

# Nurturing Talent & Fulfilling Potential



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

1Q: Bobby Mackin & Cael O'Hanlon 1T: Kylian Murray & Cillian Sloan 2F: Conall McLaren & Rossa Donnelly 2M: Lenni Smith & Eoin Grieve 3Mo: Leighton Brady & Jordan McMullan 4W: Leon McGivern & Cain Reid 4M: Connell Gourley & Jacob Campbell

5W: Jake Smyth & Ali Albasha 5C: Eamonn Burns & Leo Dewar 6M: Nathan Silva & Ciaran Gormley 6EJ: Caidan McKinney & Nathan Haughey 7L: Phoenix O'Sullivan & Mason Jay Bradley 7H: Cain Whelan & Kaiden Boyle McAllister RR: Bruno Chodkowski ST: Jan Berky

**Solitude Winners:** Well done to the following boys who were selected to go to Solitude on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 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, Kaellann Gilvary, Caelan Murphy, Jacob Campbell, Connell Gourley, James Walsh & Jack Frame. P5: Jack Stitt, Jake Frame Donaghy, Conor Moyna, Aidan Toal, James McCorry, Colm Oglavery, Oscar Altas & Cillian Gearon. P6: Caleb McCann, Osin Largey, Shay Braniff, Sean McAuley, Aodhan McCaul, Caoimhin Catney, Pearse Strain & Piaras Watt. P7: (Swimming – last week).

**Pupil monitoring:** Focus on Attendance, Punctuality, Homework, Schoolwork, School Uniform/ Shoes & Behaviour/Attitude. We have a list of pupils who are consistently having difficulties in one or more of these areas and closely monitor this on a weekly basis in order to help the boys improve. Mr McAreevy (Thursdays) & Mr Curran (Tuesdays) will continue to visit the classes to check up on these concerns this week to monitor this.

**NSPCC PANTS programme:** Thank you to our school nurse, Angela, for delivering a very important message to our Primary 1-4 pupils this week and to the friendly dinosaur Pantosaurus, for also visiting the classrooms. Talk PANTS helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/nsppc-pants-programme-visit-p1-p4/?cms4563-news-live=1191>

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

**HIP N Healthy Programme:** P7H thoroughly enjoyed their 3<sup>rd</sup> workshop of the HIP N Healthy Programme last week on the theme of Building resilience. The final and 4<sup>th</sup> workshop will be on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May on The Three Pillars of Growth.

**Philosophy:** Philosopher of the week Martin is thrilled to receive his award from our resident Queen's student for his contribution to the morality enquiry.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March - Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Apr 2024 (9:30-10:15), Art: Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr - Tues 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:45-10:40) & PE: Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 (9:30-10:45). P7 Class 2: Science: Thur 25<sup>th</sup> April - Thur 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (9:30-10:15), Art: Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June - Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:45-10:40) & PE: Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June - Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:30-10:15). P6 Class 1: HE: Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (9:30-10:15). P6 Class 2: HE: Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May - Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (9:30-10:15)

**Music:** Singing Practice for P1-3 on Fridays and P4-7 on Thursdays. Classes & Peripatetic lessons on flute, violin, brass, cello & bassoon continue weekly. Mr Alan Boyd from the St Anne Trust popped into HCB last week to see our senior singing scholars during a lesson with their vocal tutor Ms Catherine Harper. The boys are working towards their Grade 2 exam and will be taking part in the Trust's Choir Competition next month in St Anne's Cathedral. We are very grateful to the Trust for funding this Singing Project. <https://www.holycrossboys.com/latest-news/news/hcb-vocalists-impress/>

**Religion:** As part of our ongoing commitment to the Personal Development of all our pupils, we are delighted to roll out the Flourish Programme

<https://catholiceducation-ni.org/about-us-2/rse-resources/> 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/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240410023034\\_6\\_FLOURISH\\_PROGRAMME\\_PARENT\\_LETTER.pdf](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/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:** We are delighted that the HCB Football team have received their new team kit from Simon from Bourke Sports today, thanks to the Belfast Charitable Society. Our Year 6 soccer team will be the first to wear it in their upcoming BELFAST EDCO Cup semi-final against Braniel Primary School on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 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 mBunscoil Aontroma C Championship Semi-Finals on 24/4/24 @ 2.00pm at Sally Gardens 4G. The focus for Physical Education theme in Term 3 is Athletics. Sports Days (for individual year groups like last year) Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May - P2: 9:15 - 10:15 & P1: 10:30 - 11:30am. Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May - P4: 9:15 - 10:15 & P3: 10:30 - 11:30am. Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 McAreevy, Joe & Lorraine.

**Mental Health Awareness:** The next session for P6 & 7 pupils will be on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 24 @ 9.30 to 10.30am with specialist, Joe Watson.

**Tom Dore (RIP)** The staff, pupils, parents and community of HCB send out our prayers and condolences to the Dore family. Tom Dore (died on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024) served the community of Ardoyne for many years as a teacher & Vice Principal.

**HCB Uniform & PE Uniform:** [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240308100908\\_94\\_Parent\\_Note\\_on\\_School\\_and\\_PE\\_Uniform\\_Reminder\\_Jan\\_2024.pdf](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](https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20230309120136_15_HCB_School_Holidays_for_Parents_2023-2024.pdf)

### Wellbeing Weekly

**Philosophy Question:** Do you know what love is?

**Weekly Challenge:** Be aware of your senses.

**What do you feel, see, hear, taste and smell?**

**Motivational Quote:** The only way to do great work is to love what you do. Steve Jobs

### Happy Birthday

**April Birthdays:** Leo Crawford, Shane Og Johnston, 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, Kaellann Gilvary, Shay Gilvary, Lu Clarke, Conan McNeill, Conlon Foster, Caleb McCann, Logan Kennedy-Smith, Ryan Reilly, Caoimhin McGarry, Caolan Dunlop, Cormac Magee, Muiz Ojo & Stephen Marley.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

**P1 Health Appraisal School Nurse Visits** on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Wed 17<sup>th</sup>, Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tue 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wed 24<sup>th</sup>, Tue 30<sup>th</sup> April and Wed 1<sup>st</sup> May 24.

**Tuckshop:** will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April

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

**Parent Courses:** Supporting Children with ASD on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April & Parenting in a Digital World/Helping with Homework on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**Cumann na mBunscoil Aontroma C** Semi-Finals on 24/4/24 @ 2.00pm Sally Gardens 4G

**P6 EDCO Cup** v Braniel PS at Waterworks @2pm (semi final) 25.4.24.

**Féile Gerard Lawlor** 25.4.24 at CLG Naomh Éanna 10:00am - 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: Wk1: 19<sup>th</sup> Apr, Wk2: 26<sup>th</sup> Apr, Wk3: 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Wk4: 10<sup>th</sup> May, Wk5: 17<sup>th</sup> May, Wk6: 24<sup>th</sup> May, Wk7: 31<sup>st</sup> May & Wk8: 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE (LAST SESSION)

**TRIPS:** YEAR 1: Belfast ZOO 06/06/24 YEAR 4: Armagh Planetarium 23/04/24. YEAR 5: Ulster Museum (Egyptians) 20/06/24.

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

**Year 5 Financial Literacy Workshop** with Danske Bank on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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

**Careers Week:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Sports Days:** Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May - P2: 9:15 - 10:15 & P1: 10:30 - 11:30am. Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May - P4: 9:15 - 10:15 & P3: 10:30 - 11:30am. Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> May - P6: 9:15 - 10:15am & P5: 10:30 - 11:30am and P7: 1:30-3:00pm.

**Bassoonists event** on Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May Townsend Street

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

**Holy Communion** Year 4 Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May @11am.

**School Closures in May 2024:** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> & Tues 7<sup>th</sup> and Mon 27<sup>th</sup> & Tues 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

**Nation Smile Month** on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Accelerated Reading/FRECKLE** (P4-7) Certificates for Term 3 will be given out by Mr Connolly (AR) and Mr Morrin (FRECKLE) on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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

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

**P1 Induction Day** - Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June @ 1:30

**Year 7 Leaver Ceremony** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June @10am

**Cullens Funfair** Mon 24<sup>th</sup> to Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer Holidays:** Year 1-6 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June @11am



	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April
	Fish Fingers, Chips, Sweetcorn & Peas, Ice-Cream & Peas.	Mince, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Carrots, Summer Fruit Cheesecake.	Chicken Curry, Rice, Bread & Boiled Rice, Peas & Carrots, Sticky Date Pudding & Mincepie.	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Gravy, & Fresh Vegetables, Mashed/Churn Potatoes, Golden Ring, Beans.	Chicken or Fish Soups & Chips, Beans or Peas, Frozen Fruit Yoghurt.

Dinner Menu 2023-24 [https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassetswd/684/docletter/20240228032021\\_23\\_Dinner\\_Menu\\_Updated\\_MARCH\\_2024.pdf](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