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Annual Parents Association Evening

We are hugely grateful for the ongoing support of our parent body in Holy Cross and we are very fortunate to see how much everyone benefits from the close relationship between home and the school.

At 8pm this **Wednesday 24th September**, our Parents Association are holding their annual Parents Evening which incorporates the PA AGM. All parents and guardians are invited to attend. This year one of our parents Dr. Marie Dawson from Kilmacud Medical Centre has kindly agreed to come and speak to us about how we can keep our families healthy as the days get colder and the winter bugs start to emerge.

Importantly, the Parents Evening also affords parents and guardians a much-needed opportunity to meet and socialise in a relaxed setting. After our guest speaker is finished and the brief business of the AGM is wrapped up, we will change location to the Dundrum House where everyone can enjoy some time to chat and catch up. We understand that finding time (and babysitters!) can be difficult in your busy households but we would encourage as many parents as possible to attend what is always and enjoyable evening.

John McGrath

Please see important updates on upcoming school closures later in the Nuachtlitir

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Darren in Rang 4 has been working hard on his latest creation "Conker Man" with the help of Ms. Ritchie and of course our fantastic caretaker Paul. Well done Darren!





Child Safeguarding and Risk Assessment Review

The Board of Management of Holy Cross School would like to inform all parents and members of the Holy Cross School community that the annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the most recent Board of Management meeting. The review was conducted in accordance with the Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement published on the Department of Education website - gov.ie.

Our updated Child Safeguarding Policy can be viewed on our school's website - www.holycrossschool.ie - in the "Policies" section under the "Information for Parents" tab.

The Designated Liaison Person (DLP) in Holy Cross School is the Principal, John McGrath. The DLP acts as contact in the case of Child Protection concerns you may have about your child or another child in the school. In his absence please contact the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP), Mr. Eoin Fitzgerald.

The Board of Management would also like to inform you that new Child Protection Procedures have been released by the Department of Education. Following staff and BOM training, we will be updating our Child Safeguarding Procedures to reflect these changes.

School Closures

We would like to inform you of some upcoming school closures that have been communicated to us recently.

Friday 24th October - The school will be used as a polling station for the upcoming Presidential Election. The usual Halloween dress up day and PA Cake Sale will now take place on Thursday 23rd October.

Monday 1st December - The school will be closed to facilitate whole school staff training in new Child Protection Procedures.

GAA Arrangements this week

The GAA seasons continues this week with matches for all 3 of our teams.

Our Boys Senior Team play TODAY, Monday, vs St. Kevin's BNS in St. Kevin's, Kilnamanagh at 2:30pm. They will return to the school at 4:00pm for collection.

Our Junior Team take on St. Attracta's in Deerpark tomorrow, Tuesday, at 2pm. They will return to the school at 3:20pm for collection.

Our Girls Senior Team play Good Shepherd, Churchtown in Good Shepherd NS at 2pm on Wednesday. They will return to the school at 3:20pm for collection.

Best of luck to all players this week - Holy Cross abu!



There is always lots going on in Holy Cross! Some pictures here and on the next page of some of the activities from a few of our classes!



Owl Art in
Ms. Hegarty's!



Autumn Hunt in
Ms. Kennedy's





Rang 5 and Rang 6 helping with our Child Friendly Bí Cineálta Poster / Holy Cross Way



Maths Trails in Ms. Lane's



Using Conkers to help us with Maths in Ms. Devereux's



Lovely colourful artwork in Ms. Faulkner's