



10<sup>th</sup> January 2022



# NUAHT NA CROISE NAOFA

## Céad Míle Fáilte Romhaibh Ar Ais Ar Scoil

On behalf of all of the staff in Holy Cross I would like to wish all of our families a very happy new year. I know that Covid caused difficulty and disruption across the country over the Christmas break but I hope you all got to enjoy some relaxing time with family nonetheless. Thankfully, we got the all clear to return to school which was very welcome news and it was fantastic to see the smiling faces of the children in the school again last Thursday.

The next few weeks are likely to throw up some tricky situations due to Covid case numbers. Thankfully, we have a fantastic team in Holy Cross who are determined to do everything to ensure the safety and happiness of our children. I would like to thank them all sincerely for their dedication and good spirit throughout. We are very lucky to have them.

I have included further details on relevant Covid 19 updates on the next page.

John McGrath

## PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's photo (or photos!) are of our two Holy Cross Way Raffle winners from last month. These children were nominated by their teachers for setting a great example for their peers when it came to looking after our Community. Maith sibh! Full list of nominees later in the Nuachtlitir.

## Covid 19 Updates

### Schoolwork for Absent Children

As you will have noticed this morning, teachers have uploaded some school work for children who are absent. **Please note that this is not an indication of a positive case of Covid 19 in your child's class.** I would like to be clear that there is no expectation on the teacher's behalf to finish each task. This is only for children who are absent AND well enough to complete the work. If your child is in attendance, they will be completing the work with their teacher as usual. We hope that this will save time for our teachers who, up to this point, had been putting together schoolwork for children who were isolating due to Covid 19, on an ad-hoc basis. This was becoming quite time consuming and we hope that this will be a more efficient method for the month of January. If your child does not have the correct school books with them please get in contact with the office on 01 298 5493 or [admin@holycrossschool.ie](mailto:admin@holycrossschool.ie) and we will arrange a suitable time for you to collect the books. We would ask parents to be patient with us as there may be several families we are helping at one time.

### Isolation Quick guide for Parents

I am attaching an updated guide for isolation for children under 13. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with this very useful document.

[Isolation quick guide Adults and children from their 13th birthday.pdf \(hpsc.ie\)](#)

The key message remains the same - please do not send your child to school if they are unwell, even if they have received a negative PCR test.

### Ventilation

As you know, we are doing our very best to ensure our classrooms are safe. Part of this is employing best practice when it comes to ventilation. This can obviously lead to lower temperatures in the classrooms. We would recommend your child wearing a vest to school to help them stay warm.



### **Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons for Ms. Rainey's Rang 2 and Ms. Dobey's Rang 4 will begin this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Carina has been in touch via Aladdin with the parents of the children in these classes.



## The Holy Cross Way Roll of Honour

As you know, each month we are choosing an element of the Holy Cross Way to focus on. In December we chose "Community". These winners were congratulated each week during our Tionól and the names were entered into our monthly raffle. Congratulations to all our nominees listed below. They have set a wonderful example for their peers and deserve great credit - maith sibh! This month we will focus on "Responsibility".

### Roll of Honour - December Community

John Comerford	YoYo Zhao	Ethan Doherty	Colm Phelan
Mariam Al Janaby	Ruadhán McGuire	Emma Mc Court	Séan Byrne Weldon
Killian Boyle	Tom Leech	Christian Marcone	Alanna Dermody
Max Elliot	Grace McLaughlin	Eiryn Grant Gaynor	Tsvetelina Encheva
John Ferry	Matthew Mullins	Evan McGovern	Laasritha Potnuri
Nour Hegazy	Faya Clinton	Matthew Gibbons	Luke Brosnan
Fintan Cooney	Iarla Forde	Bayleigh Grant Gaynor	Taegun Lee
Lola Egan	Elena O'Connell	Amy Dwyer	Rachel Colleran
Alba Socca	Dario Ortiz De Las	Ciarán Murphy	Emma Marais
Conor O'Toole	Heras	Naoise Taylor	Casper Southgate
Ellie Naughton	Julia Murphy	Ciara Loughnane	Síofra Quigley
Daniel O'Toole	Dorothy Lee	Ryan McIntyre	Carrie Browne
Leon Descloux	Matthew Gu	Noah Sayem	Darragh Mulhall
Emma Appadoo	George Ryan	Ella Mettler	Sophie Murphy
Jamie Cass	Beth Trischler	Charlie Heneghan	Andrew Nawrot
Kila Egan	Emma - Jane Williams	Eoin McVeigh	Olivia King
Ciara Gorman	Liam O Sullivan	Nora O'Sullivan	Alex Ringwood
Tadhg Barry Stack	Katie Dunne	Rachel Colleran	Ailbhe Bannon
Arsen Majabague	Tadhg Atkinson-Salam	Finlay Blizzard	Etain Palmer
Natalia Ortiz	Isabelle Connon	Caitlin Jean Ang	Sebastian Boszko
Shamik Potnuri	Aleksander Fidos	Éabha Cawley	Mazin Boukaz
Doran Browne	Áine Ní Raghailigh	Emanuele Demurtas	Rafael Calcada
Gracia Govorcinovic	James Carroll		