

MAY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Wellbeing at School

Everyday in Holy Family Junior School pupil wellbeing is a priority. However, during the next four weeks, we will celebrate and further promote wellbeing, with special activities based on the following themes:

- **Green Schools**
- **Active Schools**
- **Taking Care of Myself**
- **Yellow Flag - celebrating diversity and inclusion**

At the end of each week, we will send you a text, sharing a summary of activities the children enjoyed, so that you can talk to your child about his/her special week at school. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page too

(www.facebook.com/hfssennis), as we will continue to share photos with you of the lovely wellbeing activities that we enjoy.



National Bike Week

This week is National Bike Week. If your child has a bicycle and would like to cycle to school, we'd be delighted. We are aware that this is not possible for all families. We will also be continuing to celebrate those pupils who walk/scoot all or a little bit of the way to school too!

Active Schools Week and Sports Day

During Active Schools Week, starting on Monday the 22nd May, your child should wear his/her school tracksuit/shorts and runners each day. Please apply sun cream each morning and give your child **an extra drink** coming to school.

Active Schools' week is thirsty work!

We hope to hold Sports Day on Thursday the 25th May, but this is weather permitting. We will let you know closer to the day. Parents and guardians will be welcome to join us on Sports Day from 11.00am, to support your child and his/her class as they participate in the races and activities.

Assembly in the hall

This week Ms. Bridge, Principal of Holy Family Senior School, was our special guest at assembly. We were delighted that she visited. Ms. Bridge will be a regular visitor to the yard around Scoil na nÓg in the mornings, between now and the end of the school year. Please say hello to her as she would like to get to know the parents/guardians and children who will be moving on to second class in Senior School in September.



Drinks for the Children

The weather is getting warmer. Water is the healthiest drink for your child, so please remember to order some, as part of your child's Carambola lunch. It is important that the children have a drink each day at school.

Memory Lane Photography

The school photographer will be coming to the school on Thursday, 1st June, and will be doing singles, siblings and class photo groups. If you **do not wish** for your child to be photographed, please contact Ita, the school secretary, at reception before the shoot.



Safety of Children

REMINDER: Children should be dropped and collected to and from school each day by **an adult who is over 18 years of age. Please ensure that your child remains with you and is supervised by you on the school grounds before 9am and after 1.45pm and 2.45pm, when you have collected him/her from the classroom.**

A Message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Gardening:

Our garden is in full bloom and this year we have a new vegetable patch especially for the parents. We meet every Tuesday morning from 9 - 10. New faces are always welcome.

'English for Beginners':

Our 'English for Beginners' course takes place in the Parent's Room every Tuesday from 9.00 -12.00. This class has been full all year. However, we now have two places available for anyone who wishes to improve their English. Please call Darryl on 0866040686 for more details.

'Getting Ready for Primary School'

There will be plenty of new faces in the school every Monday morning starting on May 22nd. The parent's room will be occupied for 4 weeks from 9.15 - 11.15. This course is suitable for parents of children who will be starting school in September.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers Darryl (086 6040686) and Evelyn (086 1529211), are always available to chat with and to support parents and guardians. Please get in touch if you have any queries. They will be very happy to help you.

Change of Address/Phone number

If you change address or phone number, please let your child's class teacher or Ita know.

Calendar for Term 3

Half Day: **N.B.** Wednesday the 24th of May. **Children to be collected at 12.30pm** - Staff meeting

Full Day Closure: **N.B.** Friday the 2nd June 2023. **School closed** - Staff Training Day

June Bank Holiday weekend: Monday the 5th and Tuesday the 6th June 2023 – **School Closed**

Summer Holidays: Wednesday the 28th June 2023 @ 12pm

To see our calendar for the school year 2022-2023 please click here: <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>