



Newsletter

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May 2015

OUTSTANDING REPORT

We are delighted that after our recent inspection in March the Department of Education has graded our school as "OUTSTANDING".

- Overall Performance: **OUTSTANDING**
- Achievements and Standards: **OUTSTANDING**
- Provision: **OUTSTANDING**
- Leadership and Management: **OUTSTANDING**



The outstanding grade in every key area is given to only a small number of schools so we are proud to be one of the very best. A big thank you to you our parents, who support our school. I am sure you are as delighted as we are and thank the staff for their dedication to the children.

The inspection report is online:

www.etini.gov.uk

Mrs McNally

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 30th May in Holy Cross Church at 11am. P4 have been working really hard all year and are excited to celebrate their big day. God bless them!



TREK

After a month of working on TREK (Truth, Respect, Empathy and Kindness) 2 of our P7 pupils represented Holy Cross Girls' at Stormont. They took part in a cross community TREK march to show the values that we encourage in our school.



COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Well done to the girls who ran the mini-marathon to help raise funds for little Marcus, who is ill. You are a great example of the values we hold dear in Holy Cross Girls'.



PEACEPLAYERS

P6/P7 girls were chosen to take part in the PeacePlayers Super Sports Day on Wednesday 27th May. They had a great day playing alongside teams from other North Belfast schools. Well done girls!

ATHLETICS EVENT

A group of P6 & 7 girls went to the Mary Peter's Track where they took part in different athletics events with 2 other Belfast primary schools. A great day was had despite the rain.



FISCA PRESENTATION

Miss Mulhern and Mrs McNally attended a presentation in the Europa on 20th May where they received a cheque for £250 won by our FISCA choir in December.

INTERNATIONAL FORGIVENESS PROGRAMME

The children have been working with the International Forgiveness Programme recently.

They have been discussing aspects of forgiveness in relation to stories and we hope to continue and develop this in 2016.



P1 INDUCTION DAY

On 12th May we had our Primary One Induction Day, where parents of our new P1 children could find out more about the school, and the girls were able to meet their new teacher and investigate their new classroom. The girls were wonderful and we are really looking forward to seeing them in the new school year.

SCHOOL COATS

School coat orders for the new year are being taken now - check your child's school bag for notes regarding this.

All children must wear the school coat to school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:



- Sports Day: Friday 12th June
- Irish Feis: Saturday 13th June
- P7 Activity week: 15th - 19th June
- Reports will be out the week beginning 15th June- Please return your reply slip.
- End of year Mass: Tuesday 23rd June

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ECO SCHOOLS

We are holders of the Bronze and Silver Eco awards and are currently working to achieve Green Flag status. The following activities have been part of this.

FARM TO FORK

Primary 1 started off our Farm to Fork visits at Tesco where they learnt lots about the food we buy and eat. A series of visits for all classes will continue in June. Remember to return your daughter's permission slip.



LITTER POSTER COMPETITION

Well done to the girls who won our Eco Litter poster competition. You will see the posters up around the school and the playground.

Remember to put your rubbish in the bin!



- P4, 5 and 6 took part in a healthy hearts survey to find out about their eating habits and how much physical activity they do. It will be interesting to see the results.
- Monday 1st-Friday 5th June is the British Nutrition Foundation Food Challenge week. Children will be completing a Challenge Week Tracker on fitness and food to emphasise healthy lifestyles.
- If your daughter goes to lunches please sign up to our healthy lunch pledge. This

also asks you to think about making your daughter's lunch box waste free.

- P4-7 are encouraged to brush their teeth daily and have received dental care kits from the GAA.