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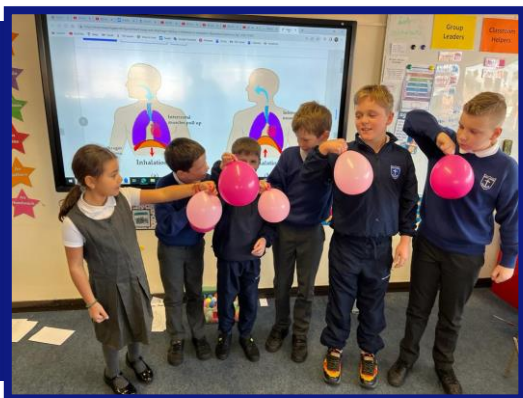


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We are all very much looking forward to an action packed week for Science Week. Many thanks to Mr. Fitz for all his hard work arranging the various daily activities, experiments and info for all of the classes. Many thanks also to the parents who got in touch offering their scientific expertise and who will be visiting later in the week!

Other important notes in this week's edition

- Parent Teacher Meeting Booking Details
- Voluntary Contributions - Míle Buíochas
- Parents Association Christmas Raffle
- Active Sports Places Available
- And much more!



**PHOTO
OF THE
WEEK**



This week's photos are showing off some Science experiments that took place in Rang 3 Ms Faulkner's last week. There are sure to be many more taking place this week for Science Week!



Parent Teacher Meetings 2023

As you know, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November next week are the dates for our Parent Teacher meetings. The meetings will take place after school. In contrast to previous years where the children from Rang 1 to Rang 6 went home at a slightly earlier time, this year, the children will go home at the usual time of 2:30pm (1:30pm for Junior and Senior Infants). After school activities on both days (Active Sports on Wednesday and Tennis on Thursday) will run as normal.

This year we will continue with our online booking system via Aladdin. On Wednesday of this week (15th November) we will be sending an invitation via Aladdin to book your slot(s) for your meeting.

Once you get your invitation you can go on to the **Aladdin system** where you will see a bank of 10 minute slots. Simply book your slot (one for each child if you have more than one in the school). Please note that if you have already attended an IEP meeting with your child's teacher this year you will not receive an invitation to book a Parent/Teacher meeting. We will be inviting parents of families with 3 or more children in the school to book first to allow them to book in their meetings on the same day.

This year we are continuing the practice of offering parents the choice of either a face to face meeting with the class teacher or a meeting over the phone. We highly recommend that, where at all possible, parents choose a face to face meeting. These meetings are a wonderful opportunity to meet the teachers and get a feeling for the wonderful school atmosphere in Holy Cross.

Face to face meetings

If you choose to book in for a face to face meeting for your child please arrive a few minutes before your meeting and wait outside your child's classroom. We will have plenty of signage around the school on the day to help you find your way. If you have more than one child in the school, please give yourself plenty of time to get between meetings. The Aladdin system will only allow you to book a second meeting 10 minutes after the completion of your previous meeting.

Phone Call Meetings

If you would rather a phone call meeting please note the following - **before you confirm your booking there will be a note box displayed where we require you to type "PHONE" in order to let the teacher know.** If you are booking a phone call meeting we ask that you book a slot on the **Thursday afternoon (23rd) after 4:00pm** (for Junior and Senior Infant Parents please book as late as possible on the Thursday afternoon). This will allow continuity for the class teachers (i.e. a block of face to face meetings followed by a block of phone call meetings). The teachers will be using phones with the numbers blocked for privacy reasons. When your phone rings at the allotted time be sure to pick up even when you see a blocked number.

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Parent Teacher Meetings continued

SEN Team Meetings

Parents of children who are receiving additional support from our wonderful special education team, and who have not already had a separate IEP meeting, are also invited to meet with the SEN team on the day of their PT meeting. The relevant SEN team member will be in touch with further details on this before the meetings.

If you are having difficulty with booking a meeting, please get in contact with your class teacher or the office as soon as possible.

Parent/Teacher meetings are always a wonderful opportunity to share information about the progress of each child. Please feel free to pass on observations about your child's progress in school with the class teacher.

Voluntary Contribution - Míle Buíochas

Many sincere thanks to all parents/guardians for your generous donations to our Voluntary Contribution. Your generosity will have a direct impact on the teaching and learning of all pupils in our school.

Message from Active Sports Club

Our multi-sport after-school club is open for bookings for the 2nd half of the term. It's a fun, active hour. Already this term the children have got to try their hand at Tag Rugby, Basketball, Hockey, Netball & Archery. The feedback from parents and kids has been very positive. The classes run every Wednesday straight after school. Junior & Senior Infants: 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM. 1st & 2nd Class: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM. 6 classes remain costing €60 for the remainder of the term. If you are interested in booking please contact egreaves@activesport.ie or call 086 331 7289

Parents Association Christmas Raffle

The annual Holy Cross Parents Association (PA) Christmas Raffle is fast approaching! The raffle the biggest and most important fundraiser of the year for the PA, and as always, all monies raised will support various activities in school for the children.

We'd be very grateful if any parents and families, personally, or maybe through their employer could sponsor, or donate prizes (for example previously we've been kindly given vouchers for Dundrum, restaurants, cinema, beauticians, hairdressers, food and drinks hampers etc.).

Alternatively cash donations are very welcome to help meet the cost of the top prizes. Please get in touch with Carina in the office, or Mr. McGrath directly with your donation. Many thanks as ever for you support.

Dundrum After school and Montessori

Dundrum Afterschool Located in Holy Cross School has a small number of full time places available commencing December 2023. Please contact Michelle on 087 703 1070 or email info@dundrummontessori.com for more details.



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Many sincere thanks to all the families who donated items for the Team Hope Annual Shoe Box appeal. As always kindness and sense of community is shining through in Holy Cross!!