

## HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

### NEWSLETTER: JANUARY 2016

Please be advised that all school documentation is available in different formats, on request.

#### BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Mrs Hurst and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Erin, who was born on 7 December.

#### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs for those children with a surname beginning M – Z plus reception and Year 6 started this week and will carry on up until Easter. Multi Skills continues on Tuesdays and Thursdays with Mr Cole. Mad Science has started and runs for eight weeks.

#### HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY COMPETITION

Children have taken part in a competition about the Holocaust. Children have researched the Holocaust and four winners were chosen to accompany Mrs Lane to the Town Hall to listen to a talk given by three Holocaust survivors. The winners were Joseph Jopson, Phoebe McCarten, Ava Mooney and Barry Sheen. Each class will share their findings at the whole school assembly on the Friday and the children who went to the Town Hall can tell the rest of the school about their experience.

#### READING QUALITY MARK

As you have been informed, thanks to the hard work and effort made by Mr Doyle – helped by children, staff and parents/carers, school has been awarded the Silver ‘Reading for Pleasure’ Quality Mark and you might think that now we have the award we can sit back and relax. But no, we are now working towards attaining the gold quality mark and will be arranging even more reading opportunities for our children. On Wednesday 3 February, we have a storyteller in school, Nick Hennessy. On Thursday 4 February, we have the Reading Revolutionaries Road Show from 10.00 am until 2.00 pm.

#### PARKING

We ask that **ALL** parents/carers park considerately to keep **OUR** children safe, especially at this time of year with the inclement weather and dark mornings. Thanks to those who already do so and we appeal to those who do not, to consider our request for the safety of our children.

#### ROAD SAFETY/PARKING

School held a competition for children to design a banner that we can post outside the school to see if, after numerous reminders about dangerous parking not resulting in any improvement, people might just take notice of a child. The winner of the competition is Lauren Eagle, Class 9 who designed a fantastic poster. Look out for the banner on the school fence. Well done, Lauren.

#### CHINESE DAY

Tracy, from our catering company will be in school on Monday 8 February to work with all classes making Chinese delights.

#### SAFER INTERNET DAY

Children will take part in a variety on activities related to online safety. They will share their findings at Friday Golden Assembly.

#### PREVENT TRAINING

All staff have attended PREVENT training so that they will be fully prepared to deal with any concerns that may occur about the danger of radicalisation.

There are many forms of radicalisation and we believe it is best to be prepared so that we are able to deal with it as best we can in the interest of our children. It is our job to educate children as best we can to prepare them for the wider world and not just in the academic subjects. Parent/cares also need to do their part at home.

#### **NEW CURRICLUM AND ASSESSMENT**

Teachers have been attending important training about the New National Curriculum and new assessments arrangements.

#### **NEW SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT OFFICER (SIP)**

Our new SIP is Mrs Allen. She has been appointed to our school as she is also with Our Lady and St Philomena's school. She will be working with the school and giving us guidance to help improve our overall performance.

#### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

There are a number of children who are late for school on a regular basis. Please remember that if your child is 10 minutes late every day then they will miss out on 50 minutes of education per week. Please try to keep our attendance up by only letting your child stay off school if they are really ill and need to be at home.

#### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM (Archdiocese)**

This is offered by Jackie Brougham who can be contacted on  
Tel: 0789 179 5145 or by Email: [jackiebrougham@btinternet.com](mailto:jackiebrougham@btinternet.com).

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

13.1.16 = Young Leader training for Y5.

27.1.16 = Holocaust Memorial Day

28.1.16 = Class 11 Mass at Holy Name Church – 9.15

28.1.16 = Competition winners to attend a talk from Holocaust survivors at the Town Hall

3.2.16 = Story Teller

4.2.16 = Reading Revolutionaries Road Show

5.2.16 = Class 5 Assembly - Chinese New Year

9.2.16 = Pancake races

10.2.16 = Ash Wednesday – Juniors will attend Mass at Holy Name – 9.15 am

29.2.16 = Anti Bullying Week

3.3.16 = World Book Day

4.3.16 = Class 4 Assembly – Fairtrade

14.3.16 = Irish Week

15/16/17.3.16 = Play in a Day for classes 9, 10, 11

16.3.16 = Green School Project with the Eco Committee

17.3.13 = Class 4 Mass – at Holy Name Church – 9.15 am

23.3.16 = Class 9/Y5 children in Class 8 Passion Play at Holy Name Church (time to be arranged)

23.4.16 = Class 6 Assembly – Road Safety

28.4.16 = Class 8 Mass –at Holy Name Church - 9.15 am

13.5.16 = Class 3 Assembly – Month of Mary

29.6.16 = Year 4 Sacrament Celebration Mass – 9.15 am at Holy Name Church

12.7.16 = Year 6 Leavers' Mass – 6.00 pm in the school hall

15.7.16 = Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – 9.15 am in the school hall

19.7.16 = Whole School End of Year Mass at Holy Name Church (time to be arranged)

#### **HALF TERM**

School will close for half term on Friday 12 February at 3.00 pm and re-open on Monday 22 February at 8.45 am.