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50th Anniversary Events

Week beginning 14 th November 2016	Parents and pupils jointly design a 50 th Anniversary poster
30 th November 2016	Anniversary mass in Holy Trinity Church at 7.30 for past and present governors, , parents and pupils
January 2017	Pupils will bury a Time capsule in the School Grounds
February 2017	1960's Dress Up and Day in the life of a pupil in 1966
March 2017	Quiz night and Disco for parents in Gort na Mona
June 2017	End of Year anniversary Show
June 2017	1960's staff Disco
June 2017	Fun day for staff and pupils

Quinnipiac Ice Hockey Team

As part of the school's healthy living policy, representatives from the Quinnipiac University Ice Hockey Team, in conjunction with the Belfast Giants, visited our school on Wednesday 23rd November to speak to the P3-P7 children about healthy eating and the importance of exercise. Quinnipiac University Ice Hockey Team are known as the Quinnipiac Bobcats. Quinnipiac University is located across three campuses in Hamden and North Haven in the state of Connecticut with members of the team coming from across America and Canada. As a result of this visit, a trip was organised for children in P5 to go and see an ice hockey game in the Odyssey Arena on the Friday 25th of



November between UMass Minutemen and the Vermont Catamounts.



Sunshine Room Christmas Fun

The children from the Sunshine Group and LSC2 will be having a fun day at the Christmas Market on Tuesday 6th December. They are looking forward to meeting Santa Claus, having a ride on the merry go round and sampling lovely treats from lots of different countries.

The Sunshine parents will be attending a Craft & Games morning on Thursday 8th December with their children. Everyone is sure to have a fun morning and I am sure we will enjoy some delicious buns too!!!

Digital Leaders

Congratulations to our 12 Digital Leaders who were formally presented at Assembly on the 24th October. Mr O'Kane from iTeach joined us to announce the Digital team. We had a great morning racing to get our new iGenius t-shirts on and then training in the ICT Suite. The children received their prestigious Digital Leader Badges and Certificates. They then used Book Creator, learnt how to connect iPads to the whiteboard and flew a drone! Check out their Blog on the School Website. They now have their own Page where they can keep you up to date with all the exciting ICT things that are happening.



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Upcoming Holidays

The school will be closed on **Monday 5th December** for parent meetings.



The school will be close for the Christmas holidays on the 21st of December and will reopen on the 5th of January.

Christmas Concert

Dates

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th
P2 and P3 Children Only



Thursday 15th and Friday 16th P1 and P4
Children Only



Eco Schools Committee

The KS1/KS2 children were tasked with applying to be a member of the ECO School Committee. Miss Cushenan and Mr White went through each application form and picked 1 person per class to be a member of the Holy Trinity ECO Committee which represents the whole school. They were very impressed with all the applications they received and look forward to working with the committee throughout the year.

The Eco-Committee will be the action team and the driving force behind our Eco-Schools work. They will help us showcase our school during the Green Flag Inspection.

Congratulations to the new KS1/KS2

ECO Committee members:

P4AC Isabella Harte
P4DC Ava Murphy
P4JS Leah o'Drain
P4GC Annie Flynn

P5CMC Ruby Graham
P5 CC Ryan Donnelly
P5MML Callum Gaskin

P6 LMA Brogyn McKenna
P6 HMK Manus Craig
P6 MT Segdae MacAdhaimh
P6 MH- Odhran Mc Donnell

P7NB Katie Voyle
P7DA- Ethan McCusker
P7LMCC Lorna Jane Caldwell
LM AoifeMcCann



Stars of the Month

At the November assemblies



the stars of the month were awarded to...

KS1

Joel Thompson, Corey Mathers, Sasha Millen, Grace Bradley, Emily Ferris, JoJo Keenan, Mackenzie Conway, Holly Coleman, Emma Mc Donald, Caleb Downey, Bobby Cromie, Aoife Murray, Carly Holland, Aaliayah Gargan, Ryan Mooney, Daire Keenan, Evan Hammond, Christopher Whyte.

KS2

Rhianna Hall, Eva O'Rawe McCarthy, Rihanna Graham, Eimear Fegan, Evelyn Kerr, Mya Mc Mullan, Olivia Mc Cann, Orliath Hyland, Tierna Braham, Brandon Bellew, Sophie Dickinson, Chloe Lennon, Leah Bunting, James Brown.

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Holy Trinity is awarded the Third Millennium Learning Award from Naace for the second time!

This special ICT Award promotes the role of technology in advancing education.

We are delighted to be one of over 90 schools in the UK and abroad to have received the Award. All of the schools receiving the Award have already proved to the world that they have a solid understanding of how to harness technology for learning - they all have the ICT Mark.

The new Award is, however, significantly different. Holy Trinity is taking a more independent stand, more focused on the needs of our community; our pupils are more self-directed, their learning more personalised.

This Award reaches deeply into the school, the teachers, the pupils, the parents - everyone with a stake in our vibrant learning community.

Mrs Boyd commented: 'The Third Millennium Learning Award has been a great experience for our school. We have worked hard to make the technology investment that we have made in school work hard to support learning. This Award is an acknowledgement from Naace, a national and well respected organisation that we are ahead of the game at Holy Trinity. Not only do we demonstrate sound good practice but we are leading the field in demonstrating new ways of learning made possible by technology.'

Dave Smith, chair of the Naace Board of Management commented: 'Naace applauds all those involved in the Third Millennium Learning Award. They have demonstrated that UK technology in education has so much to be proud of. We have some amazing professionals working in our schools who are passionate about embedding technology to enhance the learning that can take place for all children. These schools are world class. We look forward to sharing the success stories of these schools with the community. This is another example of how we hope to advance learning in a connected world.'

You can see our Pupil Video on the School website.

Free App of the Month



KS1 My Christmas Week

KS2 Lego Movie Maker

Right of the Month

Article 42: Governments must make the convention known to all children and adults. (Knowing your rights)

Rights Respecting Behaviour: We can respect each other's right by using our knowledge and understanding of the UNCRC articles to make our school a better place. Teachers can help us to access this right by providing us with information about our rights.

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OFFER YOUR CHILD A BETTER FUTURE IN HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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www.holytrinitybelfast.co.uk

OPEN DAY WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 9.30-10.30 FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN ENTERING PRIMARY ONE IN SEPTEMBER 2017

Holy Trinity School is committed to providing to all pupils the highest level of education and pastoral care in a safe, caring, well equipped and attractive learning environment.

As evidenced in our April 2016 Inspection Report

- *The children achieve very good standards in Literacy and Numeracy.*
- *All of the children develop positive attitudes to learning. They are articulate friendly and mannerly and their behaviour is exemplary.*
- *The approachable, hardworking and caring staff, have high expectations for the children's learning and there is strong leadership at all levels.*
- *The Pastoral Care provision is highly effective in supporting the children, meeting their personal, social and emotional needs and promoting the well being of staff and parents.*
- *The members of the school community work together harmoniously to create a very caring, nurturing and inclusive learning environment which is clearly child centred.*

(A full copy of the Inspection report is available on the school website)

We also offer

- A wide range of after school clubs (Hurling/Camogie, Gaelic Football, Choir, Tin Whistle, Guitar, Brass, Sewing, Games, Homework, Science, Irish.

HOLY TRINITY ARE THE PROUD RECIPIENTS OF THESE PRESTIGIOUS AWARDS

- THE ICT MARK
- THIRD MILLENNIUM ICT AWARD
- MARJORIE BOXALL AWARD FOR OUR NURTURING
- INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD
- ECO SCHOOLS GREEN FLAG AWARD

Planning has been approved for a 3G pitch on our school grounds.
Application Forms are available from the school office
Children are welcome from all areas.