

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2019

EVENTS IN APRIL

School closes at 11.00am on Holy Thursday 18th April and will be closed until Friday 26th April for the Easter Holidays. It reopens as normal on Monday 29th April.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy Easter!



SUPPORT FOR LENTEN FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

We would like to thank our parents for the very generous support throughout Lent for the many fundraising activities that took place in all of our classes. Each year group raised money in a variety of ways, from balloting Easter Eggs, to selling buns and guessing the number of sweets in a sweet tub. Our school community is always extremely supportive of our Lenten fundraiser and again this year there has been great generosity and support.

CAKE SALE

We are having a cake/bun sale on Thursday 11th April and again would be very grateful for donations of homemade or bought cakes and buns to sell in aid of our Lenten fundraising campaign. Please also send in second hand toys, books, etc, that are in good condition before this date for resell.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS.

Holy Trinity P5 children had a fantastic couple of days planting flowers before Mother's Day. Children from P1-P7 and LSC too were all involved and made 290 beautiful planters all for their mummies and grandmothers. The children chose their flowers and containers before planting in soil and adding a Mother's Day message. A huge thank you to everyone

who bought Mother's Day Planters to raise money for Trocaire and other charities.

FITNESS FREDDY

All the pupils in Holy Trinity are taking part in a Fitness Freddy health and fitness challenge on Friday 5th April in school. All the classes will be involved in this challenge and their families have been very generous in donating to their sponsorship. The money collected will help to raise more money for charity.

P3 VISIT TO THE ULSTER TRANSPORT MUSEUM

During the month of March all our Primary Three children along with their parents were involved in the 'Time Travellers Project' organised by the Education Authority to coincide with the exhibition of the spacecraft that brought British astronaut Tim Peake back to Earth from the International Space Station. We were all able to get close to the Soyuz TMA-19M capsule, complete with fully-equipped interior and see the char marks on its outer body from its re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. It was displayed alongside Tim Peake's Sokol KV-2 emergency spacesuit, the spacecraft antenna, interactive displays about the International Space Station (ISS) and life in space. Most of the children took photographs wearing the emergency spacesuit. The fun-filled day also involved scouring the many vehicles, through the decades, on display to complete enjoyable tasks, which included using the iPads to take photographs of their evidence. The children had a wonderful day out and were delighted to go home with a free gift. Our parents equally enjoyed the 'hands on' day working with their own children. We

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would like to thank you again for your fantastic support in this project.

eSafety

Our April eSafety Code is 'Fake News'.

Check it is for real.

They will be learning that not everything they hear or read about online is true.

HIVE HACKERS AWARD CEREMONY

Our P7s had a great morning on the 28th March at the Hive Hackers Award Ceremony in the Waterfront Hall. This was a great coding programme that our P7s all took part in.

PwC helped them to develop their skills through algorithms, sequencing, debugging, repeat and loop commands. They all received lovely gold medals and a certificate. Check out their videos on our School News section of the website. Well done P7s and a big thank you to PwC.

PARENTS INTERNET SAFETY

A big thank you to all our parents who attended the Internet Safety session on 19th March. For more information on how to help your child stay safe online check out our 'Internet Safety' section on our school website.

P5MH CLEVER CODERS

Mr Hackett's P5s completed their Time To Code project on Scratch. They had great fun!

FIRST PENANCE

On Wednesday 20th March, the Primary 3 children all received the Sacrament of First Penance. The children had worked very hard learning all of their hymns, prayers and responses. Father Mulhall explained to the children what the day meant and they told him that they were very excited to make their First Penance. It was a

lovely family occasion and we would like to thank Father Mulhall and his fellow priests for celebrating this day with us.

FIRST COMMUNION

Our First Communion ceremony will take place in Holy Trinity Church on Saturday, 11th May. Our P4 children are presently busy preparing for this sacrament and learning prayers.

P7LM MUSIC MORNING

On Friday 22nd March P7LM were invited to attend Music Morning in Fortwilliam School of Music alongside four other schools. The boys and girls had to learn words to five different songs and chants. These songs and chants were accompanied with instruments or actions and all children had the opportunity to play an instrument. The pupils also had to come up with a musical compilation that represented the rocket taking off and visiting three different planets. They performed extremely well on the day and participated enthusiastically.



BUG CLUB

Bug Club is an online reading programme which has been used by teachers and pupils for several years. It is a brilliant resource which the whole school is now making great use of. Here is a reminder of how to access it:

Type www.activelearnprimary.co.uk into your search engine. Each child has been

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given the relevant username and password. You will then be prompted to enter the school code which is tgpr.

P1 TRIP TO THE FARM

Our Primary 1 pupils have been learning about farm animals and are looking forward to their trip to Streamvale Farm. Streamvale is not just a farm but a fantastic experience with many opportunities for children to learn and play together. During our visit, will get the opportunity to feed, pet and find out some information about the animals that live on a farm.

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have the right to an education. (Article 28)

RIGHTS RESPECTING BEHAVIOUR

We can respect each others' rights by working hard and behaving in a way that does not stop anyone else from achieving their best.



P7 STEM CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 27th March six primary 7 pupils were invited to take part in the STEM challenge run by SENTINUS. The Primary stem challenge is a hugely

enjoyable problem solving challenge for teams of three pupils. The two Holy Trinity teams entered were up against some stiff competition from different primary schools across Belfast. Using basic technology materials, the pupils were required to design and build a solution in a set time. This year the children had to design a car that would carry a load down a ramp and travel across the assembly floor. Both teams did extremely well and represented themselves and the school with great distinction.

PROFESSOR FLUFFY



The Professor Fluffy Programme introduces P7 pupils to Queen's University. Representatives from QUB visit schools to

tell the pupils all about university life in a fun, engaging and interactive way. Professor Fluffy aims to make children aware of the exciting opportunities available through higher education and through early introduction, we hope to encourage children to set their goals high for the future. The school has already received a visit from Professor Fluffy, along with one of the members of the Widening Participation Team. The pupils received an interactive and engaging talk about Higher Education and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions about University life. Following this, On the 29th April, the pupils will get an opportunity to visit Queen's University for a campus tour and carousel of STEM skills building activities. The visit to University is rounded off by the opportunity for the pupils to try on graduation gowns and take home their very own mini Professor Fluffy