



# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



February 2017

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

**Y**ou may have heard that as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge the Scottish Government is providing additional funding directly to schools. The amount available is dependent on the number of children in receipt of free school meals (based on previous years' numbers). I will be attending a national event on 1 February to find out more about how the funding will be allocated and what the money may be used for. This will be followed by local meetings supported by Education Services. I hope to have more information next month.

We are continuing to work with our partner schools to ensure that we have a secure understanding of national standards and to confirm our own self-evaluation information. Over the next few months Mrs Din, Ms Jones and Mr Woods will visit classes in St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries and teachers from these schools will visit P1a, P5/4 and P7 while they are working with Mr Woods. I will also be working with the headteachers of Battlefield, St Fillan's, St Francis and Shawlands primaries as we visit each others schools, observe learning and teaching, talk to children and engage in professional dialogue around the work done in each school. These close working relationships have helped us to improve the work of St Brigid's Primary.

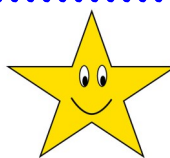
Good attendance and good time-keeping continue to be given a high priority to ensure that children make the best possible progress. 72 children have received a certificate for 100% attendance last term and 113 children achieved 95% attendance or better. Together this is 69% of the school population. Let's see if we can make that number even higher for this term.

There are a number of children who regularly forget their PE kit and others who occasionally forget. The children even blame you, their parents, for not having what they need! We work hard to help the children to become independent learners and would ask that you encourage your child to take increasing responsibility for bringing his/her kit. A list of PE days is in the next column.

Wednesday 1 February is the feast of our patron, St Brigid. We plan to attend Eucharistic Adoration in St Brigid's Church. We will also be attending Mass on Ash Wednesday, 1 March. Please telephone the school office if you are able to help on either day as we need a considerable number of adults to allow all classes to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.

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



## Golden Rules

Our aim to build a supportive community of faith and learning based on our Catholic values is evident in the daily work of the school. The approach within St Brigid's is to build a positive environment that demonstrates care and respect for all and we are proud of the very good relationships in our school.

We operate a system of Golden Rules to set out expected behaviour. On a Friday afternoon, teachers and children reflect upon the Golden Rules and discuss positive steps forward for those Golden Rules that have been broken. Directly following this, children take part in Golden Time activities as a reward for meeting the Golden Rules. In St Brigid's, we have the following set of Golden Rules that were created in conjunction with pupils and staff:

**Be Gentle**  
**Be Kind and Helpful**  
**Be Honest**  
**Work Hard**

**Look after your things and those of others**  
**Listen**

Community Star awards will be given to classes when they work well as a team. They can be awarded for:

**Good Lines**  
**Walking through Corridors Quietly**  
**Everyone in Gym Kit**  
**Everyone Handing in Homework**  
**Tables Tidy in Dining Hall**  
**Tidy Cloakrooms**  
**Positive Play**

Community star awards are celebrated through class of the week and class of the month.

## PE Days

P1a	Tuesday and Thursday
P1b	Tuesday and Friday
P2a	Monday and Tuesday
P2b	Tuesday and Wednesday
P3	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
P4	Tuesday and Wednesday
P5/4	Wednesday and Friday
P5	Monday and Thursday
P6	Tuesday and Thursday
P7	Monday and Thursday (swimming on a Tuesday)



## Diary Dates

Wed 1 Feb	Feast of St Brigid—whole school to Eucharistic Adoration in St Brigid's Church Baking classes for P3—4 weeks Mrs Scott to Scottish Government Attainment Challenge funding event Selected children to Glasgow swimming gala
Fri 3 Feb	Choir to sing at Glasgow's Modern Languages awards
Mon 6 Feb	Booze Busters workshops for P6 & P7—4 weeks
Tues 7 Feb	Mrs Din to visit St Fillan's Primary
Wed 8 Feb	P7 to GFT 'Into film' workshop Gymnastics squad to competition Ms Carlton to Glasgow Counts training
Thurs 9 Feb	P5/4 to DNA workshop at Glasgow Science Centre
<b>Fri 10 Feb</b>	<b>Holiday—school closed</b>
<b>Mon 13 Feb</b>	<b>Holiday—school closed</b>
<b>Tues 14 Feb</b>	<b>Holiday—school closed</b>
<b>Wed 15 Feb</b>	<b>In-service training day for staff</b>
-	<b>School closed for children</b>
Thurs 16 Feb	Head Teachers from partnership schools to visit St Brigid's
Tue 21 Feb	Mrs Scott interviewing prospective student teachers at Glasgow University
Wed 22 Feb	P7 to Holyrood Secondary as part of Catholic Education Week events Mrs Scott to visit St Francis' Primary
Thurs 23 Feb	Mrs N O'Neill to autism course
Fri 24 Feb	Sense Over Sectarianism workshop for P6 & P7 classes—3 weeks
Tue 28 Feb	P6 to 'Ten Pieces' concert at City Halls Mrs Din to visit St Francis' Primary Mrs Scott interviewing prospective student teachers at Glasgow University
Wed 1 Mar	Ash Wednesday—whole school to Mass at 10:00am
Fri 3 Mar	P2 classes to football tournament
Thurs 23 Mar	Individual parents' meetings
Fri 31 Mar	School closes at 2:30pm for Easter Holiday
Tues 18 April	Second P7 swimming block begins

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

## Improving Our School Session 2016/2017 Priority 4



### What do we want to do?

- ◆ Evaluate and plan for the Catholic faith development of our school community, particularly in promoting Gospel values.

### How are we doing this?

- ◆ Teachers have undertaken, or will undertake, professional learning relevant to their roles as Catholic teachers/leaders in a Catholic school. This has included attendance at conferences and meetings and Archdioceses of Glasgow and national courses, including to support First Communion and God's Loving Plan.
- ◆ We reflected on our ethos as a Catholic Christian community of faith and learning through attending a key note presentation by Sir John Jones.
- ◆ We have raised staff awareness of the national self-evaluation tool for Catholic Schools *The Catholic School: Developing in Faith*.
- ◆ We have evaluated our promotion of gospel values using *The Catholic School: Developing in Faith*. We will use this information to identify and plan areas for improvement to be included in our improvement plan for 2016/2017.

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