



Holy Family Community School

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Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Applied Class of 2025 High Achievers

We were delighted to welcome back to school, the students from the Leaving Certificate & Leaving Certificate Applied Class of 2025 who achieved over 500 points, or a Distinction, in their examinations. It was wonderful to be able to welcome them back, and discuss what the future holds for them. With such a varied range of courses and plans, we wish them the very best of luck in their next chapter.

Culture Day 2025

In September, we celebrated Culture Day in HFCS. We had a Global Village event, with over 30 stalls celebrating almost 40 cultures from around the world, of students in our school. Students wore traditional dress, prepared traditional meals, and provided a huge amount of information about their family's heritage. It was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all who attended!



Transition Year

Transition Year has been action-packed for all students! They have taken part in a wide range of activities, workshops, and events, such as a trip to Liliput Adventure Centre and Zipit High Wire Experience.

Students also developed a range of skills through a number of workshops they participated in. They learned valuable self defence skills with a Personal Safety workshop, and gained a lot of food for thought from a recent guest speaker about sustainability in our lives.

They will continue to be busy after Halloween, with work experience around the corner - we are extremely appreciative of and grateful to businesses who open their doors to welcome our students, and give them such valuable experience.





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3rd Year Killary Trip

This term, our 3rd year students embarked on an exhilarating trip to Killary Adventure Centre in Leenane, Galway.

During their stay, students participated in activities such as bog hopping, trad sessions and high ropes courses. These activities challenged their physical and mental limits, fostering teamwork, problem-solving skills, and resilience. The trip was a comprehensive educational experience, aligning with the PE curriculum and promoting personal growth. Students returned with enhanced physical skills and valuable life lessons in teamwork and resilience.



Numeracy Week

This year's Numeracy Week was a huge success, with students of all year groups diving into a series of exciting and engaging activities designed to celebrate the power of numbers and words. From solving puzzles to creating artwork, the week was packed with fun ways to explore how numeracy and literacy shape our world beyond the classroom.

For the First Year students, the Numeracy Escape Room was a thrilling experience. Armed with clues, codes, and problem-solving skills, teams raced against the clock to unlock a series of challenges. It was a fun and interactive way for the students to see that maths isn't just about equations on a page—it's about thinking critically and working together to solve problems.



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Sporting Success!

A massive thank you and well done to all of our students who took part in the recent school sports trials across a variety of disciplines. It has been a fantastic start to the sporting year, with plenty to celebrate already!

Our U19 Girls Basketball Team began their season in style, securing an impressive 62-6 victory over Mount Anville. Meanwhile, our Senior Camogie Team also enjoyed success with a great win against Luttrellstown Community School.

These outstanding performances highlight the dedication, teamwork, and talent of our students. Congratulations to all involved — we look forward to many more sporting achievements in the months ahead!



We'd like to wish a very happy Halloween and a wonderful midterm break to all our students, staff, parents, and members of the local community. May it be a time of fun, rest, and plenty of sweet treats!

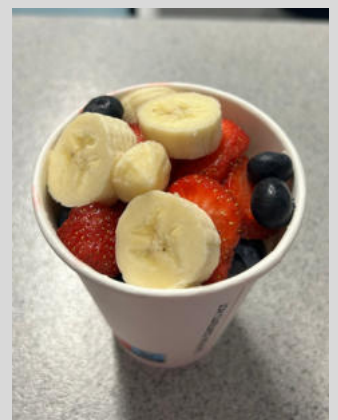


Third Year Home Economics

Our Third Year students have been busy in the kitchen over the past few weeks, creating a variety of healthy and delicious dishes as part of their preparation for their upcoming cookery exam.

Their culinary creations have included homemade vegetable soup, freshly baked sausage rolls, and vibrant granola bowls. This gives students an opportunity to showcase their growing skills and creativity.

Well done to all our young chefs for their hard work, teamwork, and enthusiasm. Keep up the fantastic effort!



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