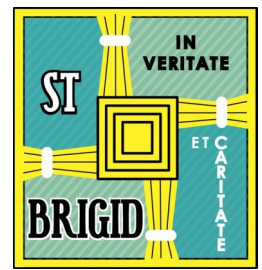




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



April 2017

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

We were delighted to receive our third Eco Schools Green Flag in the post this week. The Green Flag is awarded for all the work we do looking after our school and the wider environment. Many thanks to Mrs Moretti and the Eco Committee for encouraging us to be more environmentally friendly.

The children have had so many interesting experiences during this our annual health week. Activities have included learning about healthy eating by making simple dishes and trying different foods, road safety and trying new sports. Thank you to all the our staff and partners who supported the activities and particularly to Ms Doherty for coordinating a very full timetable.

In the last edition of the newsletter I let you know about the additional funding available to the school as part of the Pupil Equity Fund. Thank you to those parents who came along to discuss how we could use the money. Our proposals have been sent to the Executive Director. Our school improvement plan for next year will continue to have a strong focus on developing literacy and numeracy as these skills are essential to give children access to the whole curriculum.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken the time to give us feedback using the online Survey Monkey link. The survey has now closed. Last March parents were given an opportunity to provide feedback on the work of the school. Staff work very hard to do their best for the children and it gave everyone a real boost to read all the positive comments made by our parents and carers. Please see over the page for an update on how we have responded to some of your feedback from last year, or an explanation as to why we have not been able to make a change you suggested.

The Mini Vinnies group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated food and toiletries to the South East food bank. Your support is very much appreciated.

Mrs Din begins her maternity leave at the beginning of next term. I am sure everyone would like to wish her well for the birth of her baby. Mrs R O'Neill will teach P5/4 until the supply team is able to source a replacement teacher.

I hope you have a lovely holiday with the children, blessed with some bright Spring weather.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Familiarisation Afternoons for new P1 Children

Those children and parents who will be joining us in Primary 1 in August are invited to visit the school and meet some of the staff on

Wednesday 10 May
1:30—2:45
and
Tuesday 23 May
1:30—2:45

These afternoons will help the children to feel happy and secure starting school and parents and carers will have an opportunity to hear something about life and learning in Primary 1. We are looking forward to seeing everyone.



RAG BAG Thursday 11 May

If you are having a Spring clear out during the Easter holiday, please remember to keep any unwanted clothing, shoes, bags and belts for our Rag Bag collection which helps school funds and contributes towards our Eco Schools status.



School Holidays

Spring Break
school closes at 2:30pm
Friday 31 March
and reopens
Tuesday 18 April

May holidays
Monday 1 May
Thursday 4 May (In-service Day)
Friday 26 May
Monday 29 May





Diary Dates

Fri 31 Mar	School closes at 2:30pm for Easter Holiday
Tues 18 April	School reopens at 9:00am Second P7 swimming block begins
Thurs 20 April	Parent Council meeting at 7pm
Tues 25 April	P7 and choir to Mass in St Andrew's Cathedral with Archbishop Philip
Wed 26 April	Ms Jones to visit P1 in St Fillan's Primary
Fri 28 April	Fluoride varnishing for P1–P4 children
Mon 1 May	Holiday
Tues 2 May	P1 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' Primaries to visit P1a and Ms Jones
Wed 3 May	Mrs Scott to whole city primary headteachers' meeting
Thurs 4 May	In-service Day—school closed for children
Wed 10 May	Induction afternoon for new P1 children 1:30pm–1:45pm
Fri 12 May	Mrs Scott to Archdiocesan headteachers' conference
Sun 21 May	First Holy Communion in St Brigid's Church
Tues 23 May	p7 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' Primary to visit Mr Woods and P7 Induction afternoon for new P1 children 1:30pm–1:45pm
Fri 26 May	Holiday
Mon 29 May	Holiday
Sat 3 June	Summer Fete organised by Parent Council

A list of school holidays for the session can be found at:
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?>

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Parent / Carer Survey 2016 What you said & What we did



Reward system for healthy eating

We have introduced Fruity Friday. Each week, the class in which the largest number of children bring a piece of fruit receives 5 community stars and a *fruit bowl* on the chart in the assembly hall. At the end of the year, the class with the most fruit bowls will receive a special award.

More after school clubs and a younger football team

So far this session, 74% of the children have attended one or more of 20 before/after school clubs delivered by a wide range of partners. Children in P4 & P5 have opportunities to play football matches against other schools. Open training will be offered to these stages next term.

Regular book club

Mrs R O'Neill offered after school library sessions for P2 and P3 children and their parents. This was not well attended and the number of sessions was reduced. However, we will offer this opportunity again next session.

Let children in to school before 9:00am

We are unable to do this routinely as we have no staff supervision before 9:00am. However, we try our best in severe weather conditions.

Use other social media sites

Social media can be a wonderful tool but updating accounts is very time consuming. A small group of staff has now undertaken training which will allow us to include more information on our website and keep it up to date. We feel that it is best to use the time that we have to make good use of Twitter and the website.

Change sports day to traditional races -

The 'potted sports' model for sports' day follows guidance from Glasgow's PE, Physical Activity and Sport team. This model allows children to be actively involved throughout and everyone's points count towards the team score. This will be our tenth year using this format and it is very popular with the children who participate so enthusiastically and get very excited about the team scores. While we understand that it is not ideal for families to spectate from behind the fence we feel this is the safest option.

Dogs in the playground and cars on the pavement

We have continued to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on school property and that cars should be parked safely and considerately. We rely on our families to adhere to these rules and thank the many families who park sensibly and leave dogs at home.

Your feedback is important to us and is always given careful consideration.