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Road Safety

The speed limit within the school grounds is 5 miles per hour. We ask that all drivers observe this speed restriction at all times of the day in the interests of the safety of children and adults alike. Some parents have been driving with excessive speed and this could lead to a serious accident. Please slow down.

Dogs

Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds.

Holy Trinity P4 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 Monday 4th July and runs until Friday 22nd 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/Carers will receive notes with all the relevant information.

First Communion

Congratulations to all our Primary 4 pupils who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 14th May. Holy Trinity Parish Church was packed with family members to join with the pupils in celebrating this momentous day in the children's lives. Fr. Brendan spoke to the children

about how important the Sacrament of First Communion was and the need to show love for one another. As always the pupils were beautifully prepared for the ceremony and took great pride in singing their hymns and speaking out their responses. During the service some of the children had special roles to play. Prayers of the Faithful were read by: Jessica O' Neill, Conleith Corr, Imani Brown, Jay Holland, Padraig Hitchen, Caitlin Lavery and Eve Kempston. The Prayer Before Communion was read by Johnny Mc Cann and the Prayer After Communion was read by Cormac Miskimmon. Children involved in the offertory were: Kevin Elumbaring, Dylan McClean Brady, Abigail Bradley and Gerard Kelly. We would also like to thank our parents John McCann and Jacqueline Fegan for delivering the First and Second Readings. We very much appreciate the help of pupils from Primaries 6 and 7 who assisted with the singing to help make it such a wonderful day, as well as our P4 soloists Eimear Fegan and Chloe Marley.

Primary Technology Challenge

The heats for this year's Primary STEM Challenge organised by Sentinus were held in St. Teresa's Primary School Belfast on 31st May. Last year more than 200 primary schools throughout Northern Ireland took part in the Challenge.

Each school is invited to enter one team of three P6/P7 pupils to compete in the heats and winning teams



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progress to the final of the competition which will take place at Sentinus Young Innovators on Monday 13th June at Ulster University, Jordanstown. Holy Trinity's team consisted of P7s: Emma Reynolds, Christopher Kenneway and Kieran Mulvenna. The pupils were tasked constructing a tower capable of supporting a 250g weight from various materials. The three children constructed a winning effort and now go on to represent the school on the 13th June. Congratulations!

P7 Junior ICT Apprentice

We were delighted to be part of an e-Learning ICT Project with St Louise's College this year. A group of 24 children from Primary 7 attended a series of monthly workshops. Children used a wide variety of software and iPads, PC and video to produce work across the 5Es of Explore, Express, Exchange, Evaluate and Exhibit. We were very impressed with the coding section of the project using Minecraft and Lightbot.

On Wednesday 1st June Mrs Mc Areavey, Mrs Rooney and our Primary 7 children attended the final showcase for the pupils to present their work in front of invited guests. It was a great day and the children thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of the workshops. Mrs Mc Areavey's class won the 'Best Poster' Award. We would like to thank St Louise's for inviting us to be part of such a technology rich project.

We would also like to say a huge well done to our Primary 7s who worked so hard.

Congratulations to all these pupils.

Key Stage One Assembly

Mrs Donnelly's and Mrs Gallagher's classes presented the May Assembly on the theme of Mary because it was the month of May. The assembly focused on the vital role our mummies play in our lives and was accompanied by a photo slide show of pupils with their mummies. The children sang and spoke out beautifully. After the assembly Mrs Boyd presented the awards for Star of the Month. The award winners were: Joel Thompson, Seana Hagans, Culann O Neill, Aoife Mc Cormack Ireland, Caitlin Holden, Jayden Downey Gillard, Olivia Davis, Caitlin McKee, Kyle McLaughlin, Alice Relf, Ryan Mooney, Marcus Austin, Annie Mc Manus, Corey Mc Cabe, Abbie McCrory, Niall Brown, Dara Boylan and Niall Brown.

Key Stage Two Assembly

The May Assembly was presented by Mr Hackett's and Mrs Connolly's classes and focused on the theme of safety. The pupils had recently been to the RADAR Centre to learn about safety and passed on important information to the Key Stage Two pupils about staying safe. After the assembly Mrs Boyd presented the Key Stage Two awards for Star of the Month. The award winners were: Bernadette Irwin, Eamonn Cassidy, Rhianna Hall, Matthew McCluskey,



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Odhran McDonnell, Barra Tully, James O'Brien, Grace Tolan, Michael Watkin, Koralea Gray Nolan, Tammie McGauley, Amy Morgan, Callum Walsh, Aoife McPhillips and Bronagh Nolan.

Sunshine Class

The children and parents enjoyed a fun 'Games Morning' in the Sunshine Room on Thursday 2nd June. Everyone enjoyed playing snakes and ladders, making decorative fish, playing shape games and the most popular game of all was of course Buckaroo! Mrs Boyd and Mr White joined everyone for refreshments and a lovely time was had by all.

The Sunshine Group also had a great time at Tannaghmore Gardens in Lurgan. They fed apples and carrots to the greedy horses and the ponies. They also spotted a beautiful peacock and had to hold their noses when they passed by the smelly pigs rolling in the mud! The children are looking forward to finding out more about animals when they visit Belfast Zoo on Monday 13th June.

Primary 1 Park Visit

All four Primary One classes are visiting Lady Dixon Park on Friday 17th June. This visit is linked with their topic of 'Summer' and is a follow up to the visit we made in Autumn. While the pupils are there, they will look for signs of Summer e.g. flowers in bloom and leaves growing back on trees. As this is also the end of year trip we will

have time to go to the play park, have a picnic lunch and enjoy each other's company.

Living History Trail

On the 18th May thirty Primary 7 pupils took part in a 'Living History Trail' on Cave Hill, Belfast. Along the treasure trail the children met interesting characters from Belfast history such as a Bronze Age warrior, a Victorian land owner, an American fighter pilot from the World War II. A great time was had learning all about the lives of these characters, and the scenery from the top of Cave Hill was stunning.

Feis Bhéal Feirste

This year we were represented by four Primary 5 pupils (Rhianna Mc Kenna and Jessica Mc Grattan) and two pupils from Primary 6 (Katie-Rose Mc Anoy, Evie Mc Court, Brogyn Mc Kenna and Cara Nolan) at the Feis Bhéal Feirste, an Interschool's Irish Language competition. The children worked extremely hard to learn their poems and displayed a wonderful natural ability, achieving one gold, two silver and two bronze. Maith sibh a chailíní.

Trip to the Beach

On Tuesday 7th June while we in Belfast were treated to horrendous downpours Mrs Fyfe's and Mrs McGreevy's classes visited Ballyhornan beach and enjoyed glorious sunshine. The pupils paddled in the sea, jumped over the waves and built sandcastles. They saw a crab and collected shells.



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To finish the day everyone had a beautiful picnic and played with a beach ball. A great time was had by all!

Summer Packs

Over the years many parents and carers have asked our teachers how they can help their children over the Summer months. Several years ago we asked all year groups to produce a 'Summer Pack' of the most important aspects of English and Maths that was taught in their year group. At present these Summer Packs are being photocopied and will be sent home before the end of the year. They will be collected again in September. The Summer Pack is designed to be a small amount of work to be completed over the summer months to keep children's minds active and there are some ideas for games and activities.

Parents' Courses

Essential Skills

At present there is a group of parents working with a tutor from Belfast Metropolitan College to attain their qualification in Essential Skills in English.

We also have a list of parents who wish to study for their qualification in Maths and in ICT. Unfortunately we were unable to secure tutors for these courses during this academic year but the good news is that we now have secured definite starting dates for these courses in September. Next week Mr White will be in touch with all those who have already expressed an interest

in these courses. We will advertise these courses again in September and we wish to remind our parents that these courses are available to anybody in the school community.

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.

Summer Holidays

Holy Trinity P.S. will close for the Summer Holidays on Thursday 30th June at 11.00 am. There will be no dinners on this day. Pupils who receive transport from EA will finish on Wednesday as there will be no transport on Thursday. School will reopen on Wednesday 31st August from 9:00am to 11:00am.

School website

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