

H.C.B.



Holy Cross Boys' Primary School

NEWS

Holy Cross Boys' Primary School September 2015 Newsletter

Holy Cross Boys' Primary School Website: www.holycrossboys.com Fax: 02890 741580 Tel: 02890 351032



The 1st of August finally arrived and our two week trip was upon us. We travelled to Dublin to embark on the long journey to Zambia. We finally reached Zambia after nearly 2 days of travelling and were greeted by our very own Agnes and Fr O'Brien, a local Passionist priest and one of the most giving and understanding people we have ever met. When we arrived the atmosphere was warm and we all immediately felt at home. During the next two weeks we would encounter people that would permanently give us a new outlook on life. No job was too big or small for our group, we did things from mending the pig sty to painting the school canteen. We also taught in the school. This was a deeply rewarding experience. We travelled around the local villages and gave out the clothes you donated. This was a most emotional experience and really put life into perspective. The Zambian people were so happy with whatever they received, however big or small. The two weeks passed very quickly and we began saying our goodbyes. On the 16th of August we embarked on our long journey home to Ireland. This life changing trip could not have been so successful without the generosity of you, the parents and the wider Ardoyne community. I cannot express enough how every penny you give or donation you make really makes an impact on the lives of the people in Chibombo. On behalf of Mr McAreeve and the group I want to express our gratitude and appreciation to all who help this trip take place. In the words of Albert Einstein, "Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile." **Please scan the QR code to watch the video about our trip!**

Article written by Mr G Wallace



Dates for your

Calendar

Wednesday 28th October

Halloween fancy dress part.
(school finishes half day for Halloween break.)

Thursday 29th October

Halloween Sleepover
(P5-P7 8pm-8:30am.)

Cinema Tuesdays

1st Tuesday of each month. £1 entrance fee.

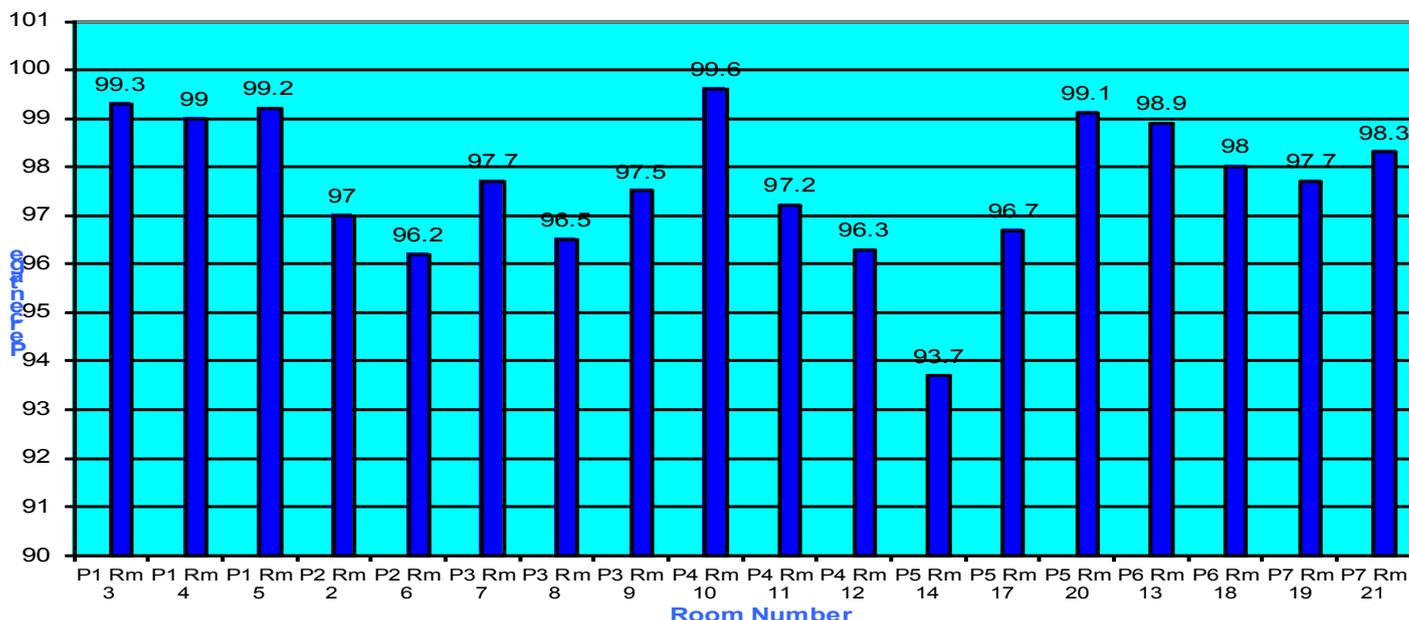
Monday 2nd November

School reopens 9:10am.

Holy Cross Boys' Attendance



Figures- September 2015



The average percentage attendance for the school was 97.7%

Pupil of The Month

<p>BEST HOUSE</p> <p>1st: Rosebank</p> <p>2nd: Ewarts</p> <p>3rd: Beltex</p> <p>4th :Brookfield</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u><i>Best Pupil</i></u></p> <p>Primary 4: Deaghlán Osborne, Caoimhín Larkin, Aidan Owens, Marcus Campbell, Pádraig Piaras Maguire & Odhrán Keenan</p> <p>Primary 5: . Brandon McTasney, Declan Prenter, Eamon O’Hara, Conor Copeland, Pearse Dillon & Shea McGibbon</p> <p>Primary 6: Aodhan Galbraith, Oisín McCluskey, Joseph Doherty & Adam Devlin</p> <p>Primary 7: Eoin Clarke, Garrett Tolan, Tiernan McDonnell & Matthew Murray.</p>
--	---

Céad Bliain 1916-2016

Next year, across Ireland, there will be initiatives and commemorations to mark the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising, one of the seminal occasions in Irish history. The Irish government has organised a broad range of education-based programmes and initiatives which will allow schools-including Holy Cross Boys’ PS- to mark the occasion through informative and enjoyable education projects.

Parents will be kept informed of some of the initiatives that the boys will be involved in, including those listed below. All of these programmes have been organised by the official Ireland 2016 initiative, in conjunction with the respective government bodies, north and south (feel free to visit the Ireland 2016 website for more information at www.ireland.ie/)

A list of some of the initiatives that pupils will be involved in has been included below

<p>The National Flag & Proclamation: Pupils will study the meaning and significance of the National Flag and the 1916 Proclamation.</p>	<p>Proclamation for a New Generation: Pupils will collaborate to produce a modern proclamation to reflect the values, hopes and aspirations of their generation.</p>
<p>1916 Ancestry Project: Pupils will be encouraged to trace their family tree back to 1916, encouraging use of 1911 census and church records.</p>	<p>Proclamation Day 2016: Nationwide event planned for all educational institutions for March 15 2016. The Proclamation for a new generation will be outlined at a school assembly, and results of Ancestry project displayed. The results of the singing and art competitions will be shared in school.</p>
<p>All-Ireland Schools Drama Competition: Schools will write a short drama based on any aspect of 1916 events, with the film being submitted to RTE.</p>	<p>All-Ireland Art Competition: Pupils will be asked to create an image based on imagining the Ireland of 2116. Nationwide winners will be displayed in The National Gallery of Ireland in September 2016.</p>
<p>All-Ireland Song Competition: Pupils will be asked to write a song inspired by the modern, multi-cultural Ireland of 2016. The finalists will be invited to perform on stage of The National Concert Hall in May 2016.</p>	<p>‘Me, Mollser’ tour for primary schools: We will be requesting that the Abbey Theatre performance of this drama based on a Sean O’Casey character from <i>Plough and the Stars</i> is brought to the school as part of their nationwide tour.</p>