Mrs Bennett, Mr McLaughlin and Miss Lynch’s Primary 4 classes celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May, in Holy Cross Church. The Primary 4 children from Holy Cross Girls’ Primary School made their First Holy Communion with us.

The boys all looked very handsome in their suits and one boy was wearing a kilt! There was great excitement on the morning as the boys arrived to the church and they were so happy to see their classmates.

It was a beautiful Mass and everything ran smoothly due to the weeks of practising the Mass responses and rehearsing the hymns. It was a very special and holy day for everyone.

Four talented musicians from P.6 “wowed” the crowds in a fabulous concert in the Ulster Hall on Saturday 20th May 2017. Kyle Rooney (trumpet), James Saunders (trumpet), Odhran Mc Kenna (cornet) and Declan Prenter (tuba) are all members of the Belfast School of Music Elementary Wind Band. As well as having music lessons in school once a week, they practise with the band on a Saturday morning; now that’s dedication!

On the night, Kyle Rooney was presented with a CBSM (City of Belfast School of Music) Endeavour Award for his commitment, attendance and effort throughout the year – a wonderful achievement. All four boys will be taking music exams on their instruments in June. We wish them good luck and continued success in their musical careers.

There is a small lending library that has opened underneath the trophy cabinet opposite the school’s reception. Any parents that wish to borrow from this library is very welcome to take any of the titles they wish. It will encourage your son’s love of reading if he sees you reading a book of your own. Please avail of this free service.

The average percentage attendance for the school was 95.2%
On Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th of May, the school’s annual Sports Day took place. There was a lot of competition and a lot of fun involved with each event. During the P7 600m run (Marathon), Kevin McGuinness was in the lead the whole way through the race but just before the finish, he slipped dramatically, allowing Francis Turley to take the lead and win it at the last minute. The P5 skipping race was also very close, Darragh Maguire had an unfortunate trip-up, which left Padraig-Piara Maguire and Donal McKeown fighting for 1st. Donal was just a bit faster and ended up winning, with Padraig-Piara coming in 2nd.

In everyone’s favourite event, the tug of war, Ms. Dawson’s P5 class was winning against every other class but Mr. Hawkins class proved too strong and beat Ms. Dawson’s class to be the winners of the tug of war for 2 years in a row.

This year’s Sports Day proved to be as fun as always, with lots of memorable moments and full of cheers and excitement. The P7 Gaelic and Soccer teams lined out against the teachers. The soccer went to penalties with the P7 pupils winning while the Gaelic was won by the teachers. We all look forward to next year’s Sports Day and all the fun it’ll bring!

We celebrated the winners and runners-up of the Sports Day competitions with a medal ceremony. The boys were rewarded with medals for their performances during Sports Day and as you can see, they were all very excited about it and very happy with their medals!

Best House
1st: Ewarts
2nd: Brookfield
3rd: Beltex
4th: Rosebank

Best Pupil
Primary 4: Jamie Rocks, Jack McMullan, Christopher Jonhston, Connell McLarnon, Aidan McConnell, Martin Keenan
Primary 5: Conal Fitzpatrick, Mark Braniff, Luciano Morelli, Connor Rossbotham, Padraig Green, Odhran Gillen
Primary 6: Riley Emmet, Nathan Osbourne, Declan Trainor, James Saunders, Darren Doherty, Aidan Craig
Primary 7: Luke McKee, Padraig Kelly, Rhys Smyth, Michael McLaverty

A set of keys were found by the school gates. If you recognize them, they can be collected at the reception in the school.