

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL

Student Council Newsletter (Halloween Edition)



Introduction:

Hello and welcome to the Holy Family Senior School newsletter. We are so excited to show you what we have done already this year!

Mark your Calendar

October 27th - Halloween Disco

October 27th - Halloween Holidays

October 29th - Clocks go back one hour

October 30th - National Breadstick Day

October 31st - Halloween

November 6th - Return to School

November 11th - Origami Day

November 12th - Diwali

November 13th - World Kindness Day

Meet the members of the Student Council

Aoife McEvoy ; Ms. Moloney

Jade O'Brien ; Mr. Miller

Taya Taisija Peciulyte ; Mr. Finn

Max Kane ; Mr. Malone

Faye Miley ; Mr. Walsh

Kevin Manoj ; Ms. Dooley

Tierna Marum ; Ms. Duff

Orla Holohan; Ms. Redmond

Ruby Browne; Ms. Whelan

Livia Brainard; Mr. Finlay

Mya Dunne ; Ms. O'Keefe

Aneeqa Bibi; Ms. Feighery

Ryan Walsh; Mr. O'Loughlin

Melay Tinoo ; Mr. O'Shea



October Through The Years (By Max Kane)

October 1st 1888: The first issue of National Geographic was published.

October 1st 1890: Yosemite Park was established.

October 1st 1959: The television series The Twilight Zone premiered.

October 1971: Walt Disney World opened in Orlando, Florida.

October 13th: National Train Your Brain Day.

October 13th: In 2023, October 13th is a Friday!

Traditions in October throughout the years:

There are many traditions in October like Pchum Ben, Yom Kipper, Diwali and the most popular trick or treating.

Famous people born in October:

The investor Bill Gates, American musician Tommy Lee, Songwriter Alan Jackson and Actress Julie Andrews.

FUN FACT! The birthstone of October is **Opal!**

Student Council Buddies (By the Student's Council)

The members of the student council are from 5th and 6th classes. We introduced a Student Council Buddy System this year. Each member is buddied up with a younger class which they visit to hear all the exciting things that have been happening. We have had such a busy start of term and here's just a taster of what all the classes have been up to.

Eimear and Aoife's STAR classes

Our STAR classes did cooking/baking on Fridays. Eimear's class is full to the brim with colour and intelligent young kids. Manners are 10\10, outstanding behaviour. The STAR classes visited Mountmellick library where they got a tour and saw some amazing art work. They also went on a nature walk which all of the children loved.

3rd and 4th Class Activities

- The 3rd classes had a visit from the circus, saw some amazing acts and learned tips for tricks. Some of the teachers even dressed up as clowns with a big red nose and wigs!
- All of the 3rd classes had GAA training and they really enjoyed it.
- A fun trip to the newly opened library.
- A really exciting project with Michelle from Laois Heritage making things from recyclable materials.
- A carbon footprint walk in the park
- Fabulous Autumn wreaths and emotion potions.
- Spooky Halloween art & Halloween art in a jar
- Scarecrow art using cereal boxes.
- Ms. Gleeson's class hosted assembly where they said a poem and showed their amazing talents.
- The 4th classes had rugby training and are really looking forward to their blitz.
- Maths trail and orienteering to celebrate Maths Week
- Tim Burton inspired art.
- Mindfulness activities
- Ms. Cahill got behind St. Josephs and Ms. Donegan was supporting Portlaoise in their joint noticeboard displaying both teams colours!
- Zoom call with Irish rower - Philip Doyle.
- Making and publishing a book!

5th and 6th Class Activities

- Maths orienteering and Maths trails for Maths Week.
- Spooky Halloween art based on "The Scream".
- Lots of Portlaoise art work to support the footballers in the county finals.
- Ms. Redmond's class hosted assembly where they sang Ireland's call, said a spooky poem, and showcased their many talents.
- Learning a selection of tunes on tin whistle.
- Attended beginning of year mass where Mr. Finn's class led the prayers and readings.
- The student's council welcomed the Portlaoise ladies team to the school with their trophy. We also welcomed some of the men's team before their county final.
- The boy's and girl's teams have been training hard and have had away and home matches as part of the Cumann na Mbunscol.
- The school debating team was picked from the students of 6th class. Well done to Leah, Zoe, Sam, Millie, Kate and Max.
- We all took part in different activities such as exercises and dance for European Week of Sports.
- Mr. Walsh and his class organized GOAL Jersey Day which raised €485 for the Irish charity GOAL.

History of Halloween

(By Faye Miley)

- Halloween evolved from an ancient Celtic holiday called Samhain. Celts believed on the night before the new year, the boundary between the worlds of the living and the dead became "blurred".
- The main concept of people wearing costumes like ghosts is so we can ward off the ghosts and blend in with them.
- Halloween was invented in Ireland. The roots of Hallowe'en can be traced back to over 2,000 years ago.
- The name "Halloween" stands for All Hallows' Eve
- Many countries celebrate Halloween such as England, France, Germany, Canada and the United States.

Jokes (By Aoife McEvoy & Kevin Manoj)

What is a snake's favourite subject?
Hissssssstory.

What type of dog does a magician have?
LabracadaBrador. 🐶

Why did the student eat his homework? Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake. 🍰

What do you call a bear with no teeth?
A Gummy bear. 🐻

What did the ghost teacher say to her class?
Watch the board I'll go through it again!

What is a witch's favourite subject? Spelling!

How are vampires like false teeth?
They both come out at night!

What's the problem with twin witches?
You never know which witch is which

Riddles

1. What has many keys but can't open the door?
2. What has many rings but no fingers?

The students at the Star Centre put so much effort into their art. Superb work by them.
Orla Holohan

Ms. Brennan's third class did a lot of fun things they went to GAA training and said it was fun. They learned multiplication for the first time.
Kevin Manoj

I really enjoyed my visit to Ms Sheehan's class and I was made very welcome Thanks for sharing your week with me. See ye all soon have a good week.
Aoife McEvoy

Ms Sherlock's class had a fun GAA match against Ms Donegan's class. They had two matches. The first match Ms Donegan's class picked up a strong win. Their second match Ms Sherlock's class came back and won.
Max Kane

Committees in our School:

Green Schools Committee - The Green Schools Committee have been working hard on making us all more aware how we travel and how our choices can really affect the earth.

Active Committee - The Active Committee have been encouraging us all to run our laps daily and to try and exercise as much as we can. Each week they pick the most active class who get a trophy for their hard work.

Student's Council - The Students Council have been busy hosting assemblies, meeting their buddy class, making this newsletter and recording our first podcast!

HOLY FAMILY SENIOR SCHOOL TOTALLY ROCKED IN NATIONAL TIMES TABLES COMPETITION

The pupils and staff at Holy Family Senior School are incredibly excited to announce that they came 29th place in Ireland Rocks - a times tables competition run by the internationally renowned, award-winning app and learning platform, Times Tables Rock Stars.



Ireland Rocks required children to correctly answer as many multiplication and division questions as possible, to give their class and school the best chance of winning.

The competition was fierce with 12,157,817 questions answered collectively by 15,635 pupils from more than 281 schools and 1,072 classes around the country!

Our school stats were astonishing too. On average our top class Ms. Dooley's, answered 3420 questions correctly per pupil, with the best-performing pupil Evan Branagan answering an amazing 7,698 questions correctly in total!! Ms. Dooley's class ranked number 15 out of the 982 classes that took part. We are very proud of everyone who took part!

Thanks to all of our contributors from the Student's Council (pictured below) who made this issue possible.

Riddle answers!

1. A piano
2. A telephone

