

Important Dates:

Christmas Holidays: School closes on Friday December 22nd @ 12 noon.

School reopens on Monday January 8th @ 9am.

Midterm: February 15th & 16th. School closed.

School Closed: On Monday March 19th. (St. Patrick's Day).

Easter Holidays: March 23rd to April 6th., 2018 inclusive.

Confirmation Day: Saturday 14th April, 2018.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 26th. May, 2018.

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL**December 2017**www.hfss.org

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

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**Choir & Band News:**

It has been a wonderfully musical term in choir & band and all members have shown great commitment to their singing and music. In late November we were honoured to sing and play at the official turning on of the Christmas lights. Despite the damp, dreary conditions the choir and band turned out in large numbers to entertain the crowds. HFSS Variety Show was another lovely opportunity to share our music. Some of our choir members performed solo pieces while the choir captivated their audience with "Christmas Is" and "It's Snow Wonder"! Our choir and band look forward, in particular, to our annual visits to Páirc na Coille Nursing Home and the Sisters of Mercy in St. Xavier's Convent. All the children enjoy the chance to spread some festive cheer and are superb ambassadors for the school. Many thanks to all parents for your continued support!

**HFSS Variety Show 2017.**

On Thursday December 14th., Holy Family Senior School hosted a variety show where students of all ages performed and showcased their talents. The students performed twice on Thursday, a matinee at 11 am and an evening show at 7 pm. At the beginning of our Show the concertina group played a few songs, this helped everyone settle in and Mr. Connolly welcomed all to our Variety Show. Mr. Eade acted as MC for the evening. The 1st act of the show was 2nd class who performed *Edelweiss, My Favourite Things and Doe-A-Deer*. Next was Aaron Lynch, Donnacha Loughran & Sarah Loftus who performed a traditional Irish dance. The 3rd performance of the night was a line dance version of Cotton Eye Joe performed by 4th class. Next up was Zaheedat Ojulari (6th class) singing *Read All About It*. The 5th performance was executed by 5th class who performed an X Factor sketch. Olamide Lawal (6th class) was up next with her own version of *Titanium*. Traditional Group was the 7th and played a wonderful selection of Christmas songs. Dea Krasniqi from 4th class performed an amazing solo on her cello. 6th class presented an ABBA medley accompanied with dance moves. The 10th act was brought to us by Keelyn Culligan (4th class) who sang *Perfect*. 3rd class performed a classic Christmas song, *Jingle Bells*. Taylor O'Sullivan Dingley from 5th class showcased her talent of modern dance. Rock Band was up next performing two songs, *Purple Rain and Something Just Like This*. Evolution Of Dance Group was the 14th act with their re-enactment of dance through the ages. Cormac Maher was up next with his trumpet solo of *Where Is Love*. Choir sang their hearts out with *Christmas Is and Snow Wonder*. The second last act was Ruth Satchivii with a solo of *O' Holy Night*. The last performance of the night was *Snow Is Falling* which was sung by the whole school. It was a wonderful night as everyone proudly showcased their gifts and talents. By Liz Sanchez.

Happy Christmas:

On behalf of all the staff and Board of Management, I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas. Thank you for all your support during the term and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

**Hugh Connolly,
Acting Principal.**



Parents Association Festive Crafts:

Last Monday, some members of the Parents Association came to our class to show us how to make decorations for our school Christmas Tree. We used an old book, red ribbons and starry stickers to create a Christmas Lantern. First we folded the page from the book in half, then we cut small cuts into the side of the paper making sure not to cut all the way through. After this we stapled the two sides together. Then we decorated it with shiny stickers and colours. Finally we put a handle by stapling a ribbon on top. The parents and our teacher helped us with some things that were hard. We all enjoyed making our decorations and it was great fun putting it on the Christmas Tree. We would like to thank the Parents Association for helping us and we wish you a Merry Christmas! Sumaiya Abdu. Mr. Brennan's 2nd Class.



Active School Flag:

Well done to our recently formed Active School Flag Committee who came up with the fantastic idea of having badminton classes for the entire school before school for the month of December. Thank you to Mr. Eade for conducting the fantastic coaching sessions. We look forward to meeting again in early January to brainstorm for new initiatives for Term 2. Over the festive period we encourage you to keep fit and active. Try out some fun activities on gonoodle.com.

Lá Charelle:

Before our Halloween mid-term break a selection of children from 3rd and 4th classes travelled to Gaelscoil Mhíchíl Cíosóg to take part in Lá Charelle. Lá Charelle is an annual event to remember the late Charelle Howard, a past pupil of the Gaelscoil who was an avid Gaelgoir and sports person. Along with children from Ennis C.B.S, the Gaelscoil, Ruan N.S and Clooney N.S the children were taught hurling and camogie skills through the medium of Irish and partook in a mini blitz. All children were given a lovely medal in commemoration of a great day. Bhí an-lá againn agus ba mhaith linn buíochas mór a thabhairt do Mháistir Eoin agus an Príomhoide Donal don chuireadh a bhí tugtha dúinn go léir. Tá na páistí ag tnúth go mór don lá speisialta an bhliain seo chugainn cheanna féin!



Science Week:



A few weeks ago it was science week. We did a lot of science experiments. We made a volcano out of clay and we got it to explode by mixing food colouring, baking soda and vinegar. It was so cool. We also did a skittles challenge. We put some skittles around a bowl and added water. It made a rainbow. We had great fun during science week. By Sheila Murtagh and Poppy Nix.

Badminton.

Every morning from 8:30-9:00 am we play badminton in the school hall. Boys and girls from 2nd to 6th class are led by Mr. Eade. On Mondays the second classes get a turn. Then on Tuesdays the third classes get a go and so on. Coach makes sure the level he teaches is suitable for all the pupils. Every level and ability is catered for so nobody feels left out. Badminton is a non-competitive and very social sport. Everything is about fun. Every morning the hall is packed with pupils ready to play this exciting racket sport. The high score for a continuous rally between two pupils is 52 shots achieved by Liz and Karina from 6th class. What a fun sport!



Yellow Flag News.

Our Yellow flag committee has been set up recently and a selection of children from 4th, 5th and 6th classes are involved in our project for this year. We will be working hard as a committee towards obtaining The Yellow Flag with the support of the pupils, staff and parents of our school. We will keep you all informed of our initiatives. We look forward to an exciting few months ahead!



Parents Association: The school would like to thank our Parents' Association for their continued support this term and in particular for all their help in our school library and with preparations for our Variety Show.