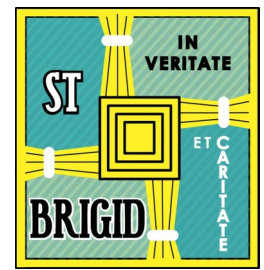




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



December 2017

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

It has been lovely to meet some of our new families whose children will be joining P1 in August. The children were able to come along this week and enjoy storytime in our school library and there will be further opportunities to visit the school in the new year. Glasgow introduced a new procedure this year with all enrolments for P1 being done on line. Please pass the word to anyone you know whose child is due to start school in August and has not already enrolled.

November saw us host another very successful World of Work day when our senior pupils had an opportunity to meet representatives of a wide range of occupations. We are very grateful to all the business partners who gave of their time to attend the event, many of whom complemented the children on their thoughtful questioning and enthusiasm. This last month also included financial education week when many classes invited parents and carers to share the children's learning in class; thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

It has been great to have children leading some of our assemblies this session. So far, P6 have shared their learning on the Church's liturgical calendar, P3 helped us learn about the Holy Rosary and P6/5 told us about why November is a special time in the Church's year. P5 parents are welcome to join us this coming Monday when the theme will be Advent. Over the course of the year, all P2—P7 classes will have an opportunity to lead an assembly.

The Mini Vinnies group would like to thank everyone for the generous donations to St Brigid's parish foodbank. During Advent we will prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus by supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. Please see the column opposite for details of our Advent charity work and thank you in anticipation of your generous support.

Many congratulations to our badminton squad which won the Holyrood Learning Community heats and have progressed to the Glasgow South area finals.

We have now created a display of many of the comments left on the Pupil Praise Wall during parents' night. Please have a look the next time you are in school.

Best wishes

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Mini Vinnies



Our Mini Vinnies group has organised a number of events during Advent and you will have already received an additional newsletter with more detailed information.

Christmas Clothes Day—Friday 8 December

Children can add something Christmassy to their uniform and we would ask that they bring a small donation for Archdiocesan St Nicholas' Care Fund on this day.

Christmas Cards and Decorations

We will be designing and making cards and decorations which will be sold in school and at the Christmas shows in December.

Christmas Crib Competition

Families are invited to discuss the Christmas story and make a crib at home out of card/paper/junk materials. Closing date for entries is Friday 15 December.

Orchard Grove Care Home

The school choir will visit to sing Christmas carols and deliver Christmas cards to the residents.



Nativity Play (P1 & P2) and Three Wise Men (P3—P7)

Monday 18 December at 1:30pm
Tuesday 19 December at 9:30am

Tickets, price £2 each (preschool children who sit on an adult's knee are free) will go on sale on Wednesday 6th December. To be fair to everyone, tickets will initially be offered 2 per child. Any remaining tickets will be sold on a first come basis from Wednesday 13th December.





Diary Dates

Thurs 30 Nov	Mr Woods attending Emergency First Aid training Mrs Scott to Child Protection training
Mon 4 Dec	P5 assembly—parents welcome
Tues 5 Dec	P6/5 to dance workshop at Holyrood Secondary P1 & P2 classes to Christmas show at Toryglen Community Hall Pinsent Masons, lawyers to work with P6
Wed 6 Dec	Choir to sing at Eastgate Centre P6 & P7 pupil councillors to City Chambers to decorate Cllr Aitken's Christmas Tree
Thurs 7 Dec	P2 classes to sing at Thistle Housing senior citizens' Christmas lunch
Mon 11 Dec	Class awards assembly
Tues 12 Dec	Mr Keddilily to Literacy for All Training Choir to sing at Orchard Grove Care Home
Wed 13 Dec	P3 classes to Puppet Show at Geoff Shaw Suite
Thurs 14 Dec	All classes to Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am—all welcome School Christmas lunch
Fri 15 Dec	P4, P5 & P6/5 to Muppets Christmas Carol Nativity Play and Christmas Concert dress rehearsal for senior citizens
Mon 18 Dec	Nativity Play and Christmas Concert 1:30pm
Tues 19 Dec	Nativity Play and Christmas Concert 9:30am
Wed 20 Dec	Class parties—children may wear their party clothes all day School closes at 2:30pm

Please contact the school office if you are able to help with any of the above outings.

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Improving Our School



School Improvement Plan Priority 2: To improve the use of digital technology to enhance learning and to develop children's digital and employability skills

How are we working to achieve this?

- ◆ Teachers took part in professional learning in computer science during the August in-service days.
- ◆ During the course of the school year, all children will experience computer science lessons appropriate to their age and stage, specifically using: Bebots in P1–P3 classes; Kodu software in P4 & P5 and Scratch software in P6 & P7.
- ◆ Teachers are using digital technology to enhance learning and teaching across the curriculum, including Sumdog for numeracy. Sumdog log-ins have been provided for P children to allow children and parents to access this activity at home.
- ◆ We have purchased a wireless router which is providing access to the internet using laptops in classrooms.
- ◆ P6 & P7 children participated in a World of Work day when they had the opportunity to meet representatives of a wide variety of occupations.



**Parent Council
Christmas Fete
Saturday 1 December
11:00am–1:00pm**

Tombola, gift stalls, face painting, children's activities, tea, coffee and home baking, raffle and much more.

School closes for Christmas Holiday

Wednesday
20 December
at **2:30pm**
and re-opens
Thursday
4 January

