

TERM TWO – MAR
2018

DATES FOR THE DIARY

**27 MARCH
PASSION PLAY**

**28 MARCH
SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR
EASTER**

**8-11 MAY
P7 RESIDENTIAL**

SACRAMENTS

**FIRST CONFESSION
PRIMARY 3
13 MARCH (19.00)**

**CONFIRMATION
PRIMARY 7
STAR OF THE SEA
KILLYLEIGH
18 MAY (12.00)**

**FIRST COMMUNION
PRIMARY 4
19TH MAY (10.00)**



News At Holy Family



Health and Safety—Important Notice

In the interests of child safety we would like to remind parents to not park on the yellow lines outside the school. These lines are there for the safety of all the children and I would ask cars arriving to be extra vigilant when driving near the premises. This is due to a number of incidents this year, including pupils 'playing' in front of traffic. We will look at traffic safety as a school and would ask parents to set a good example by leaving this space free.

We would also ask parents, in the interest of safety, to collect their children from inside the gates. If you wish for your child to walk home or be collected from outside of the school premises we will require written permission for children to leave the premises unsupervised.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday 9 March '18
7.00pm - 9.00pm

**ST COLUMBA'S HALL,
TECONNAUGHT**

BUY YOUR BINGO BOOKS AT THE DOOR
Refreshments Available
Everyone Welcome

Registered Charity No: NI 103845

Using Lego in Shared Education
 Primary 5—Egyptian structures
 Primary 6 - Viking designs
 Primary 7—Internet safety stop motion animations



Victorian Trip to Castleward by Natasha Jenkinson

Although I already knew that back in the Victorian times if you found an orange in your stocking on Christmas day, it would put a great big smile on the children's faces. This would be like us being told that we were only allowed chocolate once a year.

I have learnt some new facts from our trip to Castleward. I learnt that if people got salt in their stockings it would give them some good luck. It was also used if people moved into a new house they would use it to give flavour.

I also learnt that men in the Victorian times used to have to stand by a Christmas tree and watch it because they used to put candles on the tree and they were very dangerous. So the man had to stand there and weren't allowed to fall asleep. Another fact I learnt was when the Victorians were alive paper did not cost as much as it does today, so when they were writing they made sure they used every bit of space on the paper.

However, the most interesting fact I learnt was in 1853 the first of the Christmas cards were invented and because they were first out they were painted a cost a shilling, back then a shilling was a lot of money.

Science Trip to Down High by Eoin McCaughley

Although I already knew that when a star explodes it leaves behind a supernova and a black hole or a neutron star, but when a star like our sun dies it just cools down very fast and collapses into a white dwarf star. I have learnt some new facts from our trip to Down High.

I learnt that the Andromeda Galaxy is going to collide with our galaxy in the next 3 to 5 billion years and the large galaxy left behind might be called milkromeda and our solar system might not get affected. We also learnt that the Andromeda has quite a lot of infrared places where stars are born. I also learnt that you can see through liquid by using infrared light and I also learnt about what things it takes to get a rocket into space - you need fuel, heat and oxygen to get rockets into space.

I learnt that the Hubble space telescope can only see one pixel when looking at Pluto, the dwarf planet. Another fact I learnt is at least every planet in the solar system has an atmosphere although the atmosphere on Venus heats the planet up to 500 degrees Celsius, even though it the second planet from the sun. Jupiter has the largest atmosphere in the solar system and I also learnt that there's a planet nine out there somewhere.

However, the most interesting thing I enjoyed was that some of the moons in the solar system might be liveable for people as they have liquid oceans under its surface. The second most liveable moon in the solar system is called Titan. On Titan the rain is methane and so is its lakes, I enjoyed the trip to the Down High.



Primary 6—Viking Shared Education Sessions

On Tuesday 23rd January Primary Six met up with Academy to enjoy a Viking information day at the Down Museum. As part of our World Around Us, P6 have been learning all about the Vikings and Viking Life. A great day was had by everyone and Primary Six learned a lot about their topic Vikings. They got to dress up as Vikings, explore the Viking weapons and armour, see and touch Viking jewellery and equipment used at home and finally make their own Viking pendant using Runes.



School Book Fair

Our recent book fair was a great success. We managed to sell £1435 worth of books which results in £861 of credit rewarded to the school. As was the case for the last two years, will be spent on adding to our class library and ensuing all classes have new group novels. Thanks to all involved for their generous support.



Attendance

We wish to remind parents, following a meeting with the EWO, that school starts at 9.00am and that those pupils who arrive after should report to the secretary to be marked present for the day.

Pupils who have missed school should bring a note with them upon their return to ensure that their days off are not marked as unexplained. The EWO wished to remind all of the importance of punctuality and regular attendance to the social and academic development of children.

Primary 1 got to experience using the parachute for team building games.



Fire Safety in Primary 5

Firefighter Ian Mason came to visit the children in Primary 5 to highlight potential fire hazards in the home. They also had the opportunity to consider how best to keep their homes safe.

All children received a fire safety team pack to discuss with their families.



After school play equipment

New toys and games were purchased for our after-school club thanks to fundraising efforts from the Friends of Holy Family Primary School.

Thank you to all involved for their generosity, the children will greatly benefit from these new resources.

Competition Winner!

Congratulations to Clodagh from Primary 6 who won a recent competition staged at Assumption Grammar school, where she had to locate phrases hidden around the school building. Presenting the award to Clodagh are two of our past pupils, Claire and Bebhionn



Healthy Kidz

The Primary 3 - 7 pupils have been enjoying the Healthy Kidz programme over the last few weeks thanks to an application for funding from The Friends Of Holy Family Primary School. Our instructor, Anto, has made exercise so much fun and we are also taking part in the golden mile initiative as part of our commitment to being a health promoting school. Sessions will continue next term.