

# Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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## H.C.B School of Philosophy House System Winners

<b>ARISTOTLE</b>	SL Room: Harlee Cooke Faulkner	RR Room: Joseph Wilgaus	1Q R2: Aodhan Perry & Ollie Dunning	1T R3: Conan Anderson & Caelum Delaney	2F R4: Adam Petticrew & Sean Fennell	2M R5: Phelix Dewar & James McDonald Close	3Mc R10: Noah Prenter & Jacob Magee	3Mo R13: Jude Hyndman & Roan Whelan.	4W R12: Liam Robinson & Kush Tierney	4M R11: Tiarnan Murphy & Odhran Braniff	5W R14: Caleb Patterson & Noah Mc Kervey	5C R15: Eamonn Burns & Leo Dewar	6M R19: Rio Lawlor & Eoin Montgomery	6EJ R21: Oilly O'Neill & Leon Shannon	7L R18: Justin Osborne & Christopher Gormley	7H R20: Pilsay Hanmy & Leik Crovan
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**Due to Strike Action on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the school will be closed.**

**Solitude Winners:** Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 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: Daire Savage, Harlee Cooke Faulkner, Daniel McCluskey, Leon McGivern, Lucas Saunders, Leo Hall, Zavi Den Heijer, Cohan Rafferty, James Waide & Anthony Teggart. P5: Conan McNeill, Patrick O'Neill, Kaiden Boothman Brady, Jack Stitt, Jack Moss, Micheal Ferry, Shea McCaul & Caleb Patterson. P6: Shay Braniff, Michael Burns, Logan Kennedy, Leo Murray, Ordhan Leith – Corbett, Manuel Cirpaci, Brooklyn O'Neill & Rio Lawlor. P7: (Swimming).

**Punctuality Monitoring** will take place from **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 the child attends school on time. The Breakfast Club opens at 8:00am in the school canteen (includes cereal, toast and a drink). **BREAKFAST CLUB IS FREE for PUPILS IN TERM 2.**

**Year 1 pupil entry in September 2024:** The application procedure opened on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12noon (GMT)** and an application submitted by the closing date of **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 12noon (GMT)** will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and up to 4pm on 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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 11 January 2024**. Post Primary Applications for school year beginning September 2024 will open on **Tuesday 30 January 2024 at 12 noon**.

**Religion:** The Service of Commitment & Light will take place on **Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Jan 24** in the school hall @ **1.30pm** and Confirmation for the Primary 7 classes will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 @11am** in Holy Cross Church. Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024. The theme in 2024 is Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. Grandparents' Day will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 24**, where the grandparents will be invited into the school. Parents **MUST** make the class teacher aware (in advance) of the names of the Grandparent/s attending and there will be a list on each classroom door.

**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:** Philosopher of the Week goes to Brooklyn for daring to think differently on use of emotions.

**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 2** of their 8-week swimming programme on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 24**. The focus for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Physical Education theme for January/February 2024 is **Gymnastics**. Year 5 will continue their handball programme with Gaeliff's Oisín on Thursdays in the school hall. The HCB Football Team under the guidance of Mr. Mullan and will now meet Holy Child PS in the semi-final of the EDCO Cup at on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. NM Coaching on Fridays (Week 1 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 18<sup>th</sup> January 24 @9.30 to 10.30am** with specialist, Joe Watson.

**Extended Schools** **Week 2 of Block 3** will continue this week, **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024**. See Schedule/Timetable using link: [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230918124514\\_77\\_2023-2024\\_ES\\_DATES\\_and\\_TIMETABLE.pdf](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](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](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf)

## Wellbeing Weekly

**Philosophy Question:** Is it possible to think of nothing?

**Weekly Challenge:** Hug a pillow or a teddy for a few minutes?

**Motivational Quote:** "I knew that if I failed I wouldn't regret that, but I knew the one thing I might regret is not trying." Jeff Bezos

## Happy Birthday

Shea McKee, Cillian Sloan, Conleth Sloan, Francis Murphy, Ronan McGrath, Gerard Frame, Michael Burns & Mason McGrandles.

## Upcoming Events

**Trainer Tuesday:** Pupils can wear their trainers on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 24** for 50p.

**Breakfast Club** is FREE for all pupils in Term 2.

**Tuckshop:** will take place **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**.

**Solitude Friday Visits** Next visit on **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan**.

**Punctuality Monitor** from **Mon 22 to Fri 26 Jan 24**

**Rewarding Pupils:** Mid term Awards for Reading, Maths and Attendance on **Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 24**.

**Year 7 Swimming:** **Week 2** on **Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**.

**KS2 Environmental Show** on **Tue 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024 @9.30am** in school hall.

**TRIPS:** **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 **Fri 26 Jan 24 @11am** in Holy Cross Church. The Service of Commitment and light will be held on **Wed 17 Jan 2024 @1.30pm**.

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

**Parent Teacher Interviews:** **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 24**.

**Mid term Break:** Pupil are off from **Fri 9<sup>th</sup> to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb (inclusive)**.

**NSPCC PANTS programme** visit P1 – P4 on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024**.

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

**Transition Week (P7)** starting week beginning **Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Feb to Thur 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**.

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

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

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

**P1 Health Appraisal** School Nurse Visits on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Wed 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Holy Communion** Year 4 **Fri 17 May24 @11am**.



<b>PHILOSOPHER</b> 	<b>READER</b> 	<b>MATHEMATICIAN</b> 	<b>MUSICIAN</b> 	<b>SPORTS STAR</b> 	<b>HEALTHY EATING AMBASSADOR</b> 
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	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Lunch Menu</b>	Sausage Roll, Baked Beans & Chips. Ice Cream and Fruit.	Beef Meatballs, Tomato and Basil Sauce, Sweetcorn & Pasta. Apple Sponge & Custard.	Chicken Curry & Naan Bread, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn & Steamed Rice. Strawberry Mousse.	<b>Strike Action on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January School Closed</b>	Beef Burger, Sweetcorn & Chips. Flake meal Biscuit.

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

Dinner Menu 2023-24 [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230831013823\\_74\\_Dinner\\_Menu\\_September\\_2023\\_pptx](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetsswd/684/docletter/20230831013823_74_Dinner_Menu_September_2023_pptx)

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