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Grandparents Day 2024

We are all very much looking forward to this Friday - Grandparents day. It is always one of the most special days in the school calendar and preparations are well under way to ensure this year is no different!

The plan for the day including times are below. We will have lots of helpers on hand throughout the day to ensure everything runs smoothly. To help us direct our VIPs to the various classes in the school when they are visiting, it would be great if the Grandparents knew the name of their Grandchild's teacher beforehand.

- 10:30am Mass for all in Holy Cross Church
- 11:15am Grandparents arrive to Holy Cross School (Junior Infants to Rang 3)
- 11:15am-12:00pm Tea, chats and some entertainment in the halla
- 12:00pm-12:25pm Grandparents visit the classes

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Well done to our fantastic Amber Flag Committee who gave us all an update on our progress towards



the Amber Flag at last Friday's Tionól. They told us about our focus for this month and informed us of a thank you letter received from Pieta House for our generous donation following the Christmas Jumper Day in December - well done all!



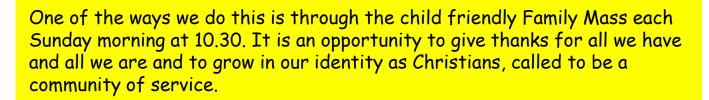
Message from Fr. Paul

Catholic Schools Week - Communities of Service

Dear Pupils and Parents of Holy Cross School,

Sending everyone every good wish for this week that reminds us of the call to serve our neighbour. The school and the parish work very closely

together to encourage young and old to reach out and share our gifts in service of one another. In the parish we try to support the good work of parents and teachers in the example of love and service and care for one another.



At the Family Mass, the faith of the children is encouraged in practical ways for instance, by their participation in the readings, prayers, bringing of symbols and by being Altar Servers at the Mass. We have a beautiful singer and organist too that helps our prayer, thanksgiving and reflection as we gathering to seek God's blessing and inner strength for the journey of service.

We have welcomed some new families and participants recently and always have room for more children and parents that would like to participate actively. Please join us if you can and if you would like to participate or would like to inquire further we would be delighted to hear from you.

I look forward to meeting many of you and indeed many Grandparents this Friday on Grandparents Day.

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Sustainable Energy Ireland Workshops



This week 3 classes in Holy Cross will have workshops with Sustainable Energy Ireland representative, Adele O'Connor. Ms. Rainey's Senior Infants, Ms. Kennedy's Rang 4 and Mr. Fitzgerald's Rang 6 will have workshops and learn all about sustainability and sustainable energy on Thursday 25th.



We look forward to hearing about everything they learned and seeing how these lessons can have a positive impact on Holy Cross School.



Many thanks to our Green Schools Committee led by Ms. Devereux and Mr. Kinsella for organising.

Swimming this Friday



There will be no swimming this Friday 26th for Ms. Kennedy's Rang 4 and Mr. Kelly's Rang 3 due to Grandparents Day. Both classes will make up for this missed day at the end of their current block of swimming dates.