

# Holy Child Boys' School Larkhill

# Newsletter November 2017

## CLASS DOJO

You may have heard your boy talk about Class Dojo at home. Class Dojo is an online behaviour management tool which is used by most teachers in our school. It is a fun, interactive and visual experience for the boys. At the beginning of the year each boy gets their own avatar to which points can be assigned for positive behaviour. Examples include being kind, great manners, good effort, healthy eating. Points can be removed for reasons including disruptive behaviour, incomplete homework or not being a good friend. Teachers reward boys in different ways e.g. Room 8 can cash in their points for homework passes and classroom rewards. Room 5 winners get a certificate and a prize on a Friday and Room 13 turn their points into raffle tickets. In most cases points get reset at the end of each week. If you would like more information on the Class Dojo tool you can check it out at [www.classdojo.com/#LearnMore](http://www.classdojo.com/#LearnMore).



## CHILD PROTECTION

Holy Child Boys' NS is compliant on child protection matters under *Children First: National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children (2011)*. In this regard, all concerns/disclosures involving Child Protection or child welfare issues are reported to the Designated Liaison Person (DLP), Ms. Timmons and in her absence to the Deputy DLP, Mr. O' Rourke. Any concerns/disclosures are also reported to the Board of Management.

## ATTENDANCE

We know there has been a lot of illness lately and our attendance is down on this time last year but we hope that this can be improved upon over the coming months.

## CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The boys are very excited about their trip to the Helix next month to see the Pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'. 1st, 2nd & 3rd class will go on Tuesday 5th while 4th, 5th & 6th class go on Tuesday 12th of December. (Oh yes they will!)



## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

*Holy Child BNS Parents' Association (PA) are inviting boys to wear their Christmas jumper to school on Friday 15th of December to kick off the festive season! To further entice us all into the festive spirit, we are hosting a Christmas Raffle on the same day. We have sourced a range of great prizes ranging from SIGNED Gaelic footballs, Smyths vouchers, Easons vouchers, toys and sweets... Raffle tickets go on sale - in class - from Monday 4th to Thursday 14th of December (€1 per strip). On the day itself, we would ask for a donation of €1 for the festive 'Jumper Day'. All funds raised go towards enabling the PA to do much more for our boys in 2018. If you're thinking about becoming involved in the PA or have some ideas/suggestions, we would love to hear from you! Contact details at [www.holychildbns.ie/parent-association](http://www.holychildbns.ie/parent-association) Pictured below are some of our lovely prizes!*



## GAA COACHING

We welcome Seán Cleary, our new GAA coach from Whitehall Colmcille who will work with the boys on Thursdays. A huge thank you to our last coach, Niall Williams, for all the great work he did with us over the past couple of years. I'm sure Seán will prove just as popular a visitor to our school and the boys look forward to perfecting their skills under his guidance! He has already started coaching 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Room 8 boys.

## TEAM HOPE SHOEBOX APPEAL

A big thank you on behalf of Team Hope for all your donations for their recent shoebox appeal. Ms. McQuillan co-ordinated the appeal and was delighted that over 75 shoeboxes were filled! Pictured left are some of the boys who helped load the van when the boxes were collected.

Around the classes...

### ROOM 4

We have been very busy learning about subtraction, tens and units, word problems, the Sahara Desert and games played long ago. We especially enjoyed playing Blind Man's Buff and Tip the Can. We have been doing lots of reading and writing. We are very excited to have started our GAA coaching with Seán from Whitehall Colmcille.



### ROOM 5

Happy Birthday to Oisín, Brian and Tevin who all celebrated their birthday this month. Congratulations to our recent 'Pupil of the Week' winners Charlie, Luca, Tevin and Hasan. This month we are praying for all the holy souls - we have created a special Remembrance Tree. We painted beautiful winter landscapes for Art. We are having lots of fun learning the song Séamaisín as Gaeilge. 1st class are enjoying reading lots of interesting books during Power Hour each morning. We are all working hard trying to improve our handwriting.



### ROOM 6

We had a great time on our Halloween holidays and we all enjoyed dressing up and trick or treating. Last week we had a show and tell where we brought in something special to us and talked to the class about it. We have been learning all about hundreds, tens and units and all the Irish words for lots of different food. In history we are reading about Grainne O'Malley. We have been singing lots of songs and we made lovely penguins in Art. Congratulations to Skandan and Mikolaj who celebrate their birthdays this month.



### ROOM 8

Happy birthday to Soham, Kacper and Jack who all celebrated November birthdays. Well done to recent student of the week winners, Jasem, Ezekiel, Seán and Kacper. We really enjoyed reading the letters from our new penpals and we loved writing back to them too. We recently learned about native Irish trees in SESE. We are constructing boxes made out of lollipop sticks in art at the moment.



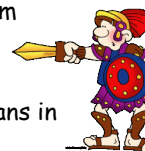
### ROOM 9

We've had a very busy month in room 9. We began our winter art and created beautiful winter scenes, snowy silhouettes and we followed instructions to draw a penguin. We have learned a poem called 'Once there was a snowman' and added actions to the words. In English we began narrative writing and we are working hard at revising and editing before we can publish our work. We really enjoyed our first GAA lesson and we were delighted when Ms. Timmons awarded our class a point for our efforts and good behaviour. We were all very excited when Cody received a special delivery from the North Pole!! Well done to our recent student of the week winners Matthew, Cody and Hakesh.



### ROOM 12

Well done to Fionn Carroll who has moved up to the B squad with the Aer Lingus swimming club. Kaelem O'Hanlon recently scored 8 goals for Donnycarney FC in one match! Carl went on a tour of Dublin last weekend and his favourite part was seeing Áras an Uachtaráin. We made some lovely winter art using chalk and paper and we learned a winter song. Brendan from Dublin bus visited our class to talk about good behaviour on the buses. We are learning about fractions in Maths and Romans in History at the moment.



### ROOM 13

We've been very busy in room 13 learning all about the Sumerians of Mesopotamia in history. We even learned how to write in their ancient script and wrote our own names in that style. We are really looking forward to starting our GAA lessons with our new coach Seán from Whitehall Colmcille. We've also been trying really hard to learn our multiplication tables. Well done to Jeron Jojo and Conor Lawrence, this month's winners of pupil of the week.



### ROOM 14

We have been working on our speed and fitness and we are attempting to complete 5 laps per day! We have noticed that our fitness has improved a lot. We love our dance lessons in DCU and learned some new moves. Kevin, Ryan and Cian were voted best movers! Kurt's baby brother Larsson was christened this month. Sam Donohoe had a fantastic time when he went to see the Wild Lights in Dublin Zoo and would highly recommend it!



### ROOM 19

We are really lucky to get the opportunity to do dance lessons up in DCU. We learned some great moves in our first session and are already looking forward to the next one! In Gaeilge we are doing the theme 'Siopadóireacht' so in Art we designed our own shopping bags. We came up with very creative names for our own shops and brands! We also worked on beautiful chalk winter scenes in art inspired by the recent cold weather. Calum Jenkins got the chance to go to Manchester with his football club, St Malachy's where he was very excited to get to see Manchester United play. We say happy birthday to Michael, Dumitru, Daniel and Mark this month.



### ROOM 18

Birthday wishes go to Adam and James this month. Our recent student of the week winners are Adam, Luke Browne and Harry. We celebrated Science Week in class this month by carrying out different experiments on refraction while studying light. We also started our projects on famous inventors throughout history. In Art we had great fun making stained glass symbols, sketches and tree silhouettes on different skylines. We are enjoying keeping fit and we were delighted to begin our dance classes in DCU last Friday. We are busy in class getting ready to write book reports and we are studying fractions in Maths.

