



October Newsletter



A message from Mrs Lewis

It has been a wonderful first term of the year at school with lots of activities to keep everyone busy and having fun!

Everyone has taken the time to get to know their friends and teachers after the summer break and relationships are developing strongly. A big welcome to our Junior Infants and new pupils throughout the school who have settled beautifully and are a part of our school family. I'd like to wish everyone a very happy Halloween break and to remind you all to stay safe particularly where there are sparklers or fireworks. Enjoy the spooky fun everyone!

BACK TO
SCHOOL

Board of Management

Our Board of Management work constantly behind the scenes to ensure we can deliver the best quality of education for all. Thank you to our Chairperson, Canon Munster and board members, Marie, Bernie, Siobhán, Aiden, Adrian and Lorraine for all their hard work. For more information and Agreed Reports check www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie

Visit our School Website & Social Media Pages

www.HolyFamilyBallyshannon.ie

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Elementary-School/Holy-Family-National-School-443493775761145/>



Remember to read our Acceptable Use Policy:

https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/uploads/8/7/3/8/87385194/2024_acceptable_use_policy__2_.pdf

Active Schools

Our Active School team have been really busy this term! The following events took place:

- Cross Country Race
- Cycle Bus
- Relays Takeover
- Football Autumn League
- Creepy Corridor Dash
- Halloween Disco

<https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/active-school-2425.html>

Parents' Association



Our Parents Association had their AGM last Monday and the election of this year's committee took place. many thanks to all who attended and for the wonderful support we receive from our Parents' Association. The Halloween Disco is the first fundraiser of the year with proceeds being split between Trick or Treat for Sick Children and our PA. All funds the Parents' Association raise go straight to our pupil's education activities and enjoyment and it's great to be able to treat our pupils with their help

Green Schools

We are delighted to have received our second Green Flag based on the theme of "Water" last year. Our newly elected Green School Committee are now working with our school community towards the next flag, themed "Travel." See information on our school webpage: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/green-schools.html>



Hot Lunches

Free hot lunches are now being delivered to the school. Now that children have gotten a chance to taste the food and make preferences you can change them weekly. Please ensure your choices have been made by Thursday each week for the change to come into effect the following Monday. More information is available on the Fresh Today website www.freshtoday.ie Mrs McGinn can assist anyone having difficulty logging in. 😊



Farewell John! John Bradley(SNA) has left our school to embark on an adventure with his daughter Muireann. Wishing John & Muireann every success in the future.

HSCL Home School Community Liaison

Mrs McGinn is available to support the families in our school. She is

available on 0830094276 or

mrmcgin@holyfamilyballyshannon.ie

Some of this term's activities are:

- Stronger Start Grocery Bags
- Junior Infant Homework Support for Parents/Guardians
- Art Therapy
- Shoe Box Appeal
- Dance Fit Classes for Parents/Guardians

For all your HSCL news and information please click the following link to our website:

<https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/home--school-support.html>

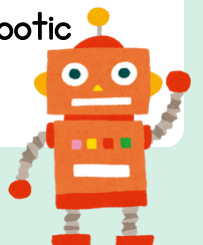


Amber Flag

The Amber Flag Committee have been elected this year and continue to ensure our school remains a positive caring environment that promotes well being. We have registered to participate in the Amber Flag programme once again this year and look forward to wonderful activities such as anti-bullying week and friendship week. The new Bí Cineáltas Guidelines have been launched by the Department of Education and our whole school will be involved in their development.

VEX Robotics

Mr. Foley's 5th & 6th Class are participating in an exciting new robotics project VEX. They will participate in innovative workshops to promote STEM thinking and skills. This will prepare our students to participate in the VEX robotic tournament.



WELCOME ✕
to the TEAM

Welcome! to Lisa Coughlin and Paulina Zarebska who have joined our SNA Team and to Ms Emer Johoston who is teaching 4th & 5th Class.



Ukulele Programme DMEP

Our ukulele programme is up and running again this year in 4th, 5th and 6th Classes. Welcome to Nao our new Ukulele tutor. Nao has been working hard with the classes and beautiful tunes have been permeating the corridors. Ukulele takes place every Wednesday afternoon.



Sacramental Classes



Confirmation will take place on the 17th May at Ilam in Bundoran Church. First Penance will take place on 11th March at 10:30am in St Joseph's Church, Ballyshannon. Communion will take place on the 24th May in St Joseph's Church, Ballyshannon at Ilam. In preparation for our sacraments and as part of our Catholic School Ethos 2nd-6th Class are attending mass regularly throughout the term in St. Joseph's Church.

The Book Fair was a great success again this year. Thank you to everyone who supported it, we will again benefit from receiving free books for classes to enjoy!

New Uniform

Our new active uniform looks really smart, everyone is cosy and comfortable. It is available year round via the online shop. One active uniform worn daily, no variations permitted with the exception of plain navy shorts in warmer weather. Order online:

[Holy Family NS Ballyshannon - O'Reilly Sports \(oreillysofficial.com\)](http://HolyFamily.NS.Ballyshannon-O'Reilly.Sports(oreillysofficial.com))



Wainfest & Library Visits

Many classes enjoyed a trip to the Abbey Centre to see Kensuki's Kingdom as part of the Wainfest Celebrations.

We are also delighted to see Ballyshannon Library open again and classes have enjoyed activities and visits to the library. This is in no small part thanks to Mr Sweeny who has written letters with his classes to have the library reopened since its closure.

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and **INCLUSIVE**
Learning
ENVIRONMENT

News from the Classes

Click the link to take you to the class page on our school website

If your browser won't bring you to the page you can access everything on www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie

Junior Infants: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/junior-infants--ms-martin.html>

Senior Infants: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/senior-infants--ms-mullaney.html>

First Class: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/1st-class--mr-mc-groary.html>

Second Class: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/2nd-class--ms-currnan.html>

Third Class: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/3rd-class--mr-sweeny.html>

4th & 5th Class: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/4th--5th--ms-currnan-ms-johnston.html>

5th & 6th Class: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/5th--6th-class--mr-foley.html>

Rock Hub, MS McNally: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/rock-hub-1--ms-mc-nally.html>

Rock Hub, MS Brennan: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/rock-hub-2--ms-brennan.html>

SET MS Maguire: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/set--ms-maguire.html>

SET, MS Sweeney: <https://www.holyfamilyballyshannon.ie/set-ms-sweeney.html>

Dates to Remember

Parent-Teacher Meetings 12th & 13th November

Election Closure: Date to be confirmed

Christmas holidays: School closed at 12:30 20th December

School reopens 6th January