

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

ARISTOTLE SL Room: John O'Griffin Taylor RR Room: Edward Zi Hao 1Q R2: Cian Carson & Jay Burns 1T R3: Noah Slavin & Shea McKee
MILL 2F R4: Adam Mooney & Sean McAteer 2M R5: Aaron O'Neill & Sean O'Neill 3Mc R10: Oisín Colohan & Lorcan Cahill 3Mo R13: Jude
PLATO Lagan & Odhran McGranahan 4W R12: Reilly Shea Fahy Cole & Cillian McCabe 4M R11: Gerard Frame & Caolan Doherty 5W R14:
 Charlie Armstrong & Alfie Hillick 5C R15: Rio Cooke-Faulkner & Jack McAuley Reid 6M R19: Brooklyn O'Neill & Aodhan McCaul 6EJ R21:
 Pearse McCrudden & Darragh Whelan 7L R18: Phoenix O'Sullivan & Conor Davey 7H R20: Gavin Og McKeown & Caolan Dunlop
SOCRATES

Pupils will finish on Thursday 8th Feb (at normal times) for their mid term break and return Monday 19th Feb 24

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 2nd February 2024 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: Stephen Maile & Thomas Boyle. P5: Eamonn Burns, Kai Baker, Haiden Toner, Conor Weatherall, Jake Mailey, Giovanni Tchuda, Jack Moss, Cillian Gearon, Leyton Smith & Tomás Cosgrove. P6: Oisín Largey, Corey Doran, Nathan Haughey, Jake Higney, Lorcan Timmons, Pearse Strain, Ryan Reilly, Ciaran Gormley, Caoimhin Catney & Lewis Faulkner. P7: (Swimming). <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/solitude-weekly-winners-a-a-a-a-a-a-a-a/>

Punctuality Monitoring Selected pupils were put on a Report Card from last Tuesday 30th January to this Tuesday 6th February. If these pupils continue to have punctuality concerns, then we will organise a follow up meeting this week. 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. Breakfast Club opens at 8am (cereal, toast & drink) & IS FREE IN TERM 2.

Year 8 post-primary applications: Admissions criteria for Post Primary Schools were published on Thursday 11 January 2024 & Post Primary Applications for school year beginning September 2024 opened on Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 12 noon. EA Connect closes for online applications for Post Primary on Thursday 22 February 2024 - at 12 noon. Final date for late paper applications is Monday 4 March 2024 - by 4pm. Parents/carers will receive application outcome via email (where one is held) or by letter on Saturday 18 May 2024. <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions/post-primary-admissions-guide>

Philosophy: Philosopher of the Week, Jack, accepts his award after a fantastic session on Core Values.

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

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.

Wee Bugs and Beesties (Ardoyne Community Centre): Our pupils absolutely loved their visit to Ardoyne Community Centre yesterday to encounter all the wee bugs and beesties that were on show. Thank you to Dessie Carlin and the Ardoyne Community Centre for this memorable experience.

<https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-visit-the-wee-bugs-and-beesties-in-ardoyne-community-centre/>

Physical Education: Year 7 will have week 4 of their 8-week swimming programme on Friday 23rd February 24. The focus for the 2nd Physical Education theme for January/February 2024 is **Gymnastics**. Year 5 will continue their handball programme with Gaelfit's Oisín on Thursdays in the school hall. The Gaelic team, battled bravely at the 2024 Allianz Cumann na mBunscoil Indoor Championships at Colin Glen Air Dome last week but fell short of qualifying in their group.

<https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-bow-out-of-the-2024-allianz-cumann-na-mbunscoil-indoor-championships-at-colin-glen-air-dome-/?p=1&tags=1081>, HCB football team, under the management of Joe Gormley & Mr Mullan, attended the BPSFA 5-a-side indoor tournament at Shankill Leisure Centre last week. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-exit-the-bpsfa-5-a-side-indoor-tournament/?p=1&tags=1081>, NM Coaching on Fridays (Week 3 of 5) P1T in hall @9:30, P1Q 30 mins in hall @10:00, P4W AYC @10:30 & P4M AYC @11:30.

Mental Health Awareness: The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thurs 8th FEB 24 @9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

Extended Schools The final Week 5 of 5 for Block 3 will continue this week, Monday 5th to Friday 9th February 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

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question: Is time travel possible?
Weekly Challenge: What makes you smile?
Motivational Quote: There is only one way to avoid criticism: do nothing, say nothing, and be nothing. Aristotle

Happy Birthday

Jordan McClafferty, Jack Moss, Caiden O'Hara, Jack McAuley Reid, Leo Murray, Noah McKeown, Jay Taylor, Nathan Haughey, Jayden Reid, Daniel Ferris, Tiernan Graham & Christopher Gormely.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Belfast Giants visit on Monday 5th February @1.45pm in hall Primary 4-7.
Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on 6th Feb for 50p.
Safer Internet Day 2024 based around the theme 'Inspiring change' on Tue 6 Feb 2024.
Breakfast Club is FREE for all pupils in Term 2.
Tuckshop: will take place on Thur 8th Feb.
Sponsored Bounce-a-thon Wed 6th March.
Solitude Friday Visits Next visit on Friday 23rd FEB.
Rewarding Pupils: Mid tem Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance on Wed 7th Feb 24.
Year 7 Community Clean up with Lord Mayor, Ryan Murphy on Wed 21 Feb
Year 7 Swimming: Week 4 on Fri 23rd Feb 2024.
TRIPS: YEAR 2: Titanic Museum Guided Tour on 06/03/24. **YEAR 4:** Armagh Planetarium 23/04/24.
YEAR 5: Fire & Rescue Service classroom visits 8.2.24, W5 (Energy Workshop) 06/03/24 & Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24.
Parent Teacher Interviews Friday 9th Feb 24.
Mid term Break: Pupil are off from Fri 9th to Fri 16th Feb 2024 (inclusive).
HIP N HEALTHY Programme (online) for 7H R20 on Wed 6 Mar: Tackling Anxiety, Wed 10 Apr: Developing Resilience & Wed 8 May: Three Pillars of Growth.
NSPCC PANTS programme visit P1-P4 11/04/24
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 Mon 8th Apr 24.
P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits on Monday 15th to Wed 24th April 2024
Holy Communion Year 4 Fri 17 May 2024 @11am.



PHILOSOPHER 	READER 	MATHEMATICIAN 	MUSICIAN 	SPORTS STAR 	Healthy Eating
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	Monday 5 th Feb	Tuesday 6 th Feb	Wednesday 7 th Feb	Thursday 8 th Feb	Friday 9 th Feb
	Fish Fingers, Beans & Chips. Jelly & Fruit.	Savory Mince, Baton Carrots & Mashed Potato. Sponge & Custard.	Chicken Curry, Naan Bread, Sweetcorn & Steamed Rice. Ice Cream & Fruit	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Rich Gravy, Carrots, Peas & Mashed Potato/Oven Roast Potato. Flake meal Biscuit.	Closed for Mid-term break

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023_pptx

YEAR	START	Finish	Friday Finish
1	9.00	2.00	12.45
2	8.45	2.15	1.00
3	9.00	2.30	1.00
4	8.45	2.45	1.20
5	9.00	3.00	1.20
6	8.45	2.45	1.20
7	9.00	3.00	1.20
RR	8.45	2.00	12.30
SL	8.45	2.30	12.30

HCB Weekly Bulletin for Monday 5th to Thursday 8th FEB 2024