



11 October 2021



NUAHT NA CROISE NAÓFA

Céad Chomaoineach / First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our pupils in Rang 3 who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Friday morning in Holy Cross Church. Many thanks to Fr. John and Annette Farrell, Parish Faith Development Co-Ordinator, for their hard work in organising the ceremony and many thanks also to Ms. Fogarty for preparing the children through the Grow in Love programme in school. An important milestone for all of the children.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



This week's photo has to be our wonderful children in Rang 3 looking resplendent on the Altar having celebrated their First Holy Communion last Friday.



Halloween Celebrations

On Friday 22nd October we will have our annual dress up day where the children can wear some spooky costumes to school. We will have a Zombie Walk in the morning for all classes and I know Paul is working on something special for the children in the Halla also. Our fantastic Parents Association are organising a cake sale on the day as well. Unfortunately, given obvious constraints due to Covid, this will look slightly different to other cake sales but it is sure to be a very enjoyable day for all. Please see the note below from our Parents Association for more details.



Holy Cross Parents Association

The Parents Association (PA) of Holy Cross is made up of all the parents and guardians of children in the school, and its work is carried out by a committee of parents.

The purpose of the PA is to support the school in working together to provide the best possible education for our children. The PA does not play the role of the Board of Management and is not a vehicle for complaints or grievances.

The PA organises events and activities throughout the school year. These include the Halloween bake sale, the annual movie night, Christmas raffle, Santa visit and Grandparents day. The PA also supports specific projects as directed by the school such as the fundraising drive early last year for the new Astro on the junior yard.

Unfortunately, none of these activities have been able to take place since Covid, and the AGM/Parents night which would usually take place at this time of year also cannot go ahead at the moment. We hope to hold our AGM / Parents Evening later in the year at an appropriate time.

However, the bake sale is set to make a very welcome return on the last day of this term Friday October 22nd!

Unfortunately parents cannot attend at the beginning as in previous years, but all the classes will get a chance to attend and purchase some goodies, if the children can remember to bring in a few euro each.

We'd be grateful if families could send in some spooky bakes on the **morning of Friday 22nd October**. We will have drop off points in both yards on that morning. We will be arranging the treats into individual bags due to Covid and so would ask parents to only send in treats that do not have to be divided. Basically, individual buns are perfect, large cakes that we would have to cut up are not. Thanks in advance for all your support.

Team Hope Christmas Showbox Appeal

For several years now Holy Cross School has taken part in the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. The Community Spirit which forms such an integral part of the Holy Cross Way shines through each year. Normally, the children prepare their shoeboxes and bring them into Holy Cross before they are collected. This year however, again due to Covid constraints, the children are asked to bring their shoeboxes to the local retail partner. In our case this is Dealz (Dundrum Village Centre/Nutgrove). From here, the shoeboxes are processed and sent off to less fortunate children overseas. Each child will receive a leaflet today with all necessary information included.



Holy Cross on Twitter



A quick reminder for all to check out and follow Holy Cross on Twitter. Mr. Fitz is uploading lots of photos of activities that are taking place in Holy Cross each week. Given that we can't have as many parents in and around the school at the moment, it might be nice for you to get a flavour of what goes on in our busy school.

School Twitter Handle: @HCDundrum

Names on Jumpers and Coats



We have put a huge emphasis on labelling jumpers and coats over the past week. There are items of clothing with no names being left in to the office almost daily. This is easily solved. Please ensure that everything has your child's name clearly marked.

