

Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

1Q: Kain Boyle McAllister & Diarmuid Lorenzo Blair **1T:** Caolan McCaul & Leon Neill **2F:** Sean Fennell & Mason Madden **2M:** Caleb Quinn & Archie Armstrong **3M:** Noah Prenter & Kieran Kennedy **4W:** Kaelann Gilvary & Daniel McCluskey **4M:** Daniel Beattie Bowen & Caolan Doherty **5W:** James O'Neill & Lu Daire Clarke **5C:** Jake Frame Donaghy & Lorchain Keenan **6E:** Noah McKeown & Eohan Cromie **7L:** Christopher Gormley & Conor Davey **7H:** Jack Coogan & Daniel Murtagh **RR:** Seb Burns **ST:** Harlee Cooke-Faulkner

Solitude Winners: Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 26th April 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. **P4:** Jude Cooke-Faulkner, Leo Hall, Kaelann Gilvary, Caelan Murphy, Jacob Campbell, Connell Gourley, James Wade, Jack Frame, **P5:** (Swimming Week 2). **P6:** Sean Murphy, Leo Murray, Marty Lundy, Lorchain Timmons, Caoimhin McGarry, Odhran Carter, Mason Engelen & Ryan Riley. **P7:** Jack Stewart, Christopher Moloney, Justin Osborne, Michael John Nugent, Jack McCabe, Alfie O'Hare, Jayden Reid & Tiernan Graham.

HCB Careers Week 2024: The boys were treated to an outstanding Careers Week 2024, with a wide range of superb and interesting professions visiting their respective classes to discuss different types of careers. These included a post warden, postman, aeronautical engineer, solicitor, train driver, lollipop man/woman, QUB archaeologist, teacher, nurse, mechanical engineer, MP, Lord Mayor, Youth Club leader, Enterprise Director, Aerospace Engineer, caretaker, boxer, author and a financial consultant. After an excellent P1Q R2 Class Assembly, the P1-3 pupils enjoyed being dressed up in their favourite occupation costume to conclude one of the best weeks in the school calendar. Well done to all involved and thank you to all our guests for their excellent career advice. A special thanks to Mrs. McShane, who coordinated another brilliant Careers Week in HCB. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-careers-week-2024/>

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 on (Year 7) on **Wednesday 1st May @9.30am** – it plays a vital role in educating students about how to stay safe while using public transport.

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

Financial Literacy Workshop: Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed a very informative visit from a team at Danske Bank who delivered a Financial Literacy Workshop this morning. The children learned about the functions of a bank, how to budget effectively and how to avoid debt. As it is also Careers Week, the children quizzed our visitors about the perks and challenges of their roles in the bank. They learned so much and we would like to thank Danske Bank for the fantastic workshop.

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). **7L** loved their first art session of mask making with Mr Geddes last week.

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 9.15-11.15 am 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.**

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: Our year 6 soccer team, under Mr Mullan, Joe and Tony were the first to wear the new school kit in their BELFAST EDCO Cup semi-final against Braniel Primary School on Thursday at the Waterworks. The boys were outstanding throughout but lost out on penalties in the end. The Gaelic team, under Mr Magennis, played in a three-way semi-final of the Belfast Schools Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Aontroma Football Championships this week at Sally Gardens. They played two tough games, losing narrowly to St.Kieran's and Park Lodge. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-sporting-teams-lose-out-in-semi-finals/> 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 pupils (with improved attendance) enjoyed a Friday treat with Mr Morrin and Alysha.

Mental Health Awareness: The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on **Thursday 2nd May 24 @9.30** to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

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

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

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

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

Wellbeing Weekly

Philosophy Question with Parent/Guardian:
When you have a toothache, is the pain in your mouth or in your brain?

Weekly Challenge: Put on a blindfold and draw your favourite object.

Motivational Quote: Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.
George Bernard

Happy Birthday

MAY Birthdays: Coen McKenna, Caelum Delaney, Jay Quigley, Connolly Johnston, Brian Og Wootton, Kaison Grogan, Adam Mooney, Jaymie Stitt, Lucas Teggart, Oisín Young-Lowry, Caoimhin McCafferty, Sean Rock, Edward OgBegley, Roan McFarlane Whelan, Jayden Morgan, Keaton Grogan, Charlie McDonald, Anthony Teggart, Kush Tierney, Shea McCaul, Theo Hughes, Conor Moyna, Patrick O'Neill, Connor Weatherall, Shay Braniff, Corey Doran, Ethan Maguire, Ordhan Leith Corbett, Tiernan Scullion, Josh Lyttle, Michael John Nugent & Edward Zhao.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday: Pupils can wear their trainers on **Tuesday 30th April** for 50p

Breakfast Club is FREE for all in **Term 3**

Tuckshop: will take place on **Friday 3rd May**

Solitude Friday Visits Next visit on **Friday 3rd May**

Translink Safety Bus on **Wednesday 1st May @9.30am**

Soccer: 7 Aside Year 7 Soccer at La Salle on **02/05/24**

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

Swimming: (Fridays) Year 5: **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 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.

Assemblies P1 R3 on Thur 23 May @9.30am

Sports Days: 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.

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 on **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**



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	Monday 29 th April	Tuesday 30 th April	Wednesday 1 st May	Thursday 2 nd May	Friday 3 rd May
Lunch Menu	Spaghetti Bolognese & Sweetcorn. Chocolate & Orange Cookie.	Fish Fingers, Marshesl Potatoes, Garden Peas & Baked Beans. Raspberry Jolly & Two Fruits.	Chicken Curry, Naan Bread, Boiled Rice & Carrots. Fruit Sprinkle & Milkshake.	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Grey & Fresh Vegetables. Marshesl/Oven Potatoes. Pineapple Delight.	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup. Spaghetti Home & Chips. Ice - Cream.

Dinner Menu 2023-24 https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/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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