



# Newsletter

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## April 2016

### First Holy Communion

Primary 4 are busy preparing for First Holy Communion. They have been attending Mass each week, and a special prayer service will take place in the school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 1.30pm for all the parents and children.

### Space Biologists

Primary 5 have become space biologists. They are taking part in a UK wide project to find out if seeds that have been to space will still grow. The girls are very excited to watch their seeds grow. Watch out for updates.

### Cancer Focus NI

Primary 3, 4 6 and 7 have been working with Cancer Focus NI by taking part in healthy activities designed



to improve knowledge of health and to encourage pupils to make positive lifestyle choices. P 3 and P4 took part in the Fit Factor, while P6 and P7 learnt all about the dangers of smoking. P5 are looking forward to learning about sun safety in June.



### Minecraft Maths

Our Primary 5 girls have been having great fun using Minecraft to explore maths concepts as part of a new CCEA initiative. We are one of the few schools chosen to pilot the use of Minecraft in primary schools. We have been very busy using Minecraft to reinforce our knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, grid references, symmetry and tessellation.

### TREK Activity Day

Our Cross Community TREK programme finished with an activity day organised by Mercy College and Boys Model School on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April in Boys Model School. P7 attended the day and had a fun filled day out.

### Holy Cross Concert

Holy Cross Girls School Choir will be singing at a concert on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April in Holy Cross Church in aid of the Refugees. The concert begins at 7pm and we look forward to hearing the beautiful voices of our choir.

### Inside Out Programme

Thank you to Holy Cross Boys Primary School who hosted the Inside Out Diocesan programme on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April, which our P7 girls attended with Mercy Primary School. The girls learned all out growing up, making sensible choices and friendship, through drama, role-play and fun activities.

### Tesco Farm to Fork

All of our classes have recently taken part in Tesco Farm to Fork Trails. They spent time on the shop floor looking at the variety of food available, and also about how important it is to make healthy choices.

You can download the Change4Life Sugar Smart App for free to help you make healthy choices when out shopping.



### Judo Joy

A number of our girls who attend our after schools took part in a Judo competition last week. They did really well and proudly showed off their trophies.



### Food and Fitness

Primary 5 and 6 took part in a workshop on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April hosted by the Dairy Council aimed at encouraging them to eat a balanced diet and get at least 1 hour of exercise every day.



### Easter Eggstravaganza

Before the Easter holidays we had a very busy assembly celebrating all the girls who achieved 100% attendance in term 2, the class who won the attendance prize and the winners of the Easter Ballot.



### Maths Winners

Our KS2 girls participated in the online Mangahigh Maths Eggstreme competition. Schools from all over the UK and Ireland took part and only the top 240 scorers were awarded a prize for their achievement. We were delighted that 4 of our girls were amongst them.



### Class Trips

Class trips are underway and being enjoyed by all.



- P2 visited Streamvale Farm.
- P3 visited Mount Stewart
- P4 visited Castleward
- P5 have worked with Ulster Wildlife and will again visit Ballysillan Park in May.

Parents will be informed of any other class trips which are planned for May and June.

### Holy Cross Mission

Our school choir was delighted to be asked to sing at the recent Mission in Holy Cross. They sang beautifully to open the Mission. Well done girls.

### New Lodge Providers

Primary 2 are currently working with New Lodge Providers to learn about children's health. P4 and P7 will also be working with them through their self-esteem and transition programmes.

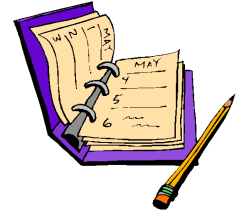
### Netball

Last week our netball team played in the Belfast Schools Netball League play-offs. This is our first year in the Netball League for many years and the girls scored in every game at the play-offs. Well done girls! We will soon be on the lookout for new players.

## REMINDERS

- School Uniform consists of black shoes and the school coat. School coat order forms will be sent home with the girls next week.
- Punctuality - classes begin at 9.15am sharp. Children should be seated in their classrooms by 9.10am.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** - School Closed
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 1.30 pm** - P4 Holy Communion Prayer Service
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - P7 Bee Safe
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May** - First Holy Communion
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm** - Primary One Induction Day.

We look forward to welcoming our new P1 girls for their Induction Day @ 1.30pm, when they will have a chance to see their new classroom and meet their teacher. (If you know any parent who did not receive their letter of invitation to attend Holy Cross Girls' please ask them to contact the school.

- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May 1.30pm** - Play and Learn Playgroup Induction Day
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May** - The Lion King
- **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May** - Post Primary School letters
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May** - School closed
- **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Primary 5 Cancer Focus NI Workshop - Sun Scientist

- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June** - Sport's Day
- **Wed 15<sup>th</sup> to Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June** - Primary 7 Activity week
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June** - National Care Home Day - P4 will visit Bradley Manor Care Home to talk to the residents about growing up in the past.
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - P7 Leaver's Mass
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June** - school finishes half day. No dinners but buses available.

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