

HOLY TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENTS NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2019

EVENTS IN JUNE

School will finish for the summer at 11.00am on Friday 28th June.

May the staff of Holy Trinity take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year. We all hope you will have a great summer and the children will come back to school in September well rested and ready for their new school year.

ICT NEWS

Our June eSafety Code is 'Screen Time'.

Childnet have some great advice on managing screen time for your child. This is useful information for over the summer months. <https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Young-children-and-screen-time---a-guide-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>.

The app 'Screen Time' is also a great tool for managing this at home.

CODING WITH BITC

Business in the Community Northern Ireland (BITC) provided a digital skills programme called 'Time to Code' to our Primary 5s this year.

The children worked on Scratch Module 1 and completed a great series of weekly workshops with their teachers. Colleen Scott from Arris attended some of our sessions and was very impressed with the children's skills. On Wednesday 19th June 30 children will visit Colleen's company at Stranmillis. The agenda of the session will be:

A short introduction to what they do at Commscope and how software fits into their business.

An interactive demo of some of the software capabilities which will help the children to relate what they have been doing on Scratch to the wider world of work.

Well done P5s on becoming 'Clever Coders!'

HOLY TRINITY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING TEAMS.

Holy Trinity Cross country running teams took part in the finals of the annual Belfast School Cross Country Event in association with Belfast City Council on Thursday 9th May. This took place at Ormeau Park and schools from all over Belfast competed. Both Holy Trinity teams were in the open race, which takes place before the finals.

The girls' team finished in 5th place overall behind several strong teams. In the boys' race the Holy Trinity team took 1st place overall with good performances from our runners, especially Tye Brady who was the winner.

Both teams represented their school excellently in the finals and in the previous West Belfast heat.

GIRLS' TEAM	BOYS' TEAM
Abigail O' Loughlin	Tye Brady
Isabella Harte	Luke Heffernan
Niamh Crossley	Brendan Fegan
Mia Mc Ilkenny	Francis mc Cullagh
Jessica Voyle	Ciaran Seaton
Caitlin Lavery	Leon Smith
Chloe Marley	Ryan Donnelly
	Johnny Mc Cann

ANRTIM V DUBLIN GAMES

Congratulations go to a few of our Primary 7 pupils who were successful in being selected to represent Antrim v Dublin on Friday 14th June at Woodlands Playing Fields. Demi McGreevy (girls' football), Cora Pierce and Sophie Magee (camogie) and Francis McCullough (boys' football) were all selected as one of the best young emerging talents in the county. We are all very proud of them and wish them the best of luck!!!

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ONE DAY ONE MIND

Our P5, P6 and P7 pupils along with other local primary schools and community organisations were recently invited by Full Service Community Network in conjunction with Belfast City Council to take part in an initiative called 'One Day, One Mind' on Friday 17th May. This event was an organised walk around Falls Park to promote 'Mental Health Awareness'. The children also had the opportunity to take part in organised activities with coaches from Gaelfast and Sonal Sportz.

P2 TRIP TO DUNDONALD ICE BOWL

The 4 P2 classes are going to Dundonald Ice Bowl for our end of year trip. We will be going to Indiana Land followed by bowling. The boys and girls are so excited!

P3 TRIP TO SNAKES AND LADDERS

Primary Three are going on their end of year school trip on Thursday 20th June to Snakes and Ladders soft play centre in Bangor. Afterwards, we will stop off at the park for lunch (weather permitted.) We're all very excited! Hopefully the sun will shine!

P4 TRIP TO CINEMA

P4 are going on their end of year trip on Friday 14th June to the Kennedy Centre omniplex to watch Aladdin. After the show they are going for lunch to Burger King.

P1 TRIP TO LADY DIXON

All 4 of the Primary 1 classes are looking forward to their end of year trip to Lady Dixon Park on Wednesday 19th June. We will bring a picnic lunch and have fun playing in the park with all the friends we have made this year. We hope the sun shines on us.

P6 TRIP TO CINEMA

After working hard all year, the Primary 6 pupils are looking forward to taking some

time out to visit the cinema at Kennedy Centre to see 'The Secret Life of Pets 2'.

P1GD TRIP TO TRAIN STATION

Mrs Devlin's class visited the Europa Bus and Train Centre on Thursday 6th June. They were picked up from school in a bus. When they arrived, they were welcomed over the tannoy system. They were met by a guide called Kim who took them to the train station to be met by Lisa who works on the train side of the Translink system. They were given information about how the train station is run including timetables, conductors, lighting systems and health and safety. The children were given the opportunity to ask questions and some very interesting ones were asked. They were taken on two short train journeys and shown where the train driver drives the train. When they returned to the station, they were all given the chance to speak over the tannoy system, telling the waiting passengers who their best friend was, that Holy Trinity was the best school in the whole world and that Liverpool were the best team! Each child was given a pack including pens, pencils and crisps. Before they returned to school, the bus driver drove through the bus wash which the children found fascinating. They all agreed that it was an extremely enjoyable visit.

SPORTS DAY CELEBRATIONS

After a few false starts due to inclement weather, our Sports Days hope to go ahead during the month of June on our 3G pitch. Many thanks to Mr McCrory and all the teachers and assistants involved in organising all the events. They always run so smoothly and the children all have a wonderful day, competing in the events and having fun with their friends. Many thanks also to all the parents and families for your continued support at these events.

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P6 GIRLS' VISIT TO ST DOMINIC'S

On Monday 3rd June the Primary 6 girls attended a taster day at St Dominic's. They enjoyed looking around the school, getting to know some of the staff and participating in lots of fun activities. In Science they explored finger printing, experimented with different drawing techniques in Art, made fruit smoothies in Home Economics and made origami purses as part of a Maths Lesson. Everyone left with a great impression of St Dominic's after enjoying a wonderful day at their school.

FEIS BHEAL FEIRSTE

Leah McArdle and Katie Bradley from P5MH along with Niamh Crossley, Chloe Boyd Munce and Erin Cordner in P6 will be competing in Feis Bhéal Feirste on Saturday 8th June in Corpus Christi College. Over 20 schools from across Belfast take part in the Feis which encourages pupils to learn some conversational Irish or say a poem. We wish the girls the best of luck. Ádh Mór!

A SPECIAL VISITOR

Paul Howard, a much published illustrator who has illustrated many award-winning books from authors such as, Allan Ahlberg, Jeanne Willis and Michael Rosen, visited the school on Tuesday. Paul is probably best-known as the illustrator of Jill Tomlinson's animal stories which include the classic, The Owl Who Was Afraid Of The Dark. Paul gave an illustrating masterclass to our Primary 2,3 and 4 children as he worked his way through some of his classics. Paul, and the children, thoroughly enjoyed his visit and he was extremely impressed with some of the artistic talent on show. What was even better was that he left every child from Primary 1 to Primary 4 with a brand new book to take home with them thanks to the generosity of the Book Trust!

P7 LEAVERS

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our P7 pupils good luck in their new school. They have been an asset, representing our school at many sporting, musical, educational and ICT events. We know that they will do well in whichever school they go and will be proud ambassadors for our school. The pupils have been involved in many events this year including the Hive Hackers project, Cinemagic, Professor Fluffy, Medics in Primary School, Internet Safety initiatives. They have added to our trophy cabinet by taking part in football, hurling, camogie and cross country tournaments. They have been Pupil Council representatives and Digital Leaders. I am very proud of you all and wish you all the very best in the future. Thanks also to parents for your continuous support throughout the past seven years. Thank you.

P7 END OF YEAR SHOW

The Primary 7 children are busy preparing their end of year show, "High School Musical". Please show them your support on Wednesday the 12th and Thursday the 13th of June at 7pm. Tickets available from the school office. You are in for a treat!

RIGHT OF THE MONTH

We have the right to have our opinions listened to about things that concern us.
(Article 12)

RIGHTS RESPECTING BEHAVIOUR

We can respect each other's rights by thinking carefully about our opinions and being willing to listen to the opinions of others.

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