

Jan-Feb 2024 Newsletter

Living and Learning, Today and Tomorrow



Happy New Year

I hope you had a lovely Christmas holiday with your family and are refreshed and ready for term 2 at school. As a school community, I would like to thank you, again, for your patience and understanding as we deal with the range of illnesses that are prevalent in school and the community.

December was a busy time throughout the school and it was fantastic to have the return of our Christmas concert with our families and audiences. The children in P1 to P3 excelled in their roles and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining us all. The Concert highlights are available to view on the school website.

The school choir had a very busy December singing at the Carolfest and our local sheltered residential providers.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the SVP Giving Tree Appeal and shared cards and gifts throughout the school community.

We look forward to the rest of the school year with great anticipation and by working together, we will continue to provide fantastic learning opportunities for every child.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Celebrations

Sunday 21st January to Saturday 27th January.

As a school, community, and parish, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with a range of school-based activities and attend Mass on Tuesday 23rd to celebrate Grandparents Day. We will contemplate our schools as communities of service.

MONDAY 22 nd	<i>Service in Our Community of Friends</i>
TUESDAY 23 rd	<i>Service in Our School Community (Grandparents Day) Parents and grandparents are most welcome to attend 9:30am Mass to celebrate.</i>
WEDNESDAY 24 th	<i>Service in Our Family Community</i>
THURSDAY 25 th	<i>Service in Our Local Community</i>



Car Parking and accessing school grounds before and after the school day

Please kindly note the following procedures, pedestrian access is by the Ean Hill and Church View gates only. Access via the main gate is for vehicle access only and anyone accessing this gate does so at their own risk. Parents should not block this gate or access the car park in their vehicles.

I would ask all school users to remain vigilant with respect to road safety in around the school grounds and the local neighbourhood.

Crossing Patrol Update

The EA lifted the freeze on recruitment for crossing patrol personnel. The post was re advertised but did not garner any interest, it will be readvertised in due course by the EA.



Allergy Reminder



Please note that due to nut allergies in school, snacks and lunches should be nut free.



Sacramental Dates



St Colmcille's Holywood
www.stcolmcilleshollywood.org

Our P3 Children will celebrate their First Confession on Thursday 7th March at 1pm.

Our P7 Children will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation Thursday 13th June, time to be confirmed.

Our P4 Children will celebrate their First Communion on Saturday 15th June at 11.00am.



After Schools Programme - Term 2A

WEEK DAY	Activity	Venue	Teacher or External Provider	Time	Year Groups	Contribution	Places available	Tick to Reserve a place
Monday	Gaelic Games	Hall/ St.Pauls	Mr. Sherlock	3-3.50pm	p5-7	£5 Per half-term	24	
Monday	Eco-Garden Club **	P6	Miss Mc Keogh	3 to 3.50pm	p5-7	£5 Per half term	20	
Tuesday	Irish Dancing Restarts 10th	Hall	External Denise Catney	2-3pm 3-4pm	P1*-3 P4 -7	Pay directly		
Wed	Orchestra	Hall	Mrs Mc Sorley	This club is by invitation only. Mrs Mc Sorley will contact parents/pupils directly				
Thurs	Cookery Club	P3	Mrs Wilkinson	3-3.50pm	P4 - P7	£5 Per half term	20	
Thurs	Speech & Drama	Staff Room	Sarah Steen	2-3pm	P2-3	Pay directly ***		
Thurs	Speech & Drama	Hall	Sarah Steen	3-4pm	P4-7	Pay directly ***		
Fri	Girls Gaelic	Hall/ St.Pauls	Mr. Sherlock	2:00-3:00pm	p5-7	£5 Per half term	24	

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**The Eco Club will involve a mixture of indoor and outdoor activities. We will focus on improving our environment, develop projects to make our school more eco friendly, create an art project in our learning space and we will plant and garden in our Outdoor Learning Environment.

Book a place through the school office.

