

**Holy Family Primary School**

**Newsletter**

**Friday, 2nd February 2024**

**Pupils of the Week**

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| Class | Name | **Reason** |
| Yr.1 NC | Erin Watson | For her fantastic junk Art |
| Yr.1 MP | Matteo Bogos | For his neat & tidy colouring in!! |
| Yr.2 EM | Michael Starrs | For working so hard on his ‘fist pass’ in Gaelic |
| Yr.2 FMG/EH | Stefania Ursu | For great reading skills |
| Yr.3 SM | Paige Campbell | For her great focus and hard work in class |
| Yr.3 MC | Anna McEnhill | For her wonderful perseverance and determination |
| Yr.4 CMM | Elesha Hanranhan | For working independently at all tasks |
| Yr.4 BH | Alfie Madden Quinn | For writing an excellent letter using paragraphs |
| Yr.5 DMC | Senan DeLacey | For always giving 100% and for great mental maths |
| Yr.5 DMS | Rogan Doherty | For an excellent improvement in his work |
| Yr.6 SMG/NC | Ryan Devlin | For always giving 100% effort in all aspects of his work |
| Yr.6 ZMD | Elsie McCusker | For great full answers in our ‘Viking’ work |
| Yr.7 CK | Reuben McGee | For excellent work on discussion texts |
| Yr.7 KMK/AC | Conall McCrystal | For excellent effort in all aspects of his work |

### Good Manners Award

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

**Junior Site**: Farrah Kelly, Molly McCarron, Joe McCrossan, James McElroy, Susanna Owens, Shay Green, Zuzanna Wengler, Natalie Nagyova, Cahair McNabb & Emilia Lorenc

**Senior Site**: Tiernan McLaughlin, Alice Hughes, Riley Fleming, Charlie Ward, Matthew Murray, Molly Mullan & Casey Sloan

Well done everyone, we are so proud of you all.

**Healthy Eaters!**

**Junior Site:** Ruardhi McAleer, Sean Paul McCrory, Sophia Owens, Theo Devlin, Fiadh O’Neill, Amelia Rose Anthony, Cahair McNabb & Aoife Woodhead

**Senior Site:** Conan McCann, Ruari Donnell, Leo Hyland, Ethan Simpson, Tess McAteer & Cathaoir Neill.

Congratulations everyone – keep up the good work!!

**Upcoming Dates to Note**

**Mon 5th Feb** – Yr.7 Service of Light at 7.30pm in Sacred Heart Church

**Fri 9th Feb** – Special Valentine’s Day menu in the canteen on both sites

**Mon 12th – Fri 16th Feb (inclusive) –** Mid-term break school closed for the week

**Mon 19th Feb** - Staff Development Day – children not in school

**Tues 5th March** – Yr.4 First Confessions at 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Church

**Wed 15th May** – Sacrament of Confirmation at 5.00pm in Sacred Heart Church

**Sat 18th May** – First Holy Communion at 12noon in Sacred Heart Church

**Pupil Success**

**Credit Union Quiz**: Congratulations to all our wonderful pupils who participated in the Annual Credit Union Schools’ Quiz last Friday evening in Omagh Leisure Centre. We had four teams taking part from Holy Family and they represented our school with great gusto and panache!! A big thank you to all the parents/guardians and family members who came along to show their support on the night - it was very much appreciated.

**Cross Country:** Congratulations also to our fabulous runners who took part in the 3rd round of the Flahavans Cross Country competition in Dungannon on Tuesday. Although we only had six boys taking part in the competition they managed to come away with 3rd, 4th, 10th & 17th placings – not bad for a morning’s work!!! Thankyou to Sinead McMahon and Gavin & Una Corrigan for doing ‘taxi service’ on the day and saving us the cost of transport, we appreciated your support so much!!!

**‘Save Our Strule’ Project**

As part of our Eco-Schools work on The Marine Environment, we had a visit from Emmett Brogan, Fermanagh & Omagh District Council.   Emmet gave a very informative presentation to our Yr.3, Yr.4 and Yr.5 classes about our local River Strule and over the next few months our pupils will get involved in a range of actions to help protect the River Strule Marine Environment. These include: A Poster Campaign to raise awareness, Litter Picks along the River Strule Pathway, Reducing the plastic waste we use/produce - especially single use plastics.  The boys & girls showed great interest in learning about how small changes in our everyday lives can have a huge impact on protecting our Environment. Let’s work together to ‘Save Our Strule!’

**Rock Red Friday!!**

February is Heart Awareness month and next Friday (9th Feb) we will be having a non-uniform ‘Rock Red’ day to help raise awareness and vital funds to support local children with heart conditions. As red is one of the brightest and most exciting colours on the spectrum pupils can go as wacky as they like (think stripy socks or hair accessories) they just need to pay a minimum donation of £1 to their class teacher to support this very worthwhile cause. All proceeds will go to the Children Heartbeat Trust and we thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Final Reminder - Booking for After School Clubs**

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**Thought for the Week**

*A cartoon monkey holding a heart

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*Our days are happier when we give people a bit of our heart*

*rather than a piece of our mind!!*