



PARENT NEWSLETTER

March 2016



Important Dates

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

Wearing Green Day – Monday 14th March

Freddy Fitness – 16th March (Pupils will wear PE gear to school)

St Patrick's Day Holidays – Thursday 17th and Friday 18th March

Easter Holidays – Holy Trinity PS will close for the Easter break at 11:00 on Thursday 24th March and will reopen on 4th April.

Sacramental News

Confirmation

This year Bishop Farquhar will be coming to the parish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 4th March. This is a very important day in the life of the parish and the school and the pupils have been working hard to prepare for this occasion. Primary 6 and 7 pupils will go straight to the church and will go home at the conclusion of the mass.

Seating Arrangements

This year we have almost 100 pupils making their Confirmation and of course this means it will be a very busy morning indeed. In order to make the ceremony go smoothly we would ask everyone attending to co-operate with

the arrangements in place. This is particularly important with regard to the seating arrangements. The pupils sit together with their classes at the front of the church and the sponsors are placed immediately behind. These seats are clearly marked with 'reserved' signs and are only for pupils and sponsors. Other family members must find other areas of the church to sit. As the church will be a very busy we suggest those in need of a seat arrive in good time.

First Penance

This year First Penance is on the 10th March at 10.45am in the church. The children will go home after the ceremony.

Peaceful Schools Initiative

On Thursday 18th February Holy Trinity hosted students from St Mary's University, Halifax, Nova Scotia in Canada. This the 12th year that students from St Mary's have visited Belfast teaching conflict resolution strategies through classroom games and activities, passing on skills our pupils can use. The students were very impressed with how our children spoke out and how they offered solutions to a variety of problems.

Park Life

P5MML were involved in The Park Life Programme and visited the Falls Park on Tuesday 9th February. The trip involved a treasure hunt of activities about life and events that had taken place in the Park in the past. The pupils also learnt about Park poetry and had a quiz. There will be one more trip after Easter.



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Internet Safety

Our BT Right Click Internet Safety Course was a huge success last month and we had over 90 parents and children talking part in this very informative workshop. Thanks to all the P5-P7 parents who attended what proved to be a very thought provoking session.

Useful websites for further information:

<http://www.vodafone.com/content/parents.html> (See also their Magazine for Parents)

<http://vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk/>

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

<http://www.childnet.com/resources>

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/safesearching/>

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 10th February the school came together to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the pupils received their ashes. Father Brendan talked about the importance of Lent. During the Mass each class displayed their Lenten banners which the children had designed where they make certain commitments during the period of Lent. These are displayed in a prominent position in each class and we hope the pupils will work hard to achieve their promises. The readers were: C Mc Laughlin, Z Mulholland, J Doran, L Carlisle, B Mc Laughlin, E Akinsehinde and R Glenholmes.

The offertory procession was carried up by: E O'Rawe Mc Carthy, A Bradley, D Mc Clean Brady and M Doran.

Lenten Campaign

Each year the pupils and families of Holy Trinity Primary School support our Lenten campaign with incredible generosity and we are extremely grateful for that help which will go to benefit Trocaire and some local charities which help those in great need.

Cinema Day

As part of our fundraising we organised a cinema day in the hall where year groups came together to recreate the cinema experience. The children thoroughly enjoyed the event. Our thanks to our caretakers Tom and Paddy for organising the hall and to Mr Colgan and Miss Gorman for organising the films.

Peace Proms Concert

The school choir having been preparing for a few months to sing at the SSE Arena with the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland. On Sunday the 28th of February they headed off early from school for what was to be a long but rewarding day. It was a great experience for the children to be able to perform alongside a full symphony orchestra and various soloists, among them Brian Kennedy. The children were able to watch the whole concert that had everything from Irish dancing to Pipes and Drums. They had a great day and can't wait for next year. As ever they were a pleasure to take out. They made us all very proud. Thanks to Mrs Mc Kinney and Miss Donnelly for organising the practices and taking the children to this wonderful event.



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Sunshine Room

The pupils attending the sunshine room enjoyed a Valentine's craft morning on Thursday 11th February in the classroom. Both parents and children made beautiful cards and decorated heart lollies and made paper plate Love Bugs too. Then everyone enjoyed a feast of sausages, pancakes and lots of healthy fruit.

Right of the Month

Article 31:

We have the right to have time to relax and play.

Rights Respecting Behaviour:

Pupils can:

We can respect each other's rights by allowing everyone to make their own choices, as long as their activities do not stop anyone else from playing.

Adults can:

Ensure that we receive an allocated time for play during break and lunch and that we are supervised to make sure that everyone is safe.

Belfast Giants

On Friday 19th February over 70 of our Primary 7 pupils went to watch the Belfast Giants' ice hockey match at the SSE Arena. They were treated to an exciting game and plenty of goals with the Giants winning 6-2 against the Nottingham Panthers. Of course, there was also plenty of dancing in the aisles, much to the amusement of the

children. The children thoroughly enjoyed the entertainment. It was a very busy night at the arena with a crowd of over six thousand present. Our children, as usual, were very well behaved and it was an absolute pleasure to take them to the game. Our thanks to the teachers and classroom assistants who took the children to the arena.

Bee Safe

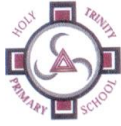
Primary 7 pupils attended the RADAR Centre to participate in the Bee Safe Programme on Thursday 18th February. The RADAR Centre is a brand new purpose built facility based at Belfast Harbour Estate and our pupils were the first to get to see it. They learnt about dangers in the home, safety on public transport, fire safety, keeping public spaces tidy and road safety. The pupils gained a lot from the visit and the facilitators commented on their excellent behaviour and were impressed by the way in which they fully participated in the activities.

Medics in Primary Schools

Holy Trinity P7's are once again involved with Medics in Primary Schools programme which allows Queens University medical students to teach primary school children topics relating to Science. Our P7 classes are learning about the Human Body over an eight week period. We hope these brave medical students will inspire our P7's to develop a further interest in Science and Biology, and possibly pursue a career in medicine.

School website

<http://www.holytrinitybelfast.co.uk>



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Community Advice and Health Day

Venue: Whiterock Leisure Centre Thursday 3rd March 2016 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Medical: Free Therapies; Health checks; Action Cancer Big Bus
(Appointments for the 'Big Bus' must be booked in advance)

Housing: Information and advice on housing schemes and developments;
Information on new housing in Whiterock, Ballymurphy and Upper
Springfield Information on house swaps/exchanges



The Big Bus



BOOK ONLINE AT
www.actioncancer.org
or call **028 9080 3344**

Take action now!

www.facebook.com/actioncancer [@ActionCancer](https://twitter.com/ActionCancer)

BREAST SCREENING:

Appointments available for ladies aged 40-49 & 70+

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer during their lifetime.

Early detection via breast screening saves lives.



M.O.T. HEALTH CHECKS:

Available for males & females aged 16+

CHECKS INCLUDE

blood pressure, glucose & cholesterol,
lung function & body composition analysis.

**VENUE: Whiterock Leisure Centre
Car Park**

**DATE & TIME: Appointments Available
10 a.m. - 3.20 p.m.
Thursday 3rd March 2016**