



# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



March 2017

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

February has been another busy month with many more achievements to share. We were delighted to be a finalist in the Primary Sport School of the Year category at Glasgow's Sports' Person of the Year awards. This nomination was in recognition of the work we do to increase children's participation in physical activity and sport. Mr Woods and I accompanied some of our young sports' captains to the ceremony hosted by the Lord Provost in the City Chambers. At the Glasgow Languages Awards, we received a 1 plus 2 Languages in Action award for the school and Emanuela and Hassan in P7 received individual Language Learner of the Year awards. The gymnastics team were placed third in the recent Glasgow schools' competition. This was a great achievement for our second entry in this event. Our choir continues to build a reputation which extends beyond Glasgow and they have been invited to sing at the Language Show Scotland at the SECC 10 March.

While it is wonderful to have our work recognised through awards and nominations, it is also lovely to receive more spontaneous compliments. A member of the public at Castlemilk pool remarked that P7 children were so well behaved and well mannered. She was also impressed by how independent the children were and how they followed staff instructions without question. On a recent visit to the school, one of the city Quality Improvement Officers also commented on how polite and well-mannered the children were. I am very proud of the children who are a credit to home and school.

St Brigid's has been allocated £102 000 from the Scottish Government Pupil Equity Fund. Before the money can be downloaded to the school, I have to submit a plan to the Director of Education detailing how we will use the money and how we expect these initiatives to raise attainment. I should like to encourage as many parents as possible to contribute to this discussion; please see details in the next column.

You should have received a letter inviting you to choose a preferred time slot for parents' night. Please return your requests by Tuesday 7 March. Mrs R O'Neill will be available in Room 9 on Parents' Night and Mr Woods will be available in Room 6.

Mrs Din will be going on maternity leave at the end of this term. I have requested a temporary teacher and will let P5/4 parents know when I have more information. We wish Mrs Din well for the birth of her baby.

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



## Health Week

Our annual Health Week will take place from Monday 27 March—Friday 31 March. This is always a busy and great fun week with many additional health related activities organised for all classes. The children may wear their sports' clothes all week. Many thanks to Ms Doherty for all her work with the health committee and community partners in planning the activities.



## Pupil Equity Fund

We would like to consult with parents and carers on our plans for how we spend our Scottish Government Pupil Equity Fund money to raise attainment. Please come along and join the discussion on

**Wednesday 15 March**  
**At 2:15pm**

## School Holidays

Spring Break  
school closes at 2:30pm  
**Friday 31 March**  
to  
**Tuesday 18 April**

May holidays  
**Monday 1 May**  
**Thursday 4 May** (In-service Day)  
**Friday 26 May**  
**Monday 29 May**



# March

## Diary Dates

Wed 1 Mar	Ash Wednesday—whole school to Mass at 10:00am
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 3 Mar	P2 classes to football tournament
	Sense Over sectarianism workshops for P6 & P7
Thurs 9 Mar	Mrs Scott to visit Battlefield Primary
Fri 10 Mar	Sense Over sectarianism workshops for P6 & P7
Tues 14 Mar	Teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries to visit P5/4 and Mrs Din
Wed 15 Mar	Pupil Equity Fund consultation meeting for parents at 2:15pm
Thurs 16 Mar	Mrs O'Shea, Depute Head Holyrood Secondary, to visit P7
	Mrs Scott to visit Shawlands Primary
Tues 21 Mar	Ms Jones to visit St Fillan's Primary
Wed 22 Mar	Dental inspections for P1 & P7
	First Confession in St Brigid's Church
Thurs 23 Mar	Individual parents' meetings
Mon 27 Mar	<b>Health Week</b>
Tues 21 Mar	Ms Jones to visit St Francis' Primary
Fri 31 Mar	<b>School closes at 2:30pm for Easter Holiday</b>
Tues 18 April	School reopens at 9:00am
	Second P7 swimming block begins
Thurs 20 April	Parent Council meeting at 7pm
Mon 1 May	Holiday
Tues 2 May	P1 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' Primaries to visit P1a and Ms Jones
Wed 3 May	Mrs Scott to city headteachers' meeting
Thurs 4 May	In-service Day—school closed for children
Wed 10 May	Induction afternoon for new P1 children 1:30pm—1:45pm
Tues 23 May	Induction afternoon for new P1 children 1:30pm—1:45pm

**Please contact the school office if you can help accompany the children to Mass on 1 March**—we need to maintain a 1:10 adult to child ratio.

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



## World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day, children are invited to come to school on Thursday 2 March dressed in their pyjamas and to bring their favourite bedtime story. The Parent Council has requested £1 donation for their funds. All money raised is used to provide extras for the children.



## Health and Safety

Thank you to those parents who are developing their children's independence by allowing them to come in to the playground on their own in the morning. This also ensures the safety of all children.

Following a health and safety review, parking is no longer allowed in front of the school building, even for a short time. Therefore, parents are asked not to bring cars up the driveway. If your child is late for school and you feel that you need to bring him/her to the front door, please park outside the grounds.

Parking will not be available on school grounds on parents' night.



This is also a polite reminder that it is illegal to park on the zig zag lines outside the school.

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