

Holy Family Herald

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Welcome to our Newsletter

➤ Some important dates:

Tuesday, November 21st, the school will be closed to facilitate teachers to attend an Inservice Course day.

Friday, November 24th PJ Day. Back by popular demand! On Friday November 24th the Parents Association will host a Pyjama Day! Children (and teachers who are brave enough!) are invited to wear in pyjamas to school. This is a fundraising school event, cost €2.

I hope Mr.Quinn has a nice onesie!

Tuesday, November 28th & Wednesday November 2017, Parent Teacher Meetings.



The Christmas Fair will take place on **Friday, December 8th in the school hall from 12 noon to 2.30pm.**

We are asking all parents to make a donation/s to the school fair. We are accepting books in good condition please, DVD's, brick a brack, sweets, arts & crafts, beauty products, and bottles for the bottle stall.

Santa Clause will be making an appearance on the day! All parents/ grandparents, cousins, friends are welcome. All proceeds will go towards school funds.

More details to follow.....

Join the festive fun and help support our school!

Saturday, December 9th: Blackrock Christmas Party for pupils in Junior Infants to 1st class.



Christmas Closure: The school will close on **Friday, December 22nd at 12 noon and re-open on Monday, January 8th, 2018.** Christmas Nativity play will take place on Friday, December 22nd at 11am. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join in the celebration.

October Cake Sale

Our first big Parents Association event took place on October 11th where a delicious Cake Sale was held in the school hall. There was a huge variety of cakes and treats available which The Great British Bake Off judges would be proud of! Thank-you to everyone who baked and bought on the day, we raised just over €500!



Punctuality and Attendance

Well done to all the boys and girls who came to school on time during our October Punctuality Drive, there was a marked improvement in punctuality and it would be great to keep this up. Thanks also to the parents who supported us on this campaign and as promised we put all the names of the parents into a hat whose children had a 100% punctuality record and Fatimah, (Zainab and Maryam's mum), was the happy winner of the €30 Tesco voucher. During, November we are concentrating on attendance with the campaign 'Every Day Counts'. All the primary and secondary schools in our cluster from Dún Laoghaire to Shankill are promoting the importance of children attending school and will be monitoring attendance. At the end of the month we will have Certificates and prizes for best and most improved attenders.



Bag2School

Just a final reminder that our Bag2 school collection is almost over so this weekend is the last chance to gather up all those unused clothes and shoes. The bags will be collected on Wednesday November 22nd. Bags can be left on the stage in the hall. Don't forget that we raise money both for the school and the Laura Lynn foundation with this collection.



First Class Parents and Child Gardening

A huge big thank-you to the students of First Class and their parents who joined us for some gardening with Howard (our expert gardener). Sunflowers were measured and seeds collected for next year, all the remaining vegetables were harvested and taken home including some tasty tomatoes and potatoes. The herb garden was a sensory delight where we learned about different aromas and textures. The children did a lot of hard work digging up the beds to prepare them for winter and we even planted a variety of flower bulbs which we will see popping up in early Spring. We also discovered a few interesting creepy crawlies along the way. We were blessed with the weather and had lots of great, if slightly mucky, fun!

A word from the Principal.....

WOW! What a busy two months we have had! September and October were packed full of activities and as I write this note, we are already starting to plan for Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to draw our parent's attention to the school **ATTENDANCE DRIVE**. I urge you all to try to improve the attendance of your child. Excellent attendance is a gift you can give to your children that costs nothing. They may not thank you for it now but when they are 18, they will have reaped the rewards of having had excellent attendance in school. So let us all keep our appointment with school. It is every weekday @ 8.55.
N.Quinn

Parents Courses

Zumba with Claudia continues every Thursday morning in the school hall, 9.15-10.15am €3 per class.



Flower-Arranging: Fridays the Parents Room, €5 per class with an arrangement to take home every week.

Boogie Bounce.

Takes place in the school hall every Monday 6.30pm & 7.45 & Wednesday at 7.45pm.



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