

# MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## Book Week

We celebrated Book Week this week, with lots of different fun activities to encourage our pupils to enjoy books. We would ask that you make a special effort with reading at home so together we can foster a lifelong love of books.



Today, Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, was World Book Day. The children dressed up coming to school as their favourite book character and brought a favourite book to school. Some other planned activities for Book Week included:

- Reading lots and lots of great stories
- A Book Quiz based on the big books and fairy tales that the children have been reading in class
- Designing a bookmark or designing/redesigning a book cover
- A visit from book author Meadhbh Chambers
- Drop Everything And Read
- and more...

Keep an eye on Facebook and our school website to see what we got up to!



## Seachtain na Gaeilge

We will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. During this time, we will all try our best to speak lots of Irish. Please make an extra special effort to help your child with Frásaí na Seachtaine. If you need any help with the phrases, feel free to ask the principal or Home School Liaison Teacher in the yard in the morning!

On **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, we will have a Lá Glas (**Green Day**), when we will celebrate being Irish.

The children can dress in anything green on that day. **There is no need to buy anything new!!!** If you don't have something green at home, please let us know. We have plenty of green hats etc. On that day, we are asking parents to donate €1 to help to buy maths equipment for the school.

A special text will be sent to you about Seachtain na Gaeilge at the end of this week.

### **Headlice**

We have had some cases of headlice in the school in recent weeks. Anyone can get headlice but it is particularly easy for young children to catch them as they spread by direct head to head contact. **Please regularly check all family member's hair.** Lotions and shampoos to treat headlice are available at your local pharmacy. Headlice is a community problem. It is nothing to be embarrassed about. We can all help to keep head lice under control. For more information click here: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/head-lice-nits/>

### **Child Protection and Antibullying**

We will have an annual review of our Child Safeguarding Statement and our Antibullying Policy at our next Board of Management meeting on the 14th March 2024. There will be notifications on our website to inform you when the reviews has been completed and you will be able to read the updated Child Safeguarding Statement and Antibullying Policy Policy at: <https://holymfamilyjuniorschool.com/resources-policies/#school-policies>. If you have any queries, please contact the principal.

### **Absences from School**

If your child misses time from school, please record the reason for his or her absence through our Aladdin Connect app. Thank you for bringing your child to school every day (except when he or she is sick). Regular attendance helps children to be more secure and happy at school.

### **Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers**

Darryl (086 6040686) and Orla (086 1529211), our HSCL teachers, 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.

## School Uniform

A gentle reminder: Pupils should wear their school uniform to school every day. The uniform consists of

- a navy tracksuit bottoms
- a blue tracksuit top with crest
- a white polo shirt



Black or Navy leggings are not part of the school uniform and are not to be worn.

## Green Schools

We are currently working on our eighth green flag, *Global Citizenship – Marine Environment*, while also continuing the actions for all our other flags. The children are beginning to learn more about seas and oceans, through songs and stories. They are also learning that walking to school helps to save energy as well as being very healthy! The class with the most walkers on Wednesdays each week receives the Golden Boot award. By working towards another Global Citizenship flag, the children are being taught how important it is to help other people.



## Calendar for Term 2



Referendum Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> of March 2024	<b>School closed</b>
St Patrick's Day Weekend	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March to Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> 2024 inclusive	<b>School closed</b>
Easter Holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 inclusive	<b>School closed</b>
Primary Maths Curriculum Training Day	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	<b>School closed</b>

To see our calendar for the school year 2023-2024 please click here:

<https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>