monthly Mass

On Tuesday the pupils from P4 to P7
participated in their monthly mass
which was part of the "Catholic
Schools Week" celebrations. Fr.
Brendan celebrated the mass by telling
the pupils that they are our future and
that we wish to see the qualities of
kindness, caring and consideration for
those around us. The readers were:
Ethan Mc Cusker, Raymond Mc
Kenna, Sophie Mc Shane, Chloe
Lennon, Korey Irvine, Aidan Ferris,
Karl Huston Mc Greevy and Rihanna
Watkin. The offertory procession was
carried up by: Abigail Bradley, Dylan
Mc Clean Brady, Rhanna Hall and Eva
O'Rawe Mc Carthy.

Parish Streaming

You can now watch mass from Holy
Trinity on the internet; just follow the
link below for Mass and Services.

www.churchservices.tv/holytrinity

Transfer Procedure

In the recent Transfer Procedure results
our pupils once again performed
outstandingly well. Holy Trinity PS is
proud of the achievements of all of our
pupils and wishes to provide to each
and every pupil the opportunities
necessary to achieve their full
potential. We want our pupils to
develop their gifts and talents by
involving themselves in all aspects of
school life and especially the after
school clubs.

Fire Brigade Visit

Blue Watch from the Fire and Rescue
Service visited the Primary 3 children
on Thursday 4th February.



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The children had the opportunity to have a close look at the fire engines and their emergency equipment. The firemen talked to the children about staying safe and the work they do. The children were happy that the fire engines were not called to any emergencies during their visit.

Hurling and Camogie News

Congratulations to our hurlers and camogs who have been participating in the Cumann na mBunscol Indoor 5-a-sides over the past few weeks. Our Hurlers won their section with victories over St Michael's, Scoil na Fuiseoige and St Bride's. They went through to the Finals' Day where they finished third.

Well done to our girls, many of whom were playing in their first competitive Camogie tournament. It was great this year to be able to bring two Camogie teams to take part and hopefully the children will have many more enjoyable outings to come.

Hurling Panel: Callum Walsh, Corey Clarke, Aaron Mc Clean, Raymond Mc Kenna, Conall Fox, Aaron Mackel and Odhran Nolan.

Camogie Panel: Ellie Burns, Aoife Mc Phillips, Medoe Rooney, Erinn Nolan, Lucy Mc Ilwee, Leah Bunting, Koralea Gray-Nolan, Katie O'Neill, Chloe Lennon, Rhianna Mc Kenna, Leah Kerr and Brogyn Mc Kenna.

We would also encourage pupils who have an interest in Hurling and Camogie to get involved in the after school club and also, if they are not currently attached to a GAA club, to join up with Gortnamona where they will receive expert tuition in the key skills.

Science Visit to St Mary's CBGS

P7 boys and girls visited St Mary's Grammar School on Wednesday 27th January to work in the Science laboratory on a series of investigations relating to the theme of their World Around Us topic, The Titanic.

The children looked at how pulleys made building the Titanic easier, how shape made the ship move more quickly. They examined how Morse code works, iceberg size and shape. This work will help them all in their topic which continues next term, and improve their science knowledge and skills for the future.

Parents' Courses

Internet Safety (P5-P7 Parents)

The Internet can be a wonderful resource for our children and most of us now have access to the Internet at home. As we know, that access can also pose risks and we want to protect our children against these. It is important to be aware of what our children see and hear on the Internet, who they talk to, and what they share about themselves online. We are delighted to be able to offer you a one hour Internet Safety Training session from BT. The session will be on Thursday 18th February, 1:30-2:30pm in the Key Stage 2 Hall. This will be a Parent and Child Session so your P5-P7 child will be with you in the hall. This is a great opportunity to update your knowledge and learn how to help your child stay safe online.

If you have not already replied to the letter that went home, please contact the General Office to book a space.



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Peace Proms Concert

Holy Trinity Choir took part in a workshop for the upcoming Peace Proms Concert in the SSE Arena at the end of February. They travelled to the Whitla Hall at Queen's University to rehearse with many other schools that are taking part.

New P1 Play Area

Outdoor learning is an integral part of the curriculum. In Holy Trinity we are fortunate to have the Sensory Garden and Woodland Area within our school grounds. This enables the children to gain first-hand experience of seasonal changes, plant growth and mini beasts in their habitats. This will certainly encourage all the young scientists among us. Next year, all year groups will take part in organised outdoor learning activities which will enhance learning in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and World Around Us.

To expand outdoor learning opportunities in the Foundation Stage, an area of outdoor space beside the Primary One classrooms has been transformed. Our P1 children will explore through role play, creative writing on the chalk and dry wipe boards, construction and many other areas of play based learning. To complete the outdoor learning experience there is a wonderful story telling corner with a special 'throne' for the story teller!

Quiz

Our boys and girls recently competed in the Belfast Credit Union Quiz where they showed their knowledge in a range of areas including History, Geography, Science and General Knowledge. The pupils had a very

enjoyable day out and enjoyed returning to school to test the knowledge of a few of the teachers. The girls finished third and the boys finished fourth. Congratulations to them all.

Representing the boys was: Jake Patton, Joseph Doran, Corey Mc Cann and Oisin Boylan

Our Girls Team was represented by: Megan Muir, Abby Slane, Bronagh Nolan and Breanna Mc Laughlin.

Right of the Month

Article 19:

We have the right to protection from violence and neglect.

Rights Respecting Behaviour:

Pupils can:

We can respect each other's rights by being kind to others and telling an adult if we believe someone is at risk.

Adults can:

Ensure that the school's health and safety policy is being adhered to. Ensure that our classroom environment is one where we feel safe and secure.

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“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.” Pope Francis

Do you personally face challenges and problems in life for which you do not see a solution? Are you worried about the future of your children and would like to pass on values that will accompany them throughout their lives?

Come and Listen!

Talks for adults and young people
Where we can experience the mercy offered us in this
Year of Mercy!

Sundays and Wednesdays

7:45pm

Basement

behind Holy Trinity Church

*Starting Sunday **Feb 7th***

and continuing for several weeks

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