

# HOLY FAMILY JUNIOR SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER



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## School Contact Details

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## A Message from the Principal



How quickly the school year is moving on! We hope that the weather will improve and that there will be plenty of sunshine during May and June so that our outside classrooms can be put to good use for teaching and learning. We are lucky to have wonderful school gardens and outside teaching spaces for the children to enjoy.

During this time of year, we ask you to provide your child with an extra drink of water each day. On sunny mornings please apply suncream. The Department of Education also recommends that your child wears a wide-brimmed hat during the summer months. Ms. Lowe

## Wellbeing at School

Everyday in Holy Family Junior School, pupil wellbeing is a priority. However this term we have been, and will continue to celebrate and further promote wellbeing, with special activities based on the following themes:

- Wellbeing week
- Active Schools
- Green Schools
- 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 face book page too ([www.facebook.com/hfssennis](http://www.facebook.com/hfssennis)), as we will continue to share photos with you of the lovely wellbeing activities that we enjoy.





## Active School Week and Sports Day

During Active School Week, starting today Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> May, your child should wear his/her school tracksuit/shorts and runners each day. Please apply sun cream each morning, if needed and give your child an extra drink coming to school. Active schools' week is thirsty work!



We hope to hold Sports Day this Friday 22nd May, depending on the weather; We will let you know closer to the day. Parents and guardians will be welcome to join us on Sports Day from 10.45am, to support your child and his/her class as they participate in the races and activities.



## Green Schools News

### GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP - MARINE ENVIRONMENT - OUR EIGHTH GREEN SCHOOLS FLAG

We are delighted to share with you that our application for an eighth Green Flag award has been successful. Congratulations to our dedicated pupils and staff, who have worked so hard to achieve this award. We will celebrate our great achievement during Green Schools week in June.



## Our School Uniform

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.





## HSCL Teacher Message Board

working with parents

Please contact us if we can help you with anything.

HSCL – Darryl 0866040686

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### Tuesdays

**SCHOOL GARDEN**

**TUESDAY MAY 19TH**  
9.00 AM

**JUNIOR INFANT PARENTS AND GRENADPARENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THEIR CHILDREN IN THE GARDEN ON TUESDAY MAY 19TH**

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR GARDENING TEAM.  
CONTACT  
DARRYL 0866040686  
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### Wednesdays

**HOLY FAMILY**

**ENGLISH CLASS FOR PARENTS**

English Classes every Wednesday.  
Starting  
Wednesday April 15th

The classes take place in the Parents' Room every Wednesday from 9 – 10am

**More details: 0866040686**

### Thursdays

**Craft Classes**  
with Magda

Fairy Garden Tent

Thursday 9:00 AM Parents' Room

### Fridays

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SINGING CLUB FOR PARENTS**

Do you like to sing?  
This is a new project that we are very excited about.

Do you play and instrument?  
Bring it to the singing club.

**EVERY FRIDAY**  
**PARENTS' ROOM 9AM – 9.30AM**  
THIS WEEKS SONGS  
'RIPTIDE' BY VANCE JOY  
'THREE LITTLE BIRDS' BY BOB MARLEY

MORE DETAILS CONTACT DARRYL 0866040686



## Attendance Heroes

During the first two weeks of Term Three Holy family Junior School pupils got a chance to be an 'Attendance Hero' at school. It is hoped that this initiative reinforces the message to the children of the importance of daily school attendance and punctuality.



## Welcoming Ms. Bridge

Today, Ms. Bridge, Principal of Holy Family Senior School, was our special guest at assembly. She came to say a special hello to the First Class pupils, transitioning 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.



## Drumming Workshop

We are very excited to share with you, that this Wednesday all classes will partake in a drumming workshop led by Dave Morrissey of Groovy Hands Drumming. We can't wait to give drumming a go! Ask your child on Wednesday after school, how he/she got on. Keep an eye on Facebook too for photos/videos of the children.



## Calendar - Term 3

June Bank Holiday	Monday 1st June 2026	School closed
Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 2	Friday 5th June 2026	School closed
School Closing for Summer Holidays	Friday 26th June 2026	

To see our calendar for the school year 2025-2026 please click here:

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

