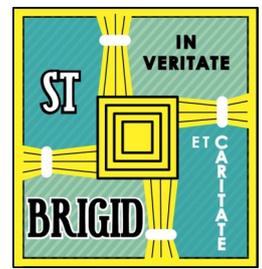




# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



December 2016

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

November has been another busy month full of success. For the third successive year, our choir was invited to open the Scottish Association for Language Teaching annual conference. The children sang in English, French and Spanish and were very well received with many delegates sharing their praises on Twitter. The choir also visited STV studios to record songs which will be broadcast on STV Glasgow on Christmas Day. The recording will then be available on STV Player for 30 days. Nine of our cross country runners qualified for the south area final with Evis Uwaifo finishing seventh. Our badminton squad were gold medal winners in a recent Holyrood Learning Community competition and the gymnastics squad did us proud at Gymfest. We are very proud of all the children.

We know that success in school is closely linked to good attendance. Glasgow City Council sets an attendance target of 95% for each child. At the end of October, 81% of the children received an attendance award for last term: 149 children had perfect attendance and 68 children 95% attendance or better – congratulations and well done! Can we make this number even higher when this term's certificates are given out in January?

When we ask what we can do to improve the education we provide, children and parents regularly request additional after school activities. This can be difficult to do within the limited funding we have available. I am, therefore, delighted by the wide range of activities that we have been able to offer so far this session. You can find a list of this term's sports' clubs over the page.

Earlier this month, we enrolled children who will join us in P1 next August. If you know anyone who has not yet registered, please ask them to contact the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you to all the adults who have accompanied the children to Mass and other outings: we would be unable to give the children these opportunities without you.

Our Christmas performances this year will include C.H.R.I.S.T.M.A.S performed by P1 and P2 children and Christmas Around the World by P3–P7 classes. December is looking busy so please check the diary carefully for activities relevant to your child's class.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Carol Scott**  
**Head Teacher**



## Christmas Events

### Nativity Play and Christmas Concert

Friday 16 December at 9:30am  
Monday 19 December at 1:30pm

Tickets, price £2 each (preschool children who sit on an adult's knee are free) will go on sale on Monday 5th December. To be fair to everyone, tickets will initially be offered at 2 per child. Any remaining tickets will be offered on a first come basis from Monday 12th December.

## Class Parties

Tuesday 20 December

Children may wear party clothes all day.



## Mini Vinnies Update

The Mini Vinnies would like to thank everyone who supported Fantastic Fundraising Friday in October for the Prince and Princess of Wales Hospice. We raised a wonderful £366.80!

This month the Mini Vinnies are asking for everyone to please support the Missio Scotland charity which helps children less fortunate all around the world. Each class has a collection box for any spare change which will go towards medical care, education and healthy meals for these children and every penny counts! The Bishops' Conference has asked that primary schools support Missio and that secondary schools donate to SCIAF.

In December the Mini Vinnies will be going to visit the residents at Orchard Grove Care and Day Centre to give Christmas cards, sing Christmas Carols and invite the residents to our own Nativity play and Christmas show.

## Parent Council

AGM

Thursday 24 November

7:00pm

All welcome



## Diary Dates

Thurs 24 Nov	Parent Council AGM 7pm in school
Mon 28 Nov	Rag Bag collection Ms Carlton and Mrs Scott to Glasgow Counts training
Tues 29 Nov	P5 & P5/4 to shipbuilding workshop at House for an Art Lover Selected children to football tournament with Mr Woods
Wed 30 Nov	Road Safety show for P1—P4 classes
Thurs 1 Dec	P4 to Festive Fuels at Glasgow Science Centre Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00
Sun 4 Dec	Family Christmas tree decorating in Mall's Mire with Urban Roots
Mon 5 Dec	Ms Carlton and Mrs Scott to Glasgow Counts training
Tues 6 Dec	P3 to magic show at Toryglen Community Hall Story time at 2:15pm for nursery children enrolled for school
Thurs 8 Dec	Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00
Mon 12 Dec	P1 & P2 classes to party in Geoff Shaw Centre. Children may wear party clothes all day.
Thurs 15 Dec	Cordia Christmas lunch (£1.70 for P4—P7 children who are not in receipt of free school meals)
Fri 16 Dec	Nativity play and Christmas concert at 9:30am
Mon 19 Dec	Nativity play and Christmas concert at 1:30am
Tues 20 Dec	Class Christmas parties
Wed 21 Dec	<b>School closes for Christmas holiday at 2:30pm</b>
<b>2017</b>	
Thurs 5 Jan	School reopens at 9:00am

A list of school holidays for the session can be found at:  
<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=17024>

## School Christmas Lunch

**Thursday 15 December**

£1:90 or free for all P1—P3 children and those in receipt of free school meals



## Sports' Clubs



In addition to 2 hours quality physical education each week, this term the children have continued to take part in sports' competitions and to have the opportunity to enjoy a range of additional sports' during the school day and after school.

Monday	P6/P7 gymnastics after school
Tuesday	P6/P7 badminton at lunchtime
Wednesday	P6/P7 cheerleading at lunchtime; P4/P5 tennis after school; P3 football after school
Thursday	P6/P7 badminton at lunchtime; P6/P7 football team after school; P3 fun games after school

Currently 57% of pupils have taken part in a sports club already this year (97% of P6/P7s, 61% of P4/P5s and 53% of P2/P3s). There has been no club yet for P1s, this will begin in January. There will also be other clubs for all stages beginning in the new year. Thank you to Mr Woods for all his work organising these additional opportunities, to Mr Cassidy for his work with the gymnastics squad and to Mr Flynn and Mr Welsh for helping with the football team.



## Rag Bag Collection

**Monday 28 November**

Are you thinking about having a pre-Christmas clear out? We would be delighted to have any clothing, bags and belts that you no longer need. The Rag Bag collection provides a donation to school funds and also contributes to our work as an Eco School. Items may be handed in to school from Thursday 24 November.

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