

# Holy Trinity P.S. Newsletter

## Halloween 2016

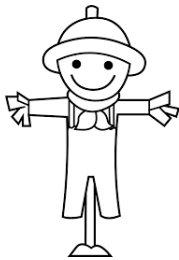


### Our Digital leaders

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as our Digital Leaders.

**Cora Mc Cann P5MML**  
**Liam Walsh P5CC**  
**Jay McMahon P5CMC**  
**Dara Boylan P5CMC**  
**Riley Collins P6MH**  
**Natasha TeerP6HMK**  
**Jessica Davis P6MT**  
**Evie Mc Court P6LMA**  
**Leah Bunting P7LM**  
**Rhianna Mc Kenna P7DA**  
**Joshua Lavery P7NB**  
**Daniel Armstrong P7LMC**

### Primary Two Autumn Walk



The Primary Two classes have visited the Falls Park as part of the topic 'Autumn'. On the walk the pupils observed all the Autumn scenes and colours. They collected leaves to make some Autumn pictures. Thankfully, the weather was beautiful and the fresh air did everyone the world of good.

### Parklife Education Programme

P5MML will be taking part in the Parklife Education programme organised by Belfast City Council and Ulster Wildlife. The aim is to get people outdoors and explore nature in the local parks.

### DIGITAL LEADERS DAY OUT!

Congratulations to our 12 newly appointed Digital Leaders!

We were amazed at the amount of applications that came in and would like to thank all of the children who applied.

Our first conference was at W5 on Wednesday 26th October. The children attended the iTeach Digital Leaders Lab with Mrs Rooney and Mrs Connolly. They had a fantastic day using iPads to make digital badges, advertisements and codes!! To top it all off, they won a drone for the school! Have a look at our school website to see a short video of their day out! Well done Digital Leaders!

**We are delighted to announce that Holy Trinity has purchased a Defibrillator which will be situated in the school office. Staff will receive training on this valuable piece of equipment in November.**

### Upcoming Holidays

The school will be closed for mid-term break from **Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November inclusive** the school will reopen on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November.



The school will be closed on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** for parent meetings.

The school will be closed for Christmas holidays from 22<sup>nd</sup> of December until the 4<sup>th</sup> January inclusive. The school will reopen on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2017



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### Stars of the Month

At the October assemblies the stars of the month were awarded to...

#### KS1

Kayal Hall, Liam Hannaway, Sophia Connolly, Erin Crossley, Aideen O'Neill, Grace O'Hara, Liam Bradley, Daire Corr, Fionn Mc Ardle, Michael Reilly, Kacie Mc Keown, Leah Mc Ardle, Freddie Browne, Kadin Hamill, Eve Gribben, Grace Donnelly, Dakota Donnelly, Isabella Harte

#### KS2

Kevin Elumbaring, Caitlin Smith, Caoimhin Marshall, Bronagh Smith, Andre Maguire, Callum Gaskin, Leo Corrigan, Ronan O'Neill, Cormac Fegan, Clíodhna Martin, Matthew Kerr, Korey Irvine, Paul Mc Nerlin, Abi Lean

### Safety at Halloween



Halloween is a time of great fun and enjoyment for young (and older) children. However it can also be a time of danger, especially with regard to fireworks. We ask all our children to be very careful during the holidays and not to endanger themselves or others.

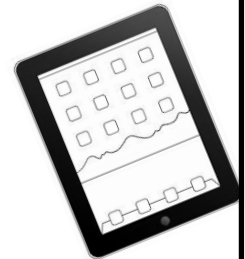


### Free App of the Month

**FS** Bugs and Buttons

**KS1** Scratch Junior

**KS2** Lightbot Hour and Lego Fix Factory



### A few Reminders...

The Service of Enrolment for Primary Four children will take place on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 10am in Holy Trinity Church



Could all children please bring in a Christmas bauble to help decorate the school foyer. Parents are asked to **NOT** go out and buy something, just bring in a bauble from home please.



### Right of the Month

#### Article 31:

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

#### Rights Respecting Behaviour:

We can respect each other's right by taking care of our school environment and play equipment so that everyone may enjoy it. We can also allow everyone to make their own choices, as long as their activities do not stop anyone else from playing safely.

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### CHILD PROTECTION POLICY SUMMARY HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

We in Holy Trinity Primary School have a primary responsibility for the care, welfare and safety of the pupils in our charge, and we will carry out this duty through our Pastoral Care Policy, which aims to provide a caring, supportive and safe environment, valuing individuals for their unique talents and abilities, in which all our young people can learn and develop to their full potential. One way in which we seek to protect our pupils is by helping them learn about the risks of possible abuse, helping them to recognise unwelcome behaviour in others and acquire the confidence and skills they need to keep themselves safe.

The purpose of the following procedures on Child Protection is to protect our pupils by ensuring that everyone who works in our school – teachers, non-teaching staff and volunteers – has clear guidance on the action which is required where abuse or neglect of a child is suspected. The overriding concern of all caring adults must be the care, welfare and safety of the child, and the welfare of each child is our paramount consideration. The problem of child abuse will not be ignored by anyone who works in our school, and we know that some forms of child abuse are also a criminal offence.

#### **We define child abuse as follows:**

**Neglect:** Neglect is the persistent failure to meet a child's physical, emotional and psychological needs, likely to result in significant harm. It may involve a parent or carer failing to provide adequate food, clothing or shelter, failing to provide a child from physical harm or danger, failing to ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment, lack of stimulation or lack of supervision

**Physical:** Physical abuse is the deliberate physical injury to a child or the wilful neglectful failure to prevent physical injury or suffering. This may include hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning or suffocating, confinement to a room or cot, or inappropriately giving drugs to control behaviour

**Sexual:** Sexual abuse involves forcing or enticing a child to take part in sexual activities. The activities may involve physical contact, or may include non contact activities such as involving children looking at, or in the production of pornographic material or watching sexual activities or encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways.

**Emotional:** Emotional abuse is the persistent emotional ill treatment of a child such as to cause severe or persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to the child that he/she is worthless, unloved, inadequate or valued only in so far as he/she meets the needs of another person. It may involve causing a child to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of a child. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of ill treatment of a child though it may occur alone. Domestic violence, adult mental health problems and parental substance misuse may expose a child to emotional abuse

**Bullying:** We in Holy Trinity Primary School recognise that bullying is a highly distressing and damaging form of abuse and will not be tolerated in our school. Staff in the school will be vigilant and will take immediate steps to stop it developing, protect and reassure the victims and discipline the bully.

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Complaints from parents about bullying will be dealt with promptly, fully investigated and a response given through the designated teacher as regards the action taken. (See Bullying Policy)

### **PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE**

- The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mr White and the Deputy Designated Teachers are Mrs Devlin and Miss Murphy.
- Any disclosure or suspicion of abuse from a child will be dealt with promptly.
- The teacher/adult will not investigate but report to the Designated Teacher who will make full notes.
- The Designated Teacher will consult with the Principal, plan a course of action and ensure there is a written report.
- After consultation, if it is thought the child is at risk, a referral will be made to social services and parents informed (unless there are concerns that the parent is the abuser).
- The Principal may seek clarification/advice from the EA/CCMS designated officer or the senior social worker before making a referral. The fullest consideration and advice will be taken before making a referral as the safety of the child is our first priority.
- If a complaint about possible child abuse is made against a member of staff, the Principal or Designated Teacher must be informed immediately. The above procedures will apply and where the matter is referred to social services, the staff member will be removed from duties involving direct contact with children or suspended, pending investigation by social services. The chairperson of the Board of Governors will be informed immediately.
- If the complaint is made against the Principal the Designated Teacher must be informed, who will then inform the Chairperson of the Board of Governors and decide on the necessary action.

**Any information given to staff about possible child abuse cannot be held in confidence. In the interest of the child, staff may need to share this with other professionals on a “Need to know” basis.**

**A full copy of our Child Protection Policy is available from the School Office.**

**If you have any questions our concerns please do not hesitate to contact us**

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