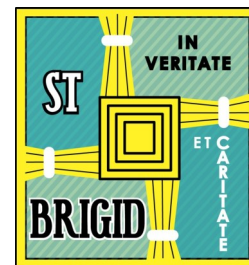


Happy New Year!

St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



January 2017

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

A very happy New Year to all our families and friends. I hope 2017 brings you peace, happiness and everything you wish for you and your families.

Just before the holiday, the percentages of children achieving the appropriate Curriculum for Excellence levels (i.e. Early level by the end of P1, First level by the end of P4 and Second level by the end of P7) in listening and talking, reading, writing and numeracy were published for session 2015/2016 for schools across Scotland. I am pleased to share with you that attainment in St Brigid's Primary compares very favourably with schools across Glasgow. These very pleasing levels of attainment are testament to the hard work of staff, the hard work and cooperation of the children and the support of our parents and families. The figures for 2015/2016 are based on teacher's professional judgement which will continue to be used for 2016/2017. New national tests are being introduced from August 2017.

While acquiring proficiency in the core areas of literacy and numeracy is essential for children to develop the necessary skills for learning, life and work, staff in St Brigid's are committed to providing opportunities for children to achieve as widely as possible. I am proud of the number of additional opportunities offered to the children, including singing with the choir (hope you managed to catch our performance on STV Glasgow on Christmas Day), developing language skills and also taking part in sporting events. The children have risen to these opportunities with their commitment and good behaviour and have achieved much success. We are also pleased to have been able to offer a wider range of after-school clubs. Attendance registers show that the vast majority of P2-P7 children have participated in an after school club this session. Now that they are well-settled

in school, P1 children will have the opportunity to attend an after school sport's club this term.

While it is great to celebrate success, we are never complacent in St Brigid's Primary. I will continue to share with you the ways in which we are working to improve our school and on the next page you will find a summary of another of the priorities in our current school improvement plan. Next month's newsletter will contain our final improvement priority for this session. During this term, staff will be gathering together and summarising information on how well we are doing and identifying ways in which we can improve further. This work is in preparation for writing our new improvement plan.

Good learning begins with good attendance. Attendance awards for last term will be distributed at assembly on Monday 16 January.

We would like to celebrate the feast day of our patron, St Brigid, on 1 February by attending Mass. We require 18 helpers to ensure that we have the correct adult:child ratio. We also require helpers for Ash Wednesday Mass on 1 March. Please telephone the school office if you are able to help.

I am pleased to let you know that Mr Richard Keddlity has joined us to cover Mrs Walsh's maternity leave. Mr Keddlity comes to us as an experienced teacher who will teach groups of children across the school. I know that everyone will make him very welcome and I hope that he will quickly feel part of the St Brigid's family.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Enrolment of New Primary 1 Children

There is a further opportunity to enrol children who will be 5 years of age by 28 February 2018 for school in August 2017. Children should be enrolled during one of the times below:

Tues	10 Jan	9:30am—11:00am
Wed	11 Jan	1:30pm —2:45pm
Thurs	12 Jan	9.30am—11.00am

Please contact the school office for an alternative time if none of the above times are suitable.





Diary Dates

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Thurs 5 Jan	School reopens at 9:00am
Tues 10 Jan	Enrolment of new P1 children 9:30—11:00 Football coaching starts for P2 classes. PE changed from Friday for 6 weeks.
Wed 11 Jan	Badminton team to Glasgow finals Enrolment of new P1 children 1:30—2:45
Thurs 12 Jan	Enrolment of new P1 children 9:30—11:00
Tues 17 Jan	Mrs Scott to City Primary Business Meeting
Wed 18 Jan	P3 parents are invited to share their children's learning in literacy at 9:10am Ms Carlton to Glasgow Counts training Determined to dance begins for P4 and P5/4 classes (until 15/3/17)
Fri 20 Jan	Mrs Scott to Catholic headteachers' associations meetings
Tues 24 Jan	First P7 swimming block Teachers to after-school numeracy course with partner schools
Thurs 26 Jan	Mrs Scott to visit St Francis' Primary Parent Council meeting at 7:00pm
Wed 1 Feb	Feast of St Brigid—whole school to 10:00am mass in
Wed 8 Feb	Ms Carlton and Mrs Scott to Glasgow Counts training
Fri 10 Feb	Holiday—school closed
Mon 13 Feb	Holiday—school closed
Tues 14 Feb	Holiday—school closed
Wed 15 Feb	In-service training day for staff
-	School closed for children
Wed 1 Mar	Ash Wednesday—whole school to Mass at 10:00am
Fri 3 Mar	Sense Over Sectarianism workshop For P7 & P6
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

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

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 2

What do we want to do?

- ◆ Improve the effectiveness of assessment, including ensuring that children understand the purpose of their learning, receive effective feedback and have opportunities to lead their learning.

How are we doing this?

- ◆ We are working to improve children's ability to talk about their learning, including how they are making progress in developing skills for learning life and work and how they will identify and achieve their next steps in learning.
- ◆ We have reviewed and revised how children plan personal learning targets.
- ◆ P5 children have complete *The Glasgow Motivation and Wellbeing Profile*. They will be supported to use their views to reflect on their motivation and engagement with learning and inform their personal learning targets.
- ◆ Teachers are engaging with new Education Scotland curriculum benchmarks for Literacy and English and for Numeracy and Mathematics and are integrating these into the school's procedures for tracking attainment.
- ◆ We will review our summative assessment strategies, particularly for numeracy and mathematics, spelling and writing.
- ◆ Staff will continue to share their professional learning from courses, visits to other schools, professional inquiry and action research projects etc.

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