



Holy Family Primary School

Newsletter

Friday, 16th October 2020

Pupils of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Yr.1 NC/MC	Alesha Hanrahan	For being so brave this week as she started Yr.1 well done!
Yr.1 MP	Frank McCrossan	For building an amazing tractor with the wooden blocks
Yr.2 EM	James McCarron	For being such a good role model with his excellent attitude and enthusiasm
Yr.2. FMG	Paul Slevin	For super work on word building
Yr.3 SM	Killian Ryan	For his quick recall of number facts
Yr.3 UC	Leo Hyland	For his attention to detail & his wonderful independent nature
Yr.4 CMM	Matthew McKenna	For his fantastic and positive attitude towards his work
Yr.4 BH	Josh McFaul	For working extremely hard and having great focus in Yr.4
Yr.5 DMC	Oscar Sodja	For working so, so hard in getting his work all completed on time
Yr.5 DMS	Nathan Woodhead	For always giving 100% in all activities
Yr.6 CK	Beth Owens	For excellent work on factors & multiples
Yr.6 KMK	James Mularkey	For being so kind, considerate & helpful to others
Yr.7 SMG	Sophie Robinson	For settling into Yr.7 & completing work to a high standard
Yr.7 ZMD	Rhys Watson	For his fantastic word cloud with audio explanation!

Good Manners Award

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

Daire Caldwell, Maisy Mai Molloy, Ella Sweeney-Chism, Jake McGuire, Keelan Mackey, Aine Woods, Elsie McCusker, Alan Bedkowski, Caiden Watson, Mollie Kelly, Sarah McEnhill, Tiernan Donnell, Anneka Schouten, Francis Tierney, Charlie Grugan, Cormac McGaughey, Sophie Whelan, Nelin Ismet, Oskar Derdzinska, Sophie Slevin, Ava Byrne, Michael-Barry McKernan. Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all.



Upcoming Dates to Note

Mon 19th - Fri 30th Oct (inclusive) - Halloween Break. School closed for 2 weeks

Fri 18th Dec - School closes at 12noon for the Christmas Break

Happy Halloween

It's hard to believe that we are already at our first half-term of the new school year!! We are so proud of how well the boys & girls have settled into their classes with their new teachers and with the 'new normal' of school life. It has been a very busy half term and myself and all the staff hope you and your family have a lovely, spooky, socially distanced break!!! With current Covid restrictions the children may not be able to attend bonfires or go trick or treating this year, but hopefully they can still enjoy some of the more traditional activities such as pumpkin carving or apple bobbing!! We look forward to seeing all the boys and girls back safe and sound on Monday, 2nd November.

Many thanks and **Happy Halloween!!!!**



Extended Halloween Holiday



As you will already be aware Holy Family Primary School will be closed from Monday, 19th October for two weeks - reopening on Monday, 2nd November. This is in line with the recent government announcement extending the Halloween holiday period for all schools from one week to two weeks. Children are asked **NOT** to use their home work packs during this time.

Direct payments from DENI will be made to pupils in receipt of free school meals and the school will keep you updated if there are any further developments or any changes to these arrangements. Many thanks for your continued support and we wish you and your family every good health at this time.

First Holy Communion

Many congratulations to our Yr.5 pupils who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It may have been 5 months after the intended date but we all agree it was well worth the wait!!! The children all looked absolutely beautiful in their smart suits & stunning dresses and were a credit in how they participated in the Mass and received the sacrament. We were so proud of our Yr.4 teachers, Mrs. Hackett and Mrs. McMackin, our Yr.5 teachers Ms. McSorley, Mr. McCusker & Mrs. Colton, our Yr.5 classroom assistants Siobhan & Olive, our R.E. Co-ordinator Mrs. McGowan and the Yr.5 children in how well they prepared for this special occasion and we hope everyone had a lovely day. We would like to sincerely thank Fr. Hasson, our school chaplain for his support and guidance over the last few months. Also a huge thank you to Paul our choir master and Mrs. Hackett our Yr.4 teacher who came to play & sing for the Yr.5's on their special day, it really added so much to the occasion. Due to Covid restrictions, extended family, friends and school staff were unable to attend but thanks to the Drumragh Parish webcam they were still able to 'tune in' and feel included on the day. Congratulations once again to everyone involved in what was a truly memorable occasion.



Flu Vaccines



The School Nurses' Team was due to be in school next Thursday to administer the flu vaccines. Unfortunately, due to the extended Halloween holiday this has had to be postponed. We will notify parents/guardians when a new date has been agreed with the team and it is likely that we will have a different date for each site. We remind those who haven't already done so to please return your child's consent form to their class teacher. The form should be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the school irrespective if consent is being given to receive the vaccine.

The Kerry Group

Finally, a massive thank you to 'The Kerry Group' for today's free delivery of 'yollies' to all the pupils in Holy Family. A huge thank you also to Eibhelin McCaffrey (mum of Dara in Yr.4BH & Conall in Yr.6CK) and Wayne Bingham (dad of Ellen in Yr.7ZMD) who both happen to work for The Kerry Group and who, we suspect, may have had something to do with this little treat before the Halloween break! Garth Brookes may have 'friends in low places' - but we definitely have friends in high places!!!!!!

