



# Holy Family Herald

Newsletter  
May 2020



## Welcome to our school newsletter.

### A word from the Board of Management:

We know it has been tough but we're cheering for you! Boys and girls, Mums and Dads, and all the members of our school staff, we are hoping that you are all keeping well during these strange times. Boys and girls, I know your principal, your teachers and your parents have been helping you to keep up with your schoolwork during these past few weeks; and we thank them so much for their great efforts. I am sure that you too are doing your best, both at your school work and also by being good and helpful at home. We look forward to welcoming you all back to Holy Family National School, hopefully in the not too distant future. Meanwhile, we are not forgetting any of you and will keep you (and those nearest and dearest to you, especially the grandparents) in our thoughts and prayers at all times. As we say in Irish, go dté sibh go léir slán (may you all be safe).

Take care!

**Máirín Benson, Chairperson**

(on behalf of all the members of the Board of Management)

Hello everyone,

The Taoiseach's announcement on Friday sent a wave of sadness amongst the staff as we now know we will not get to end this school year like we began, together! Boys and girls, do not worry, we are still here for you all and will have some exciting activities planned for the weeks ahead. Some good news, those horrible tests in Maths and English that happen every year won't be taking place this year, don't be too disappointed! To my leaders in 6th class, myself and Mr Watt and all the staff will not let your final weeks in Holy Family come to an end without the best celebration that we can organise from a distance. Watch this space!! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and guardians in our school for encouraging your children to learn online. Your households are very busy places now, but you are still putting your child's education first which is to be applauded. It is now more important than ever to keep this routine going for the boys and girls as online learning becomes our new normal. If there is anything you would like more support on, please get in touch with us and we will do all we can to help. P.S the teachers love correcting the finished work that the children send in, please keep this up!

We miss you all, but I am so proud of all the children of Holy Family School who are all playing their part in keeping themselves and their families safe.

Thinking of you all. **Ms. Martyn**



**HELLO WE REALLY MISS SEEING YOUR LOVELY FACES AND HOPE YOU ARE KEEPING SAFE. HOPING TO SEE YOU ALL SOON. FROM THE HOLY FAMILY STAFF.**



### SCHOOL MEALS

Food packages are available every Tuesday from 10am-11am in the school hall. Each pack consists of bread, milk, butter, fruit, cheese, crackers/rice cakes. Packs vary weekly. Please text the school on 087-1424248 or email to [holyfamilydunedin@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilydunedin@gmail.com) if you would like to be added to the list.

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## Operation Fit Farm



Operation Fit Farm was a big success, we boogie-bounced, hip-hopped, Zumba'd, stepped and circuit trained (thanks to Mr.Quinn) our way to being fitter and healthier. Of course we were very sad we did not get to complete our Hip-Hop final big show but the good news is Sadbh will be back with us next January to get us moving again!

**Congratulations to all those students who won Fit Farm certificates!**



### ART COMPETITION

We are holding an Art Competition for the whole school. There will be 1 winner per class. The title for the competition is **ART FOR OUR HEROES**. Please send your entries/photos of your entry to your class teachers email address to be in with a chance of winning a great prize!! Winners will be announced on, May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

It is hard to believe but we were actually in the middle of celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge when the school had to close. We did not get to do our Big Céili on the Friday but thankfully on Wednesday 11th we did manage to witness some wonderful musical and drama performances from all the classes including a spectacular 'Haka' as Gaeilge by Junior and Senior Infants. We will have to have an even bigger Céili next year to make up for it!



### World Book Day March 6th

We celebrated World Book Day on Friday 6th March and all wore our pyjamas in for some 'bedtime stories' and treats in the library. We listened to a wonderful collection of stories from around the world. A special thank-you to all the parents who became storytellers for the day, it was really magical!

### Trip to Áras an Uachtaráin

On February 13th 2020, a group of representatives from our school cluster in Dún Laoghaire/Rathdown had the honour of being invited on a trip to Áras an Uachtaráin. We had an amazing tour around the Áras and it's beautiful gardens, were treated to some delicious treats in the main reception room and learned some fascinating insights about the role and responsibilities of the nine people who have been awarded the role of President of Ireland. We were even lucky enough when the President himself, Michael D. Higgins, came out for a quick chat. A big thank-you to Sarah Stephens and Emma Roberts who represented Holy Family, it was a day to remember!



### RIDDLES:

**Answer revealed in next newsletter!**

*What happens once in a lifetime, twice in a moment, but never in 100 years???*

*I'm tall when I'm young, and I'm short when I'm old, what am I?*

# NOW ENROLLING FOR SEPTEMBER 2020