

Important dates for your diary:

Midterm: School is closed from Monday October 31st. to Friday November 4th. inclusive. School reopens on Monday 7th. November at 9 am. Happy Halloween!!!

Christmas Holidays: School closes on Thursday December 22nd at 12 noon. Reopens on Monday January 9th., 2017 @ 9 am.

Confirmation: Saturday 1st. April, 2017.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 20th. May, 2017.

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL

October 2016.

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

Holy Family Senior School Book Week is taking place on our school from October 24th to 28th. A series of activities will be taking place in our school linking with this event.

Each afternoon children will be given an opportunity to do fun, book related activities, listen to audiobooks and the only homework each evening this week will be reading for pleasure.

All the children are busily trying to reach their Accelerated Reader targets for this term so if you can do some shared reading at home we are sure your child would love the help.

So go ahead and please support your child taking on our school reading challenge. We will have little prizes at the end of the week for those who make a special effort!

Second class children will go to Glór on Thursday 27th to hear storyteller Niall De Búrca.

Local storyteller and author Eddie Lenihan will call to our school on Wednesday 26th to do a workshop with 3rd, 4th and 5th classes. Sixth class students have already had a workshop with author Brian Gallagher who spoke to the children about the writing process and his novel *Friend or Foe*.

All children will be brought to visit our local library in November. They will be given a tour of the library and a chance to pick up an application form to join. *'Today a reader tomorrow a leader'*.



Sundries.

Thank you to all the parents who have either fully paid or partly paid their child's sundries bill this year.

We note that a number of people have not started paying yet. Our school depends so much on this money to run all the listed activities and initiatives for your children. We will be contacting individual parents on our list after the half term. However, in the meantime we would ask that any parent who hasn't paid sundries so far this year, please contact the office this week on 0656828893 or call to the school to start your payment plan. A plan can be made to suit your financial circumstances. We would appreciate greatly your support with this.

Science Apprentice Booklet

Everyone please make sure to buy the **Irish Independent**, on **Saturday October 29th.** Inside you will find a special edition, science booklet. Last year, Ms. Kennedy's 5th class were very lucky to be one of the five classes chosen in all of Ireland to take part in a **'Science Apprentice Workshop' with University College Dublin.** Our first workshop took place in our classroom, where we made our very own rockets and propelled them high into the sky. Our next workshop took place in 'Lough Gur Heritage Centre', where we learned all about the Sun and had great fun making a huge sun dial. It was an unforgettable experience and we look forward to seeing our photos and reading our Science Booklet this Saturday.



It is Halloween week so we will have a dress up day and disco on Friday.

This is always a charity event and we ask children to donate 2 euros or more to a good cause. This year we are supporting the RNLI.

The **Royal National Lifeboat Institution** is the largest charity that saves lives at sea around the coast of the Ireland, as well as inland waterways. They also rescue and support families who have had tragedies at sea.



Maths Week.

Monday October 17th was the start of Maths Week in Holy Family Senior School. During this week we enjoyed numerous maths activities. The activities we participated in were really fun and we learned a lot.

1. Maths week activity packs, were completed by all classes.
2. Maths week posters were displayed around the school.
3. Each day a puzzle was read out over the intercom (this was great fun).
4. Maths activities were incorporated into our pre-school yard exercise activity.
5. Maths trails were completed by various classes.
6. We had a whole school Maths Assembly on Friday last which was great fun. We had maths jokes and learned about the origin of numbers.



Here are a few puzzles for you to try at home.

- 1) I am an odd number. Take away one letter and I become even. What number am I?
- 2) Using only addition, how do you add eight 8's and get the number 1000?
- 3) Sally is 54 years old and her mother is 80, how many years ago was Sally's mother three times her age?
- 4) Which 3 numbers have the same answer whether they're added or multiplied together?
- 5) There is a basket containing 5 apples, how do you divide the apples among 5 children so that each child has 1 apple while 1 apple remains in the basket?
- 6) There is a three digit number. The second digit is four times as big as the third digit, while the first digit is three less than the second digit. What is the number?
- 7) What word looks the same backwards and upside down?
- 8) Two girls were born to the same mother, at the same time, on the same day, in the same month and in the same year and yet somehow they are not twins. Why not?
- 9) A ship anchored in a port has a ladder which hangs over the side. The length of the ladder is 200 cm, the distance between each rung is 20 cm and the bottom rung touches the water. The tide rises at a rate of 10 cm an hour. When will the water reach the fifth rung?

Answers:

- 1) Seven (take away the 's' and it becomes 'even'.
- 2) $888+88+8+8+8 = 1000$.
- 3) 41 years ago, when Sally was 13 and her mother was 39.
- 4) 1, 2 and 3.
- 5) 4 children get 1 apple each while the fifth child gets the basket with the remaining apple still in it.
- 6) 141.
- 7) SWIMS.
- 8) Because there was a third girl, which make them triplets!
- 9) The tide raises both the water and the boat so the water will never reach the fifth rung.



New Students Council for school year 2016/'17.



The Students Council is a group of students who are elected to represent the views of all pupils and help to improve their school. Elected to the council this year are the following students from 5th. & 6th. Classes.

5th. Class: Cheryl Cording, John Lee Sherlock, Calum Berry, Alannah Mulqueen, Ella Deasy, Josh O'Neill.

6th. Class: Harry Griffin, Rachel Akinsola, Cillan Hand, Laura Kelly, Eric Ryan & Emilia Zawada.





Flannan's Tournament.

About two weeks ago the Holy Family Senior School was invited to the second ever St. Flannan's hurling tournament. It is a blitz for Primary schools in County Clare. First thing in the morning we went to room 1 and got our jerseys, and after that we walked over to St. Flannan's College. When we got there we were called to the hall and were told to go to the dressing room and get changed. After that we found out who we were playing. First up were the Ennis National School, then we had a small break before our next match against Toonagh National School. After our matches we walked back to the school. It wasn't the happiest journey because

unfortunately we lost by a couple of points in each match. Never mind!! There can only be one winner and sadly, this time, it wasn't us. Craig Briggs.

After School Activities Halloween - Christmas 2016

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hurling/Camogie Boys & Girls 2 nd class - 6 th class	Teachers' Meetings No after school activities	Boys' Badminton 2 nd class - 6 th class	Quiz	Athletics Boys & Girls 3 rd & 4 th class
All after school activities end at 3.30pm.				

Please note that the wearing of helmets is compulsory when playing hurling/camogie.
Helmets must meet IS: 355.

Lá Charelle as Gaelscoil.

Chuaigh 12 daltaí ó Rang a 3 agus a 4 le Mr. Corbett agus Ms. Glynn go dtí an Gaelscoil an Cheádaoin seo chaite mar bhí Lá Charelle Gaeilge ar siúl ann. Ghlac na páistí páirt i ndrileanna agus cluichí iománaíochta trí mheán na Gaeilge agus d'fhoghlaim siad scileanna agus frásaí nua. Ag deireadh an lae, bhí cóisir mhór sa Ghaelscoil agus fuair gach páiste bonn ór. Bhain na paistí an taitneamh as an lae agus caithfidimid buíochas mór a sheoladh do mhuintir na Gaelscoile don lá iontach seo.



Active School Flag.

Last week the Active School Flag Committee held their first meeting of the year. The Committee heard about all the initiatives that the previous committee had help organise and were extremely eager with their suggestions for activities for the coming year. With the impending change in weather, our before school walk/run will take a short break until Term 3. However after Halloween break we will be conducting Holy Family Fitness Club before school on Friday mornings for all pupils, parents and staff. This will consist of simple fun exercises for 10 minutes before the school bell rings to increase participants physical activity and prepare all for the school day.

Following on from its introduction last year, ***Bizzy Breaks*** will continue to take place on wet days when the children have not been outside for lunch. For 5 minutes after the break the children engage in a range of activities designed to get children moving on the spot. Sign up to www.gonoodle.com for free and try out some of these fun activities in your home. ***Remember the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity daily is essential for children's growth, development and heart health.***



Last Friday in memory of the late great Munster and Irish rugby player Anthony Foley we paid tribute to him by playing the Fields of Athenry to coincide with his funeral mass in Killaloe. Anthony Foley captained Munster to win their first ever European Cup. He was the current Head Coach of Munster Rugby team. He also was a former captain of the Ireland Rugby team. Anthony was a father to two small boys aged 9 and 12. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.

