

# MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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## Well-being at School

Everyday in Holy Family Junior School, pupil well-being is a priority. However this term we have been and will continue to celebrate and further promote well-being, 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](http://www.facebook.com/hfssennis)), as we will continue to share photos with you of the lovely well-being activities that we enjoy.

## Green Schools

The children really enjoyed learning more about the Marine environment last week at school. We focussed on the wonder of the sea and how pollution can damage plant and animal life in it. Please continue to talk to your child about the environment and how we can help look after it.

Our **Walk on Wednesday** campaign continues. You can **PARK AND STRIDE** every day to and from school by parking your car in the GLÓR car park for 30 minutes, free of charge, while you accompany the children to school.



## Assembly in the hall

Next week, Ms. Bridge, Principal of Holy Family Senior School, will be our special guest at assembly. She will be saying a special hello to the First Class pupils, transferring to the Senior School in September. 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.

### Active School Week and Sports Day

During Active School Week, starting on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 School Week is thirsty work!



We hope to hold Sports Day on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Common Enrolment Evening

Common Enrolment evening for **parents** of First Class pupils transferring to the Holy Family Senior School in September 2024, takes place on, Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm in Holy Family Senior School.

Common Enrolment evening for **parents** of incoming Junior Infants starting school in September 2024 takes place on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, at 6pm in Holy Family Junior School. We look forward to welcoming the parents of these pupils to our school.

### A Message from our Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers, Darryl and Orla

#### Garden



*Our new 'Parent & Child' gardening program was such a success that we have decided to continue with it in term 3. Please keep an eye on notices about this on your child's classroom door. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their efforts. The garden remains open every Tuesday morning at 9am for any of you who would like some fun outdoor activities.*

#### Cash for Clobber

*This Summer's Cash for Clobber takes place on Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. You are welcome to place your unwanted clothes into a black bag and to drop them to the reception area.*

#### English Classes

*English classes continue every Tuesday morning at 9am in the Parents Room beside the café. These classes are full, but please feel free to get in touch if you are interested in our new English classes starting in September 2024.*

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers Darryl (086 6040686) and Orla (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.



## Safety of Children



**REMINDER:** Children must 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.

## Change of Address/Phone number

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

## Uniforms

Our uniform consists of

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

**On warm days, the children can wear uniform shorts instead of their navy tracksuit bottoms. If you are buying new shorts, please buy NAVY shorts. Cycling shorts or leggings are not allowed and are not part of the school uniform. If you already have grey shorts from last year, these can also be worn.**



## Calendar for Term 3

June Bank Holiday	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> June to Tuesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 inclusive	School closed
<b>Local Election Day</b>	<b>Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>	<b>School closed</b>
School closing for Summer Holidays	Wednesday, 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	School closes at 12pm

To see our calendar for the school year 2023-2024 please click here: <https://holyfamilyjuniorschool.com/calendar/>