

# 50th ANNIVERSARY NEWSLETTER



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ANNIVERSARY

**8TH DECEMBER  
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT  
DAY (PARENT MEET-  
INGS)**

**14TH DECEMBER  
PRIMARY 1/2 PLAY**

**15TH DECEMBER  
PRIMARY 3/4 PLAY**

**16TH DECEMBER  
PRIMARY 5/6/7 PLAY**

**21ST DECEMBER  
SCHOOL CLOSES FOR  
CHRISTMAS**

Welcome to our 50th Anniversary Newsletter. We have already started the year with special events celebration 50 years the Holy Family Primary School has been providing a high quality education for the children of Teconnaught and beyond from this present site. We opened our new school building this year to coincided with our Anniversary .



We would like to thanks Fr Eugene and Fr Paddy for the statue of the Holy Family.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**5TH DECEMBER  
PRIMARY 7 TRIP TO  
CASTLEWARD**

**6TH DECEMBER  
CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**7TH DECEMBER  
OPEN MORNING  
CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME**



## A Short History of Education in Teconnaught

Hallowe'en Learning Through Play

Primary 1 and 2 made potions in the Potion Shop and designed skeleton masks!

To celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our school the former principal of Holy Family, Mr Denis Cahill, has written a book, 'A Short History of Education in Teconnaught'. Mr Cahill's book brought great publicity to our school with major features in both The Down Recorder and The Irish News. The book was launched to coincide with the opening of our new hall and it proves to be a very interesting and informative document of our local history which will benefit future generations interested in our school's rich history. Copies are still available from Miss Karen Smyth or McGrath's shop for £6.



## Mrs Pauline Beattie—Retirement

Holy Family Primary school had to say goodbye to Mrs Pauline Beattie who has been an important part of local education for over 30 years. Mrs Beattie has helped ensure that pupils at Holy Family have had a great start to their education. She will be sorely missed.

Mrs Beattie taught primary one,  
And she made it so much fun,  
She taught us how to read and write,  
And gave us tasks to do at night.

All the kids just love their school,  
Because Mrs Beattie was so cool.  
Mrs Beattie was great at sport,  
Especially on the netball court,  
She put us through the netball drills,  
And polished all our shooting skills.

It is now time for her to go,  
And we are going to miss her so,  
But we wish her the very best,  
And hope she'll have a lovely rest,  
For in the mornings she can snooze,  
Or go off on a Winter's Cruise.  
You'll always be a special part,  
Of Holy Family Primary's heart.

By Anna Tokic



## 50th Anniversary Mass

On the 9th October a special recording was made by BBC Radio Ulster of our 50th Anniversary mass. Thank you to everyone involved in making the day so special. Those who missed it can hear it on our website [www.holyfamilyps.co.uk](http://www.holyfamilyps.co.uk)



## Assumption Grammar Drama

On the 27th of October Primary 7 pupils visited the Assumption Grammar school where the year 8 and 9 pupils gave drama performances. It was great catching up with our old pupils, thanks to the drama department for their hospitality.



## Visit from Bishop Noel Treanor



We were fortunate to have Bishop Treanor visit our school on Friday 7th October to perform the official opening of our new hall. We were joined by our parish priests, local politicians, representatives of other local schools, members of the board of governors, past teachers and most importantly our pupils. We thank Bishop Treanor for making this opening an extra special day. Bishop Treanor paid particular attention to our school motto, *"In Our Hands We Hold the Future, In His Hands He Holds Us."*

## A Day In The Life—1985

Our school website includes a video of recently unearthed footage from an old videotape taken of the 1985 Share Centre trip. This clip gives a lovely insight into Holy Family Primary school, 31 years ago, and we get to see what has changed since then. Can you spot any parents, relatives or teachers in this clip?



## Gaelic Team—Canon Esler

Our school Gaelic team were victorious in the Downpatrick regional heat of the Canon Esler Gaelic tournament. Well done to all the boys (and the two girls) who represented our school so well. Holy Family were undefeated against St. Patrick's Saul, Our Lady and St. Patrick's Downpatrick, St. Colmcille's Downpatrick and St. Patrick's Legamaddy. Special thanks must be given to Joe Napier and all at Teconnaught GAC for their help and assistance. Well done everyone!

## Manga High—Maths Week Ireland

Congratulations to all those who took part in this year's Maths Week Ireland, Manga High challenge. Our school came 11th out of all of Ireland. 32,124 pupils took part and we were fortunate to have 2 pupils who came in the top ten! Special congratulations to Bebhionn Rogan and T.J. Hill who came 3rd and 7th respectively out of everyone involved. A fantastic achievement! Both pupils will win £10 Amazon vouchers and the following pupils will receive a medal from Manga High for scoring over 150 points. Great work everyone!

Bebhionn Rogan (1010 points), T.J. Hill (937 points), Sean Murphy (831 points), Kathryn Twomey (525 points), Sean Rafferty (464 points), Lucas Twomey (427 points), Conor Davis (383 points), Thomas Napier (369 points), Eamon McKinney (368 points), Eoin McCaughley (333 points), Patrick Gillooly (288 points), Patrick Robb (275 points), Sarah McPolin (267 points), Patrick Madine (262 points), Niall Robb (239 points), Johnathan Dalzell (234 points), Charlie Wright (227 points), Joseph Maginn (216 points), Brendan Maguire (200 points), Paul Flanagan (185 points), Claire Green (184 points), Will Moore (167 points), Patrick Quinn (164 points), Dylan O'Neill (160 points), Ethan Smyth (160 points), Eoin Smyth (156 points), Charlotte Crothers (154 points), Robbie Thompson (153 points), Lorcan Murray (152 points), Katie Russell (152 points) and Thomas Hanlon (152 points).



## Friends of Holy Family—New iPad Airs purchased

Thanks you to our PTA who were responsible for the purchasing of 9 new iPad Air 2 tablets which will add to our existing resources to ensure ICT continues to grow at Holy Family.



## Primary 3—Assembly

Primary 3 carried out a spooky, Halloween-themed X-Factor assembly. It was great fun to see the talent of the contestants. You all gave 110% and are going through to the next round. Great work judges!



