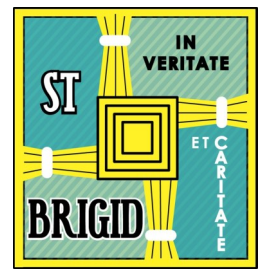




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



April 2018

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

It was good to meet so many of our parents and carers at yesterday's individual parents' meetings. It is encouraging to see and hear how much our families value learning and the support you give to the children. We also appreciate the support of the community partners who set up information stalls in the assembly hall. I hope that you found this useful. Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the evaluation questionnaire; your views are important to us and will be used to inform our improvement planning for next session.

Our children continue to compete at a high level in sporting events. Following on from the badminton team being placed 6th in the Scottish schools' championships, Adenike Olaobaju and Charlotte Richards will represent Glasgow at the inter-area Scottish badminton championships. The netball team won through two rounds of local heats to reach the Glasgow finals in June and the athletics squad came third overall in the Glasgow SE event at the Emirates Arena and has qualified for the Glasgow finals. Eseosa Agbonkonkon won individual gold medals for the long jump and shot-put and Mary Anunobi won silver in the long jump. The dance team also competed in the Holyrood heats of City of Dance. I am so impressed with the dedication shown by our young sports' people who often come to school early to train.

Last Friday we had a fantastic Green Day when the children were out and about learning in the school grounds and the local environment. Many thanks to the Eco Committee for organising so many activities. Today we are enjoying a rescheduled World Book Day by taking part in lots of reading activities dressed in our pyjamas. You can find lots of photographs of events on Twitter @St BrigidsPS. There is certainly never a dull moment in St Brigid's!

We have continued to give special attention to our spiritual life during this holy season of Lent. P7 led us in Stations of the Cross during their class assembly earlier in March. Yesterday the whole school was involved in praying the Stations of the Cross, beginning and ending in the hall and visiting each classroom around the school for a different Station. This was a new way of praying the Stations and proved to be a very successful way of engaging the children in Jesus' Passion. Thank you for continuing to support our Lenten charity, Missio. The children's donations will be given to Archbishop Philip after the anniversary Mass.

As this term comes to a close, we are already planning for a very packed final term of the session. Everyone is very excited about celebrating the 60th anniversary of the opening of the school and you can find information about the main events over the page. Please let us know if you have any special stories. Perhaps your child is the 3rd or 4th generation of your family to attend St Brigid's or you were a member of the very first Primary 1!

This year's senior summer show will be Joseph and His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. Auditions have taken place and the main character parts allocated. Performance dates have yet to be decided and I would like to give you these in the next newsletter. I am sure they will be the hottest tickets in Glasgow!

I wish you all the Blessings of the Easter season and hope you have a lovely holiday with the children.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher



Health Week

Our 7th annual health week will take place between Monday 26 March and Thursday 29 March. Mrs McShane and the Health Committee have planned an alternative timetable for each class. Activities will include: cricket and other sports' taster sessions; oral health; healthy eating; road safety; Dogs' Trust and Scottish SPCA. As the children will be very active and to save constantly changing, everyone may wear sports' clothes all week.



Induction Programme for New P1 Children

Thursday 3 May
11:00am



Children who are due to start P1 in St Brigid's Primary in August are invited to come along to our computer suite and take part in fun literacy or numeracy activities. The children should be accompanied by mum, dad or another adult.

This has been rescheduled from 1 March when the school was closed due to snow.

Diary Dates April/May 2018



Mon 26 March	Health Week Dr Watters to work with Scottish College for Educational Leadership
Wed 28 March	Ms Sweeney's class to Scottish Country Dance showcase event Mrs Moretti to Glasgow Counts First Reconciliation in St Brigid's Church at 6pm
Thurs 29 March	School closes at 2:30pm
Mon 16 April	School reopens at 9:00am
Tues 17 April	Athletics team to Glasgow finals
Thurs 19 April	P3 classes to community event with Thistle Housing Mr Keddlity to RE Coordinators' meeting Parent Council 7:00pm in school
Mon 23 April	Attendance awards assembly
Tues 24 April	Pinsent Masons lawyers to work with Mrs O'Neill and P6
Thurs 26	P3 classes to community event with Thistle Housing
Fri 27 April	60th Anniversary Mass
Mon 30 April	60th Anniversary assembly 9:45
Wed 2 May	Mrs Scott to City Business Meeting
Thurs 3 May	Induction programme for new P1 children—computer fun at 11:00am
Mon 7 May	Holiday
Tues 8 May	In-service day for staff—school closed for children
Fri 11 May	Mrs Scott to Archdiocesan Headteachers' Conference
Mon 14 May	Class awards assembly
Mon 21 May	P2a class assembly—parents welcome Child Smile tooth varnishing
Tues 22 May	Child Smile tooth varnishing Pinsent Masons lawyers to work with Mrs O'Neill's P6
Wed 23 May	Mr Keddlity to Catholic leadership course
Fri 25 May	Holiday
Mon 28 May	Holiday

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60th Anniversary Celebrations

We are delighted that Archbishop Philip has agreed to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our school by saying Mass on Friday 27th April in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am— the school was officially opened on 29th April 1958. Please may we ask that all children wear shirts and school ties on that day. A number of volunteers are needed to accompany the children to Mass and ensure that we meet GCC health and safety requirements. Please give your name to the school office, if you are able to help.

Parents and St Brigid's Parish are invited to join us for a special assembly on Monday 30th April at 9:45am to celebrate the school's 60th anniversary. This will be led by P4 and will also involve children from other classes. While we would wish to accommodate everyone who would like to come, space in the hall is limited and places must be booked in advance by phoning the school office. Booking will open on Monday 23 April and places will be allocated on a first come basis.

There will be displays in hall demonstrating the children's learning around the celebrations and how we 'serve the common good'. Please feel free to visit.

Also as part of our anniversary celebrations, both primary 3 classes will be working with Thistle Housing residents looking at aspects of Toryglen in the past.



School Holidays

School will close for Spring Break
at 2:30pm on Thursday 2 March
and reopen on
Monday 16 April at 9:00am

May Holidays
Monday 7 May
Friday 25 May
Monday 28 May

Tuesday 8 May is an in-service day for staff when the school will be closed for children.

The term dates for sessions 2018/19 and 2019/20 have now been confirmed and can be found on <https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17024>.

