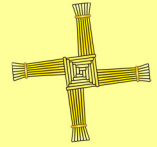


Newsletter

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FEBRUARY 2025

It has been a busy few weeks at school. Pupils and teachers are working hard and having great fun with literacy, numeracy, and all other areas of the curriculum. This month the children also enjoyed Grandparents' Day and stories and art all about St. Brigid.



Valentine's Cake Sale

The Parents Association will be running a Cake Sale on Valentine's Day on Friday the 14th of February. Parents, pupils, and teachers can make, bake, or buy treats. Please drop the cakes and buns to the café on Friday morning before school. Each class will visit the cake sale during the day. Pupils can buy 3 treats for €2.

Miss. Gráinne's Montessori / Preschool / Afterschool Enrolment

Miss. Gráinne's Montessori / Preschool / Afterschool are now taking names for September 2025. Children aged between 2 years 8 months and 13 years are welcome. Call or text Gráinne or Isabel for more information on (087)2033328.

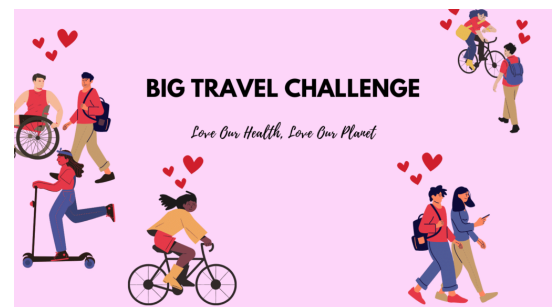
Green Schools

- **THE BIG TRAVEL CHALLENGE**

During this week and next (February 4th -14th) children are invited to walk, scoot or cycle some or all of the way to school every day. Each day children will be rewarded with a green pom pom to place in their class jar, for doing this. At the end of each week classes with the most pom poms will receive extra playtime. 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.

- **WALK ON WEDNESDAYS**

After the midterm break, we will re-commence our WALK on WEDNESDAY initiative. On Wednesdays we will be encouraging the children to walk some or all the way to school. A Golden Boot will be awarded to the class who makes the most effort each week.



Safety First!!

Safety is very important to us in Holy Family Junior School. To help us we work together to keep everybody safe:

- Please make sure that your child is dropped and collected each day by a named adult who is over 18 years old.
- Please dismount all bikes, scooters in the school yard
- Please refrain from vaping



Parking



Please **DO NOT PARK** in the wheelchair parking spaces outside the school, unless you have a permit to do so. It is very important that these spaces remain available for those who most need them

Midterm break

There will be no school for children on Thursday and Friday the 20th and 21st of February as it is midterm break.

Birthday Party Treats

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday, for health and safety reasons. While your generosity is much appreciated, parties are best celebrated outside school time. Don't worry though! We will ensure that your child's birthday is celebrated in a school friendly way!

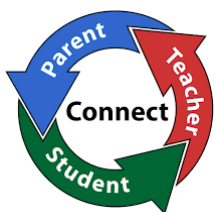


Joining the Library

The children are really enjoying listening to the stories that their teachers read to them. They also love to look at and read books themselves. If your child is not already a member of Ennis library, it might now be a good time to join. There are thousands of books to choose from in our beautiful new library, which would really help to support your child's interest and love of reading.



Parent Teacher Meetings



Parent teacher meetings for Senior Infants and First Class are taking place on the 17th – 19th February in school. Please book a slot for your child's parent teacher meeting, on our Aladdin app, if you have not done so already. If you are having difficulties with this, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or with Ita at reception. Parent teacher meetings for Junior Infant parents will take place in March.

Home School Community Liaison (HSCL) Teachers

Darryl (086 6040686) and Orla (086 1529211), our HSCL teachers, are always available to chat with and support parents and guardians. Please get in touch if you have any queries. They will be very happy to help you.

English Classes

Fun English classes take place every Wednesday in the Parent's Room beside the café. New parents always welcome. Tea and coffee will be served as we focus on simple conversation through English. Call in at 9.00am to say hello.

Garden Allotments

Many parents have taken a plot in our school garden. They take full control out their garden patch and are preparing for spring. We still have a few allotments available. Please contact Darryl or Orla if you would like to explore this further.

Guided Tour of Ennis

Our Parent Association arranged a guided tour of the beautiful town of Ennis.

We grabbed a coffee and explored the hidden treasures to town has to offer.

Date: Friday February 7th

Time: 9.30 - 10.30.

Please contact Darryl or Orla if you would like to join us our next outing.



Birthday parties and invitations

Birthday parties are great fun and a very important celebration in your child's life. However, we are not in a position here at school to distribute birthday invitations or to share out cakes and sweets on your child's birthday. While your generosity is much appreciated, parties are best celebrated outside school time. Don't worry though! We will ensure that your child's birthday is celebrated in a school friendly way!

Calendar for Term 2



Staff meeting	Tuesday 11 th February 2025	Half day for pupils at 12.30pm
Mid-term break	Thursday 20 th February to Friday 21 st February 2025 inclusive	School closed
St Patrick's Day Weekend	Monday 17 th March to Tuesday 18 th 2025 inclusive	School closed
Bí Cinealta (Be Kind) Staff Training Day (Preventing and addressing bullying behaviour)	Friday 4 th April 2025	Half day for pupils at <u>12.00pm</u>
Easter Holidays	Monday 14 th April to Friday 25 th April 2025 inclusive	School closed
New Primary Maths Curriculum Training Day for staff	Monday 28 th April 2025	School closed

To see our calendar for the school year 2024-2025 please click here:

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