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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

- 1Q:** Logan Neill & Jay James Corrigan **1T:** Leon Neill & Conor Mahony **2F:** Adam Mooney & Cillian Cosgrove **2M:** Noah McClenaghan & Sean Rock **3Mo:** Fionntan Morgan & Jude Lagan **3Mc:** Oisín Colohan & Connaoadh Delaney
4W: Leo Cosgrove & James Lennon **4M:** Charlie McDonald & Tiarnan Murphy **5W:** Cain Duffy & Tomás Cosgrove **5C:** Jack Stitt & Caidan O'Hara **6M:** Kayden Brady & Junior Sharma **6EJ:** Danny O'Gormley & Michael Burns **7L:** Michael John Nugent & Junior Brady Evans **7H:** Jack McCabe & Jayden Reid **RR:** Callum McHugh **ST:** Junior Lavery

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 19th April 2024 (Date change TBC) 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. **P4:** Jude Cooke-Faulkner, Leo Hall, Kaelann Gilvary, Caelan Murphy, Jacob Campbell, Connell Gourley, James Waide & Jack Frame. **P5:** (Swimming Week 1). **P6:** Caleb McCann, Oisín Largey, Shay Braniff, Sean McAuley, Aoadhan McCaul, Caoimhin Catney, Pearse Strain & Piaras Watt. **P7:** Mason Jay Bradley, Junior Brady Evans, Jack Stewart, Sean O'Gormley, Cormac Magee, Riley Harper, Caoimhin McCabe & Tyler O'Halloran.

Careers Week 2024 will take place this week (Mon 22nd – Fri 26th April) and once again each year group will have the opportunity to interact with and ask questions of a wide variety of visiting speakers, including North Belfast MP, John Finucane, Belfast Lord Mayor, Ryan Murphy, Eamon McAuley (Former boxing champion) and past pupils, Thomas Turley and Joe McNeill. They will also have visits from a train driver, school nurse, a postman, a caretaker and many more. 2023 Careers Week link: <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/careers-week-2023-was-once-great-success-in-hcb/?p=28&tags=1081>

Year 7 School Show: Auditions began this week with Mrs McShane & Mrs Martin for the highly anticipated Year 7 School Show, Peter Pan which will take place on the following dates (Mon 3rd for KS1 and Nursery, Tues 4th for KS2, Wed 5th (Parents) & Thur 6th June (Parents)).

Translink Safety Bus visit to HCB on **Thursday 30th April 9.30am** – it plays a vital role in educating students about how to stay safe while using public transport.

(O.T.O.S.) One to One Support- Reading Boost Initiative 2024: This is the final week of the 8 Week Programme (**Monday 22nd - Friday 26th April 2024**). The Post-intervention Testing Meeting will be on **Thurs 2nd May**.

HIP N Healthy Programme: The final and 4th workshop will be on **Wednesday 8th May** on The Three Pillars of Growth.

Philosophy: Fionn stands proudly with his Philosopher of the Week certificate, presented by our Queens' students, for his thoughts on identity and change.

Links with Hazelwood College: Hazelwood College continue to send their teachers to deliver excellent lessons for our P6 & 7 classes: P7 Class 1: **Science:** Thurs 14th March-Thurs 18th Apr 2024 (9:30-10:15), **Art:** Tues 23rd Apr-Tues 4th June 2024 (9:45-10:40) & PE: Fri 10th May-Fri 31st May 2024 (9:30-10:45). P7 Class 2: **Science:** Thur 25th April-Thur 16th May 2024 (9:30-10:15), **Art:** Tues 11th June -Tues 25th June 2024 (9:45-10:40) & PE: Fri 7th June-Fri 28th June 2024 (9:30-10:15). P6 Class 1: **HE:** Fri 12th April-Fri 10th May 2024 (9:30-10:15). P6 Class 2: **HE:** Fri 17th May-Fri 7th June 2024 (9:30-10:15). 7H loved their Science Experiment last week (Pics below).

Music: Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly. Maiden Voyage Dance Company for the P7 movement workshops (both classes) Tues 30 April 9.15-11.15am in Hall. Bassoonists event on **Tuesday 21st May** Townsend Street. HCB Choir will perform at St Anne Trust Primary Schools' Choir Competition (P5 & 6) on **Tuesday 14th May**.

Religion: As part of our ongoing commitment to the Personal Development of all our pupils, we are delighted to roll out the Flourish in Term 3. The fun and interactive Flourish Programme aims to equip the Primary 1 – 7 pupils to make healthy choices and is a vital part of their learning pathway in Primary School. The main focus of the programme is to affirm the uniqueness of the individual and to encourage respect for themselves and others.

https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20240410023034_6_FLOURISH_PROGRAMME_PARENT_LETTER.pdf

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 2024: Year 6 soccer team will be the first to wear the new school kit in their BELFAST EDCO Cup semi-final against Braniel Primary School this **Thursday 25th April 2024**. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/impressive-new-kit-for-hcb-football-team/>

The Gaelic Football team, under Mr Magennis will meet St Kieran's Primary School in the Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Aontroma C Championship Semi-Finals on **24/4/24 @ 2.00pm** at Sally Gardens 4G and at the Féile Gerard Lawlor 25.4.24 CLG Naomh Éanna 10:00 - 1:30pm. The focus for Physical Education theme in Term 3 is **Athletics**. **Sports Days** (for individual year groups like last year) **Tues 21st May** - P2: 9:15 - 10:15 & P1: 10:30 - 11:30am. **Wed 22nd May** - P4: 9:15 - 10:15 & P3: 10:30 - 11:30am. **Thurs 23rd May** - P6: 9:15 - 10:15am & P5: 10:30 - 11:30am and P7: 1:30-3:00pm.

Breakfast Club: Funding from the Good Food Fund has meant that we will continue to provide a free breakfast club to the end of term 3.

Aunt Nellie's Friday Treat: With funding from the Belfast Charitable Society, 8 deserving pupils enjoyed a Friday treat at Aunt Nellie's Café with Mr Johnston and Helen.

Mental Health Awareness: The next session for pupils (P3Mo & P5C) will be on **Thursday 25th April 24 @ 9.30 to 10.30am** with specialist, Joe Watson.

HCB Uniform & PE Uniform: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20240308100908_94_Parent_Note_on_School_and_PE_Uniform_Reminder_Jan_2024.pdf

School Holidays for 2023-2024 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf

School Holidays for 2024-2025: https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20240305021858_73_HCB_Holidays_2024-2025.pdf

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

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question with Parent/Guardian:
Do we need to fail to learn?

Weekly Challenge: Do something nice for your mum/dad or guardian.

Motivational Quote: I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.
Thomas A. Edison

Happy Birthday

April Birthdays: Leo Crawford, Shane O'Gormley, Conor Mahony, Alfie Cunningham, Cillian Robinson-Kelly, Cillian Cosgrove, Sean O'Neill, Saul Gormley, Conley McMahon, Ciaran Kennedy, Sean Neeson, Ethan McStravick, Odhran Braniff, Ollie Maguire, Kaelann Gilvary, Shay Gilvary, Lu Clarke, Conan McNeill, Conlon Foster, Caleb McCann, Logan Kennedy-Smith, Ryan Reilly, Caoimhin McGarry, Caoian Dunlop, Cormac Magee, Muiz Ojo & Stephen Marley.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Trainer Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on **Tuesday 23rd April** for 50p

Breakfast Club is FREE for all in Term 3

P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits continues on Mon 22nd, Tue 23rd, Wed 24th, Tue 30th April and Wed 1st May 24.

Tuckshop: will take place on **Friday 26th April**

Solitude Friday Visits Next visit on **Fri 26th April**

Translink Safety Bus visit on **Tuesday 30th April 9.30am**

Soccer: P6 EDCO Cup v Braniel PS at Waterworks @2.30pm (semi final) 25.4.24. 7 Aside Year 7 Soccer at La Salle on 02/05/24

Gaelic Football: Cumann na mBunscol Aontroma C Semi-Finals on **24/4/24 @ 2.00pm** Sally Gardens 4G

Féile Gerard Lawlor 25.4.24 CLG Naomh Éanna 10:00 - 1:30pm.

Maiden Voyage Dance Company for the P7 movement workshops (both classes) **Tues 30 April 9.15-11.15am** in Hall.

Swimming: (Fridays) Year 5: Wk2: 26th Apr, Wk3: 3rd May, Wk4: 10th May, Wk5: 17th May, Wk6: 24th May, Wk7: 31st May & Wk8: 7th JUNE (LAST SESSION)

TRIPS: YEAR 1: Belfast ZOO 06/06/24. YEAR 2: The Farm (Streamvale) Wed 12th June 2024 YEAR 4: Armagh Planetarium 23/04/24. YEAR 5: Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24. SL: W5 on 15/05/24

HIP N HEALTHY Programme (online) for 7H final session on **Wednesday 8th May:** Three Pillars of Growth.

Year 5 Financial Literacy Workshop with Danske Bank on **Tuesday 23rd April**

Assemblies: P4 R12 on Thur 25 Apr (11.15). P1 R2 on Fri 26 Apr (11.00). P1 R3 on Thur 23 May @9.30am

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Bassoonists event on **Tues 21st May** Townsend Street

HCB Choir: St Anne Trust Primary Schools' Choir Competition (P5 & 6) on **Tuesday 14th May**

Holy Communion Year 4 **Friday 17th May @11am**. Rehearsal dates: Mon 13th, Tue 14th & Wed 15th May @1.30 to 2.30pm in church.

School Closures in May 2024: Mon 6th & Tues 7th and Mon 27th & Tues 28th May 2024.

Nation Smile Month on Thursday 30th May

Accelerated Reading/FRECKLE (P4-7) Certificates for Term 3 will be given out on Monday 10th June 2024

YEAR 7 Show (Peter Pan) on Mon 3rd for KS1 and Nursery, Tues 4th for KS2, Wed 5th (Parents) & Thur 6th June (Parents)

Attendance, Numeracy & Reading Prizes (P1-7): End of Term 3 Prizes will be given out on Mon 17th June 2024

P1 Induction Day - Tues 18th June @ 1:30

Year 7 Leavers' Ceremony Friday 21st June @10am

Cullens Funfair Mon 24th to Fri 28th June

Summer Holidays: Year 1-6 **Friday 28th June @11am**



Good luck to our Soccer & Gaelic teams this week (EDCO Cup & Cumann na mBunscol)



Hazelwood College Science Experiment with 7H R20

PHILOSOPHER	READER	MATHEMATICIAN	MUSICIAN	SPORTS STAR	Healthy Eating	Artist

Monday 22 nd April	Tuesday 23 rd April	Wednesday 24 th April	Thursday 25 th April	Friday 26 th April
Fish Fingers, Chips, Sweetcorn & Peas. Ice-cream	Mince, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots. Shortbread Biscuits	Chicken Curry, Neem Bread & Boiled Rice. Peas & Carrots	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Gravy, & Fresh Vegetables. Mashed Potatoes	Chicken or Fish, Gravy or Peas, Beans or Chips.
Sticky Date Pudding & Milkshake.	Golden Crispie Spoons.	Frozen Fruit Yoghurt.		

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsw/684/docletter/20240228032021_23_Dinner_Menu_Updated_MARCH_2024.pdf

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

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