

Important dates for your diary:

Sacrament of Reconciliation: for 1st Communion on Thursday April 28th in the Cathedral at 6 pm.

Midterm: Monday 2nd - Friday 6th May, 2016 inclusive. School closed. Reopens on Monday 9th. May @ 9 am.

Wednesday May 11th: Registration Evening for new 2nd Class 2016/'17 @ 6:30 pm.

Thursday May 12th: Cyber Bullying Talk for Parents @ 7 pm.

Holy Communion Ceremony: Saturday 21st. May, 2016@ 11 am in the Cathedral.

Monday May 30th.: Students go home at 12:30 pm as staff have Inservice in the afternoon.

June Bank Holiday Weekend: Friday & Monday 3rd & 6th. June - School Closed.

Tuesday June 7th—Friday 10th.: Active schools week.

Friday 17th. June: Students go home at 12:30 pm as staff have Inservice in the afternoon.

Summer Holidays: Thursday June, 30th. @ 12 noon.

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL

April, 2016

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Check the website regularly to find out what is happening in school.

Choir news

All choir members will sing at this years First Holy Communion ceremony on Saturday 21st May. Full formal school uniform to be worn, but children whose siblings are making their First Holy Communion may wear their own clothes for the ceremony. Choir members are to be in the Cathedral for 10:45am and should be collected at a safe, agreed place at approx. 12 pm.

Music Generation

This is the second year of violin tuition for our 5th class students and they have acquired a range of musical skills in this time. Our concertina, guitar and drumming students are also working very hard at their instrument and are making wonderful progress. On Tuesday afternoons the school resonates with the sounds of traditional, rock and modern music.

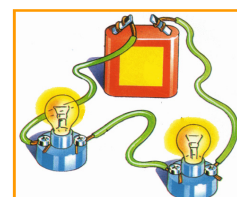
We will host a violin, concertina, drumming and guitar "recital" towards the end of May so you can see your child perform with their new instrument while you enjoy a nice cup of tea or coffee! Our provisional date for this recital is 24th May @11:15am but that has to be confirmed with all tutors involved yet. Please encourage your child to practice at home between lessons. It is so important.

And keep in mind - **"Don't practice until you get it right. Practice until you can't get it wrong!"**



Science Fair: Ms. Frawley's 2nd Class.

We had a science fair on Tuesday. It was held in the Clare Education Centre. The parents and children from my class came. People came to our table and we told them about our experiments. There was a room called the electricity room. Children from a different school were in there doing their experiments. They were older than us. At the end we all got chocolate and juice. I had lots of fun. It was really enjoyable. By Delia Ceapa.



Yellow Flag:

As part of our Yellow Flag programme, we are beginning our preparations for multicultural day, which will happen in June. This will be a day which celebrates the diversity present among the Holy Family School Community. We have also sent off numerous entries for the 2016 Yellow Flag art competition and are eagerly awaiting feedback on whether or not we have any winners from the school. We have lots of initiatives planned for term 3 and are looking forward to getting them started.



National Inservice in the new Primary Language Curriculum:

The Department of Education & Skills has directed all schools to close for two half days this term to carry out training in the new Primary Language Curriculum which is being introduced to school next year.

We will close at 12:30 pm on the following dates Monday May 30th and Friday June 17th. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Sport Activities After Schools for May & June

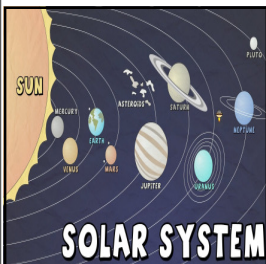
Monday:	Camogie	2nd. - 6th. Class girls	Ms. Kennedy & Ms. Frawley.
Tuesday:			
Wednesday:	Hurling:	2nd. - 6th. Class boys	Mr. Bell, Mr. Brennan & Mr. Cooney.
Thursday:	Soccer:	2nd. & 3rd. Class boys & girls.	Mr. Eade & Mr. Cooney.
	Athletics:	4th. & 5th. Class boys & girls.	Mr. Bell & Mr. Cooney.

Seinn na nÓg Concert

On April 21st., a magical evening of music, song and dance took place in the Cathedral in Ennis. Holy Family Senior School Band took part in the Seinn na nÓg concert with 12 other schools from around the diocese. It was a wonderful night. We played a number of tunes from the Seinn na nÓg repertoire. The children of County Clare got the opportunity to showcase their musical talents in a relaxed and spiritual environment. It was an enjoyable evening for teachers, children and the audience alike. We look forward to taking part in Seinn na nÓg again next year.



Report from Ms. Kennedy's 5th. Class on the visit of Scientists from UCD to their classroom.



On Tuesday April 12th, Scientists from University College Dublin visited 5th class, Room 17. We are very lucky to be one of the five schools chosen to be part of the Scientist Apprentice Programme. We spent the day taking part in different workshop tasks. We enjoyed a virtual tour of our Solar System and even explored the surface of Mars. We each created our own rockets and launched them high into the sky. We are really looking forward to the next workshop on May 10th, when we will visit an ancient sun dial at Lough Gur, Co. Limerick. Look out for our pictures in the Solar System booklet in the Irish Independent.

Traffic Management Plan in place:



Parents and students are requested not to walk across the Junior School yard as this yard is for car parking only and there are a lot of cars and buses moving in the area daily. Please come into the Senior School yard straight by side of hall. Use the pedestrian entrance and walk way at all times and follow the signs.



Graduation Ceremony for our 6th Classes on Tuesday evening June 28th., 2016. We will inform you of the time of this event later.

