



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

## May 2016



### Important Dates

**Communion** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am in Holy Trinity Church

### Sports Days

P1 – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 9:30 – 10:30

P2 - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 10:30 – 11:30

P3– Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 9:30 – 10:30

P4– Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 10:30 – 11:30

P5 – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 9:45 – 10:45

P6 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 10:45 – 11:45

P7 - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1:30 – 2:30

In the event of adverse weather conditions the reserve dates will be Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

### Sacramental News

#### First Penance

Primary 3 pupils celebrated the Sacrament of Penance on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March in Holy Trinity Church. The children worked very hard preparing for this wonderful service and as a result it was a beautiful occasion for the pupils and their parents. The readers involved in telling the story of the Good Shepherd were: Grace Donnelly-Rules, Sean Mc Cabe, Rhys Brady, Reece Angelone, Casey Walsh, Lauren Smith, Niamh Crossley, Calum Bradley and Marcus Austin. Leah Mallon and Matthew Armstrong led the children in the Act of Sorrow and the Prayer After Forgiveness. It was a beautiful ceremony and the

pupils all went home after the service was over.

### Sacrament of Communion

On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May our Primary Four pupils will celebrate their First Holy Communion. This is an important landmark in their young lives and they have been working very hard preparing for this ceremony.

### Key Stage One Assembly

The April Assembly was presented by Mr Colgan's and Miss O'Riordan's P4 classes. The pupils presented their assembly on the theme of preparing for Communion. After the assembly Mrs Boyd presented the awards for Star of the Month. The award winners were: Erin Gallagher, Rihanna Graham, Madison Hanna, Ella McManus, Cora Duffy, Christy-Lee McKinney, Harvey Fitzsimons, Hannah O'Neill, Ellie Johnston, Jessica Smith, Roise Slavin, Kacie Hanna, Jack Monaghan, Caragh Keenan, Aliyah Beck, Jaidion McLaughlin, Kaela Shaw and Mya Mc Crory. Well done to them all!

### Key Stage Two Assembly

The April Assembly was presented by Miss Torbitt's and Mrs Mc Areavey's classes and focused upon leadership. The material, which was largely composed by the children, explored the many different ways in which our Primary Seven children display, and are encouraged to develop, leadership qualities. The children also took this opportunity to celebrate various members of the community who they feel are inspirational leaders.

After the assembly Mrs Boyd presented the Key Stage Two awards



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for Star of the Month. The award winners were: Caitlin Smith, Thomas Beck, Eva O'Rawe Mc Carthy, Shanice McGuigan, Lee Cush, Caitlyn Boyd, Natasha Teer, Eamon Donnelly, Ethan McCusker, Aoife McCann, Katie Voyle, Jordan Shortt, Corey Clarke, Chloe Fullerton and Shannon Rose McCrudden.

Congratulations to all these pupils.

### Prize Winners

In November Miss Mc Laughlin's pupils planted daffodils as part of their involvement in the 'Park Life' project. These daffodils which the pupils nurtured throughout the Winter months were entered into a competition. They were on display at the Spring Fair in Malone House and Barnett Demesne and we are delighted to announce that the pupils won first prize. Congratulations to them all.

### Primary 1 Farm Visit

The Primary One classes visited Clementsmount Fun Farm. During their visit they had the opportunity to learn about the animals which are kept there and to feed some of them. There were also great play activities including a jumping pillow, pitch and putt and an indoor area which had slides and a ball pit.

### Sunshine Room

The Sunshine group and Mrs Mc Greevy's class visited Finaghy Library on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April for a storytelling session. They had a lovely time and even got to play with puppets and enjoy listening to funny stories. The pupils also visited Finaghy Park and had great fun going on the slides and swings in the sun!

### Lenten Collection

We would like express our great thanks to all our children, parents and family members who contributed to our Lenten collection. Yet again we have been overwhelmed by the amazing generosity of our school community. This money has been donated to Trocaire and some local charities. Once again thank you so much.

### Professor Fluffy

Holy Trinity Primary School P7's again took part in Queen's University's Professor Fluffy project, visiting the university campus last month. They were shown around the buildings that make up the main part of the university before engaging in a STEM activity- designing and making a parachute that carried a model of Professor Fluffy through the air in one of the huge banquet rooms in the Lanyon building. Four of our children, Sean Scullion, Corey Flanagan, Mark Mc Kee and Brendan Mc Nally won prizes for their poster promoting all the different clubs, societies and activities available at Queen's University for students there.

### K'Nex Construction Challenge

Four of our P7 children took part in the Sentinus K'Nex Construction Challenge on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016. This took place in Mercy College Belfast and involved two heats of roughly fifty teams from primary schools all over Belfast. The four boys, Ciaran Dempsey, Conor Matthews, Ryan Glenholmes and Oisin Boylan had to design and construct a sports



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stadium model using K-Nex plastic material which can be connected together like Meccano to build models. The winners of the heats progress to a final in the SSE arena in Belfast in June. We wish them luck.

### **Bee Safe Programme**

Holy Trinity Primary School Primary 7s took part in the Belfast Bee Safe event at the brand new RADAR Centre Belfast last month.

This is a project involving primary school children, encouraging them to act sensibly and safely in various situations regarding road safety, fire prevention, behaviour on public transport etc.

Our children thoroughly enjoyed learning and discovering through the practical activities they engaged in, and the facilitators remarked on how well they contributed to the sessions.

### **STEM**

Holy Trinity P.S. recently took part in an interactive STEM session hosted in primary schools across Belfast to develop interest in the STEM subjects of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths among Primary 6 and 7 pupils. The session was a mixture of Robotics, and Vacuum Bazookas challenges. The children designed and constructed a model car for a doll using CDs, cardboard, straws and tape. This was then powered using wind which the model collected from a pump. The children enjoyed the activities and maybe will develop a keen interest in engineering when they go to their post-primary schools.

### **Parents' News**

#### **Jobs Fair**

'West Belfast Works' has a series of jobs and training opportunities available at present. You can contact Job Assist West Belfast on 90322003 or visit the website [www.westbelfastworks.com](http://www.westbelfastworks.com) for more information (including job descriptions and application forms).

A Jobs Fair will be held at Conway Mill on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.

#### **School website**

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

#### **Right of the Month**

##### **Article 27:**

We have the right to an adequate standard of living.