



# Holy Family Primary School

## Newsletter

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Pupils of the Week

| Class      | Name             | Reason  |
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| Rec        | Ellen McDermott  | For her wonderful paintings this week   |
| Yr.1 NC/MC | Ronan Hosier     | For his fantastic sounds and word building, well done superstar!!                             |
| Yr.1 MP    | Szymon Gackowski | For his excellent work on sounds this week, good boy!   |
| Yr.2 EM    | Summer Campbell  | For demonstrating how to build her teen numbers with cusenaire                                |
| Yr.2. FMG  | Ruairi Donnell   | For always being ready to lend a helping hand in class  |
| Yr.3 SM    | Keavy Kincaid    | For making good choices and always having a big hello for everyone in the morning             |
| Yr.3 UC    | Luke Ballard     | For his intricately detailed illustrations, beautiful flow of language & wonderful work ethic |
| Yr.4 CMM   | Charlie Kelly    | For being an amazing friend to everyone in his class, well done!!                             |
| Yr.4 BH    | Méabh McMahon    | For consistently applying herself to everything she does in class                             |
| Yr.5 DMC   | Eabha Mullan     | For writing a super Haiku poem  |
| Yr.5 DMS   | Conan McLaughlin | For his excellent work on place value this week   |
| Yr.6 CK    | Bartosz Krawczyk | For super work on prime numbers   |
| Yr.6 KMK   | Brigid Crumlish  | For working hard and settling in so well to her new class                                     |
| Yr.7 SMG   | Dara Burns       | For demonstrating great interest in our topic 'WW2' and asking very relevant questions        |
| Yr.7 ZMD   | Alicja Kernstein | For an excellent standard of work & beautiful books   |

### Good Manners Award

Those chosen to receive recognition for the 'Good Manners' Award this week are:

Finbar McMenamin, Catherine Smith, Maryam Ahmed, Rosa Bann, Kyra Mimnagh, Billy Green, Annie McGale, Crystal Bogdan, Ethan Simpson, Ryan Devlin, Fabian Clarke, Lilah McCrossan, Tess McAteer, Fergal Ferris, Shea Deazley, Charlie Hyland, Wiktoria Wiecek, Anna Motherwell, Niamh Colton, Michéal McMahon, Lucy McGowan, Holly-Mai Wolfe & Corey Sloan. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all.



### Upcoming Dates to Note

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** - School closes at 12noon for the Christmas Break.

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Jan** - School reopens after the Christmas Break

### First Holy Communion & Confirmation

Following a meeting this week between schools and the parish, the following dates have been agreed for First Confessions, First Holy Communion & Confirmation for Holy Family Primary School. All Sacraments will take place in the Sacred Heart Church and these dates are subject to change depending on Covid guidelines.

**Confirmation: Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 5.00pm**

**First Confessions: Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6.00pm**

**First Holy Communion: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon**

We will notify parents/guardians immediately if there any changes to these arrangements.

### **Best Wishes Mrs. McMackin!!**



Our good luck wishes go with Mrs. McMackin as she leaves us today to begin her maternity leave!! Mrs. McMackin and her husband P.J. are looking forward to the arrival of their second baby and we sincerely hope they take it easy for the next while before the 'sleepless nights' begin again!!! We extend a huge Holy Family welcome to Mrs. Noleen Colton who will take Mrs. McMackin's Yr.4 class until her return. Mrs. Colton already feels like a

member of 'the family' at this stage as she has carried out a number of maternity posts for us over the years. We are in no doubt that our Yr.4 pupils will be in very capable hands and welcome her back onto the Holy Family team!!!



### **Ditch the Dark Day**

Our annual 'Ditch the Dark Day' to raise awareness for safe travel to and from school during the dark autumn & winter months will take place next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a non-uniform day and pupils are encouraged to wear their brightest outfits possible. #Be Bright Be Seen!!!

### **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**



This year our school will once again be taking part in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Each teacher will have copies of the information leaflet listing age ranges and acceptable items for inclusion so any child wishing to donate a shoebox can ask for a leaflet from their class teacher. There will also be a copy on the school website for parents/guardians information. In keeping with covid guidelines, pupils will be assigned a specific day to return their shoeboxes to the school which will be confirmed in next week's newsletter. This is a really worthwhile cause and it is so heartening to see our pupils thinking of others less fortunate than themselves, especially at this time of year!!!

### **Flu Vaccines**

A huge thank you to the School Nurses' Team who relocated to Omagh Leisure Centre to administer the flu vaccination programme and in doing so ensured our pupils didn't 'miss out' on their vaccine during the extended Halloween break!!! A small number of consent forms were returned after the collection date, but we have passed this information on to the team and will let you know what arrangements they are putting in place to accommodate these pupils.



### **Instrumental Music Tuition Refunds**



Due to the lockdown back in March, pupils did not receive their full quota of lessons from the E.A. music service last year. A significant number of our parents/guardians had already paid the full year's tuition for their child and this week the music service reimbursed the cost of these missed lessons. Parents/guardians have received a school text to inform them that their son/daughter will be issued with a cheque to bring home today so please check your child's schoolbag this evening!!

### **Social Distancing**

Thank you to all those parents/guardians who are making such a great effort during these strange times by wearing masks and practising social distancing when dropping off/collecting children. With the everyday routine of school life, it is all too easy to become complacent, but we really need everyone to 'do-their-bit' to ensure the health & safety of our entire school community.