



# Holy Cross Boys' Primary School

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

**Rainbow Room:** Seb Burns **P1B:** Darraigh Bunting & Jayden Morgan **P1M:** Lorcan Sproule & Fonn Wallace **2F:** Conleth McGuinness & James Branniff **P2J:** Fionn Murphy & Padraig Mallon **P3M:** Donal Lindsay & Tomas Cosgrove **P3L:** Lorchain Varndell Keenan & Cameron Clarke **P4W:** Mason Engelen & Eoin Montgomery **P4L:** Alex Cameron & Leo Murray **P5J:** Corey Smyth & Cain Whelan **P5W:** Gavin Og McKeown & Christopher Stitt **P6C:** Callum Russell & Cian McLarnon **6Mc:** Jayden O'Shea & Conghal McTasney **7H:** Zach Perry & Adam Cluskey **7B:** Adam Turley & Connor McAllister

- Spirit of Catholic Education Award 2022:** It gives me great pleasure to inform you that Holy Cross Boys' Primary School has been awarded with Distinction, the Spirit of Catholic Education Award 2022. This is in recognition of your school's outstanding commitment to partnership and community outreach as outlined in the quality indicators detailed in the Down and Connor Catholic Ethos: A Framework for Self-Reflection. From Fr Edward McGee (Director of the Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service).
- Solitude Friday Visit:** Well done to Mr Hawkin's class who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday for a coaching session on the pitch with our two current staff members and local football stars Tony Kane (Dundela FC) and Joe Gormley (Cliftonville FC). The boys were selected for their outstanding attitude and behaviour. Thanks so much to Cliftonville FC and especially Imelda Pettigrew for the use of their superb facilities every Friday.
- Accelerated Reader:** At HCB, we are always trying to encourage boys to read more. Mr McAreevy and Mr Curran will visit all 15 classes and any boy who has put in a great effort with his reading from **10<sup>th</sup> Jan to Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** will have a chance to win a prize. **Top Readers** for week beginning Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022: **P4L:** Alex Cameron **P4W:** Sean McConnell McAuley **P5J:** Cain Whelan **P5W:** Tiernan Graham **P6C:** Louis Hughes **P6M:** Jack Murphy **P7B:** Antonio Brown **P7H:** Daire McGibbon **Total Word Count: 24,741,588**
- Mental Health Awareness** restarted for P6 and 7 pupils on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022 with Joe Watson. The boys are really looking forward to their next session on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan.
- Primary 1 Admissions for September 2022:** Prospective Primary 1 Parents/ Online Registration - The application procedure opened last Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at noon and an application submitted by the closing date of 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 at 12noon will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12 noon on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 will be treated as a late application. Any parents needing assistance with this, please contact the school on 02890-351032.
- PE:** Gaelfast Coaching for P5J R8 and P5W R9 will continue on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and also for P4W R12 and P4L R13 on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 in AYC. Boxing sessions with the Irish Athletic boxing Association (IABA) will also restart in January 2022.
- CRIS:** Louise & Lisa from CRIS (Community Relations In Schools) delivered a fantastic session with the P7s from Mrs Brooks' class during the week and the boys are really looking forward to next week's session.
- Attendance:** As you know, in Holy Cross Boys' PS we make a huge effort each year to promote full attendance and we monitor the attendance of all our pupils regularly. To help motivate pupils with attendance, we restarted the the Written Homework Pass for Thursday nights for pupils who attend school for all 5 days of the previous week. We also give out prizes (footballs, vouchers, £5.00) to pupils who make a great effort with attendance. **NB:** Mr McAreevy and Mr Curran will visit all 15 classes and any boy who has put in a great effort from **10<sup>th</sup> Jan to Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** will have a chance to win a prize.
- Philosophy:** Mr McAreevy continues to deliver thought provoking Philosophy Enquiries - This week, the session was based on a story called, Jimmy Gets Bullied. The boys reasoned, reflected and re-evaluated on, What makes a good friend? (Pic below)
- Extended Schools:** E.S. will NOT restart next week on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. This will be reviewed at Min term 2.



Anthony Conlon	Oisín Moore
Michael Nugent	James Waide
Cohan Rafferty	Mason Jay Bradley
Tayo Keya	Solomon Cavaciu
John Og Robinson	James O'Neill
Taylor Conan Magee	Cain Duffy
Braden McAllister	Caolan Kelly-McAllister
Michael McConnell	Caleb McCartan
Ronan McGrath	Mason McGrandles
Francis Murphy	Michael Burns

## Diary Dates

- \*P1 Admissions for Sept 2022: Opened last Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Jan and closes on 28<sup>th</sup> Jan at noon.
- \*Catholic Schools Week: 23 to 30 Jan 2022
- \*Service of Commitment & Light: 8th Feb 2022
- \*Mid-term P1-7 Attendance Prizes 9<sup>th</sup> Feb
- \*Mid-term P1-7 Reading Prizes 10 Feb
- \*Parent Teacher Interviews: Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 (phone calls)
- \*Mid term: Pupil finish Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Feb & return Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2022
- \*Ash Wednesday Service (P4-7) on 2 Mar 2022
- \*St. Patrick's Hols: Pupils have early finish on Tue 15<sup>th</sup> and return on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022.
- \*Confirmation: P7H R20 Thur 10<sup>th</sup> & P7B R21 Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar 22.
- \*P1-7 Reading Prizes (End Term 2): 12 Apr
- \*P1-7 Attendance Prizes (End Term 2): 13 April
- \*Easter Hols: Pupil finish Thur 14<sup>th</sup> & return on Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Apr 22
- \*First Holy Communion: P4W (Tue 24 May) & P4L (Wed 25 May).

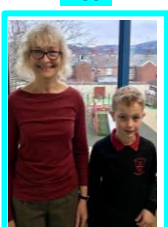
## Wellbeing Weekly



**Philosophy Question:** Should bullies be looked after the same as the victim?  
**Weekly Challenge:** Focus on an insect or bird and just watch.  
**Motivational Quote:** You become what you believe. Oprah Winfrey

### Philosopher of the Week



### Musician of the Week



<h1>School Dinners</h1>	Week 3					
	Savoury Mince & Onion Mashed Potato Baton Carrots Broccoli Florets		Breast of Chicken Curry Boiled Rice Naan Bread Sweetcorn	Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Mashed Potato Baked Beans	Roast Loin of Pork Oven Roast Potatoes Mashed Potato Savoy Cabbage Herb Stuffing & Gravy	Hotdog Chips Peas Sauté Onions
	Chocolate Sponge & Custard		Yoghurt & Pineapple	Swiss Roll & Custard	Popcorn Cookie & Watermelon	
	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

YEAR	START Times	Finish Times	Friday Finishing Times
1	9.15	2.00	12.45
2	8.45	2.15	1.00
3	9.00	2.30	1.00
4	8.45	2.45	1.15
5	9.00	3.00	1.15
6	8.45	2.45	1.15
7	9.00	3.00	1.15

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