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Active Schools Week in Holy Cross

The weather has finally fallen our way and after a beautiful weekend, we have a bright start to Active Schools Week this year.

We have a jam packed schedule of events this week with plenty of opportunities to try out new sports and activities. This week we will have visitors from Pickleball Ireland and Dodgeball Ireland as well as several parents who have volunteered their time to come in to the school to play hockey, rugby, olympic handball, Gaelic football and to chat about nutrition. Each class will also get outside of the classroom and go on a class walk. Destinations vary from Three Rock mountain to the Dodder walk to local parks. We will have a dance takeover on Thursday which promises to be great fun! Each class will also participate in the Road to Paris Challenge this week where they will log their activity each day and learn more about the Olympic Games which take place in Paris later in the year.

Of course the highlight of the week will be our Family Walk in Marlay Park on Wednesday evening. **As always, we will meet outside Marlay House at 7pm before departing - all welcome!** We would like to sincerely thank all of the parents who have volunteered to help out this week and in particular, Ms. Manning for all of her hard work in organising all of the wonderful activities for this Active Schools Week.



PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Active Schools Week is off to a flying start with Rang 6 enjoying Pickleball and Senior Infants having a great time on their scooters for Scootfit!





Future Enrolments Parental Survey

Each year, Junior Infant places in Holy Cross school are over subscribed i.e. the number of applications we receive is far greater than the number of places we can offer. We would like to ask parents to kindly fill out a brief survey which we hope will give us an insight into future sibling enrolments in the coming years. This will greatly assist us in planning for how best to meet the needs of families in the Dundrum Parish area.

In the (very short!) survey below you will be asked to indicate which year you hope that your child will begin Junior Infants in Holy Cross. If you are undecided about which year your child should start, please choose the earlier option (i.e. if you are not sure if your child should start school in September 2025 or 2026, please choose 2025). We understand that circumstances for each family might change in the meantime but for now, this information will be very useful to us for planning purposes.

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE SURVEY](#)

Finally, as we move towards the end of this school year, we would ask that any family who is planning to move schools this year to please let us know in the office as soon as possible as we have waiting lists for all classes.

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School Closures this term



We have received official notification that the school will again be used as a polling station for the upcoming local and European elections on Friday, 7th June. As such, the school will be closed on that day.

We would like to remind parents that the school will be closed for our New Primary Maths Curriculum in service day on Monday 20th May. The school will also be closed on Friday 3rd May and Friday 31st May for the bank holidays.



GAA this Week



On top of all the excitement and activity for Active Schools Week, our Hurling and Camogie teams also have a busy week.

Today, Monday, our Andy Gibbons team from Mr. Kelly's Rang 3 take part in the finals of the Andy Gibbons Trophy in Naomh Olaf GAA Club. Their final throws in at 3:30pm. We know they will do us proud. All support welcome!

On Tuesday, our Junior Boys team play St. Attracta's at 2:30pm in Deerpark. The team will return to school at 4pm.

On Wednesday, our Senior Girls team start their season with a match against Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige at 2:30pm in Gaelscoil na Fuinseoige. The girls will return to school at 4:00pm.

Finally on Thursday, our Senior Boys team play St. Anne's of Shankill in Shankill at 3pm. The boys will return to the school at 4:30pm.



Summer Camp - Save the Date!

This July, the Arts and Sports Camp will run in Holy Cross School from 1st - 5th July.



More details later on in the year.