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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

SL Room: Jacob McKenna **RR Room:** Callum McHugh **1Q R2:** Brandon Adams & Ruadhan McKinney **1T R3:** Carter Baker & Kylian Murray **2F R4:** Alfie Cunningham & Adam Petticrew **2M R5:** Jaymie Stitt & Luke Reid **3Mc R10:** Ronan McGrath & Sean Neeson **3Mo R13:** Logan Murphy & Leighton Brady **4W R12:** Ollie Maguire & Reilly Shay Fahy Cole **4M R11:** Braden McAllister & John Maguire **5W R14:** Shea McCaul & James McCorry **5C R15:** Jack Stitt & Seamus McGuinness **6M R19:** Caoimhin Catney & Ethan Maguire **6EJ R21:** Fionn Johnston & Corey Doran **7L R18:** Michael John Nugent & Mason Jay Bradley **7H R20:** Daniel Ferris & Daniel Murtagh

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 26th Jan for a coaching session on the pitch with our two staff members, Tony Kane and Hollie Mailey (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding efforts with their behaviour and attitude. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every week. Starlight/P4: Jacob McKenna, John Og Robinson Taylor, Conleith McGuinness, Conn Curran McLikenny, Cillian McCabe, Harley Boyle, Odhran Braniff, Kenzie Morgan, Gerard Frame & Tiarnan Murphy. P5: Jake Mailey, Leo Dewar, Eamonn Burns, Jamie McGonnell, Noah McKerverey, James O'Neill, Cain Duffy & Charlie Armstrong. P6: Martin Lundy, Caleb McCann, Jay Delucia, Caiden McKinney, Eoin Montgomery, Piaras Watt, Odhran Carter & Oisín Moore. P7: (Swimming).

Punctuality Monitoring will take place from tomorrow, Monday 22nd to Friday 26th Jan 2024 to help target parents and pupils with difficulties in this regard. We would recommend parents to avail of the option to send their child to the Breakfast Club if finding it difficult to ensure their child attends school on time. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen (includes cereal, toast and a drink). The BREAKFAST CLUB IS FREE for PUPILS IN TERM 2.

Year 1 pupil entry in September 2024: The application procedure opened on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of Friday 26th January 2024 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26th January 2024 and up to 4pm on 31st January 2024 will be treated as a late application. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/primary-admissions-guide> Verification documents may be emailed to holycrossboys@hotmail.com and may include, birth certificate, two 'proof of address' dated within three months of the date of application.

Year 8 post-primary applications: Admissions criteria for Post Primary Schools were published on Thursday 11th January 2024. Post Primary Applications for school year beginning September 2024 will open on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 12 noon. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

Belfast City Council's Environmental Team Visit HCB: Last Tuesday, we had a visit from the Belfast City Council's Environmental Team and they put on an amazing performance and our pupils were fully engaged throughout, as they learned about the importance of recycling and waste disposal in a fun way.

Religion: Our Primary 7 pupils took part in their Service of Commitment and Light last Wed 17th Jan 2024 in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The boys sang beautifully, behaved impeccably, and maintained such reverence throughout. Many thanks to our school chaplain Brian McKee for the workshop he held before the service. Thank you to Mrs Martin (Music Specialist), Mr Wallace (RE Coordinator) and our teachers and classroom assistants for ensuring a lovely ceremony. The boys will now look forward to making their Confirmation on Friday 26th Jan @11am in Holy Cross Church. **Confirmation Preparation 2024 - On Line Webinar on January 23, 2024 @09:00 PM:** Parents / Sponsors & Teachers are invited to discover the beauty of the Sacrament of Confirmation in preparation for their children's special day. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/confirmation-preparation-2024-on-line-webinar-on-january-23-2024-0900-pm/> Catholic Schools Week starts (22nd to 26th Jan 2024) and the theme is Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. Grandparents' Day will be on Wed 24th Jan 24 @9.00am, Details on link: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240115033033_73_HCB_Grandparents_Day_info_for_Wed_24th_Jan_2024.pdf

Music: Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly.

Philosophy: Finlay is our Philosopher of the Week for daring to think differently on the theme of morality.

Counselling Service: With the help of ES funding & the PHA, we are now offering a specialist counselling service for selected pupils on Mondays (Mental Health Movement at the Marrowbone Hub) thanks to Caoimhin McNulty and on Wednesdays in the school with Anne.

Physical Education: Year 7 will have week 3 of their 8-week swimming programme on Friday 2nd February 24. The focus for the 2nd Physical Education theme for January/February 2024 is

Gymnastics. Year 5 will continue their handball programme with Gaelit's Oisín on Thursdays in the school hall. The HCB Football Team under the guidance of Mr. Mullan, Joe Gormley and Tony Kane lost out on a 1-0 defeat against a very strong Holy Child PS side in the semi-final of the EDCO Cup at Solitude on Friday 19th January. **NM Coaching on Fridays (Week 2 of 5)** P1 Mrs Reel in hall @9:30, P1 Mrs Quirk 30 mins in hall @10:00, P4 Mr Wallace AYC @10:30 & P4 Mr Moran AYC @11:30. P3McR10 have Soccer Camp Week at The Marrowbone Pitch @9:30 to 11:30am.

Mental Health Awareness: The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thurs 25th January 24 @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

Extended Schools: Week 3 of 5 for Block 3 will continue this week, Monday 22nd to Friday 26th January 2024. See Schedule/Timetable using link:

https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230918124514_77_2023-2024_ES_DATES_and_TIMETABLE.pdf

HCB Uniform: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20240109111038_16_Parent_Note_on_School_and_PE_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf

School Holidays: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf

HCB Healthy Eating Policy: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20220705104703_11_Healthy_Eating_Policy.pdf



	Monday 22 nd Jan	Tuesday 21 st Jan	Wednesday 22 nd Jan	Thursday 24 th Jan	Friday 25 th Jan
Lunch Menu	Pork Sausages, Baked Beans & Chips. Frozen Yoghurt.	Beef Meatballs with Italian Tomato & Basil Sauce, Garden Peas & Pasta, Jelly And Fruit	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread, Sweet Corn & Steamed Rice, Jam & Coconut Cake.	Roast of the Day, Stuffing & Rich Gravy, Carrot, Broccoli & Mashed Potato/Oven Roast Potato. Short Bread.	Chicken Goujons, Spaghetti Hoops & Chips. Ice cream Fruit.

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023.pptx

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: If you could start a country from scratch, what would it be like?

Weekly Challenge: Do a minute or two of star jumps.

Motivational Quote: "It's not who I am underneath but what I do that defines me". Christian Bale

Happy Birthday

Caiden Morelli, Jaxx Walker, Sean McAteer-Fennell, Caolan Watt, Mason Madden, Lenni Smith, Liam Eagle, Thomas Casey, Haiden Toner, Daire Savage & Caleb Robinson.

Upcoming EVENTS

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on Tuesday 23rd January 24 for 50p.

Breakfast Club is FREE for all pupils in Term 2.

Tuckshop: will take place Friday 26th Jan.

Solitude Friday Visits: Next visit on Fri 26th Jan.

Punctuality Monitor from Mon 22 to Fri 26 Jan 24

Rewarding Pupils: Mid term Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance on Thurs 8th Feb 24.

Year 7 Swimming: Week 3 on Fri 2nd Feb 2024.

TRIPS: YEAR 2: Titanic Museum Guided Tour on 06/03/24. YEAR 4: Armagh Planetarium 23/04/24.

YEAR 5: W5 (Energy Workshop) 06/03/24 & Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24. YEAR 6 W5 on 22/01/24

Confirmation for Year 7 on Friday 26 Jan 24 @11am in Holy Cross Church.

Safer Internet Day 2024 based around the theme 'Inspiring change' on Tue 6 Feb 2024.

Parent Teacher Interviews: Friday 9th Feb 24.

Mid term Break: Pupil are off from Fri 9th to Fri 16th Feb (inclusive).

NSPCC PANTS programme visit P1 - P4 on Wednesday 6th March 2024 (TBC).

What's Inside Programme YEAR 7 on 22/02/24 (HCB, HCG and Mercy Primary School).

Transition Week (P7) starting week beginning Mon 26th Feb to Thur 29th 2024.

St.Patrick's Day Hols: Pupils finish early (11.00am) on Thur 14th and return on Tue 19th Mar 2024.

Accelerated Reader & FRECKLE Certificates for Term 2 on Monday 25 Mar 2024.

Easter Holidays: Pupils will finish early on Thurs 28th Mar (11.00am) and return Monday 8th Apr 24.

P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits on Monday 15th to Wed 24th April 2024

Holy Communion Year 4 Fri 17 May24 @11am.