



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



February 2018

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

This week is the first of two Catholic Education Weeks this year; the second will fall at the end of November between the feasts of St Margaret and St Andrew. The theme for the year is "Serving the Common Good" and will be an opportunity for us to celebrate the contribution our school makes to the local and wider communities and to reflect on, and put into practice, our commitment to promote social justice and opportunity for all. Our chosen charity for this year is Missio. Missio embraces Missionary Children (formerly known as Holy Childhood) which is Pope Francis' own charity to help children in developing countries.

We are thrilled that, for the second year running, the school has been short listed as a finalist for Glasgow's Primary Sport School of the Year. This is testament to the children's commitment to attending sporting activities and to the time Mr Woods gives to organising these additional opportunities. Five P7 children and Mr Woods will attend the awards ceremony in the City Chambers on Friday 2 February. Our badminton squad is proud to have won the Glasgow City Badminton Association Championships and will now go on to represent Glasgow at the Scottish championships in Wishaw on Saturday 24 February. Our gymnastics squad will also be in competition at Glasgow Schools' Gymnastics Competition on 7 February. We wish all of our competitors the very best of luck.

On 18 January we were delighted to welcome five Catholic headteachers from Norway, in fact they are the only Catholic headteachers in Norway. They were in Glasgow for a conference and as part of their professional learning. These colleagues were interested to hear about how we nurture and support the Catholicity of our school. They enjoyed their visit and were very complimentary about the children and the school.

I am delighted to welcome two new members of clerical staff to St Brigid's. the appointment of Mrs Anne Russell and Mrs Yvonne Sweeney gives us a few more clerical hours and, in general, the office should now be staffed from 8:30am-4:00pm each day. Mrs Sutherland and Ms Gallagher have transferred to Customer and Business Support. I should like to thank Mrs Sutherland and Ms Gallagher for their hard work and support during their time in St Brigid's. and to wish them well in their new posts.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Is Your Child Old Enough for Social Media?

Is Your Child Safe on Line?

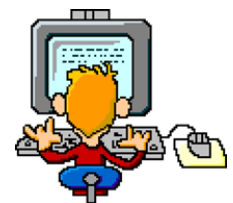
Do you know what your child does online and what apps he/she is using? We have become aware that an increasing number of children are using social media. In view of recent news reports, particularly around online bullying and the sharing of images, we are sending home with this newsletter guidance on the age restrictions for social media platforms. You will note that the **minimum** age for any of the common platforms is 13. It is worth noting that if 5 years ago you signed up your 8 year old to Facebook they will now appear to be 18 in the site. Therefore, if an adult tries to contact them they can argue that they thought they were conversing with another adult. We have also been aware of children posting videos of themselves on You Tube. While the school works hard to teach children about keeping themselves safe online, it is the responsibility of parents to ensure their children access appropriate media out of school.

Think
before
you post!



Induction Programme for New P1 Children

Thursday 1 March
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.



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Diary Dates

February/March

- Tues 30 Jan Ms Shaw to Confirmation course
Mrs Moretti to Connecting Learning for All conference
- Thur 1 Feb Feast of St Brigid—whole school to 10:00am Mass
- Fri 2 Feb Glasgow Sports' Awards in City Chambers
Archdiocesan Education Dinner
- Wed 7 Feb Selected children to Gymnastics comp
- Fri 9 Feb Mrs Scott to Archdiocesan Primary Head Teachers' Association conference
- Mon 12 Feb Holiday
- Tues 13 Feb Holiday
- Wed 14 Feb In-service day for staff—school closed for children
- Thur 15 Feb P7 to Holyrood Secondary Science Roadshow
Ms Sweeney to Primary Engineer course
- Fri 16 Feb Mrs Scott to Catholic Headteachers' Association of Primaries in Scotland (CHAPS) executive meeting
- Tues 20 Feb Ms Shaw to God's Loving Plan course
Mr Keddilty to Literacy for All course
- Fri 23 Feb Ms Jones to Primary Engineer course
- Mon 26 Feb P3a class assembly—parents welcome
- Thur 1 Mar Computer Games for P1 children starting school in August—11:00am
- Wed 7 Mar P7 Pupil Councillors to International Women's Day event in Glasgow City Chambers
- Mon 12 Mar P7 class assembly—parents welcome
- Mon 19 Mar Class awards assembly
- Thur 22 Mar Parents' Night—individual meetings
- Mon 26 Mar Health Week
- Thur 29 Mar **School closes at 2:30pm**

We need 15 additional adults to accompany the children to Mass on 1 February, the feast of St Brigid. Please telephone the school office, if you can help.

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- Glasgow City Council website:**
- <http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/>
- Parent Council email address:**



Improving

Our School



Priority 3: To increase parental/carer engagement in children's learning.

How we are achieving this target:

- ◆ All parents/carers have had opportunities to share literacy and numeracy learning in their child's class.
- ◆ P1 & P2 parents/carers have had the opportunity to borrow a range of story sacks to take home and share as a family.
- ◆ Children in P4—P7 classes have had the opportunity to attend a weekly club to complete homework tasks in a quiet and supported environment.
- ◆ We have employed a family support worker to build relationships with and support families,. This has included individual support and more general advice on financial matters. Rachel Dhillon may be contacted on 0796 077 9982
- ◆ Identify additional and creative approaches to engage families



February Break

The school will be closed on **Monday 12th February** and **Tuesday 13th February** for the mid-term holiday. **Wednesday 14th February** is an in-service training day for staff and children should not attend on that day.

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>.

