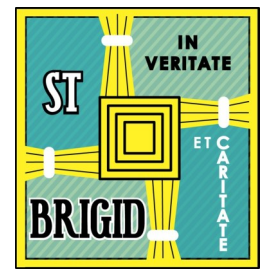




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



March 2018

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

It is always lovely to share the successes of the children with you and February has been a very special month with much to be proud of. At the beginning of the month, Glasgow hosted its Sports' Personality of the Year awards in the City Chambers during which we were thrilled to be announced as Glasgow Primary Sport School of the Year along with St Rose of Lima and St Benedict's primaries. Some of our sports' captains collected the award with Mr Woods and you can catch up with pictures from the event on Twitter. Our gymnastics squad performed very well at the recent Glasgow Schools' Gymnastics Competition finishing in 5th place within the highest level of competition and Elise Docherty scored the highest individual vault score. On Saturday, our badminton team will be representing Glasgow at the Scottish Schools' Badminton championships. The team have been practising very hard. The whole of St Brigid's is cheering them on, however, they are already winners in our eyes.

Once again, to great reviews, our choir opened Glasgow Languages Awards in the City Chambers. We were delighted to receive a 1 + 2 Languages in Action award for our sustained commitment to learning two, and sometimes three, additional languages. Kaiden Thorne also received an individual Language Learner of the Year award for his hard work.

You can read the final update on our progress with this year's school improvement plan over the page. Glasgow is embarking on an exciting Digital Learning Strategy which will see a refresh of computer hardware and software in all schools. Our school is in an early phase of the project with new infrastructure being installed from August 2018 onwards and I will give you more information in due course.

Letters inviting you to choose your preferred slot for parents' night on Thursday 22 March have been sent home. We are working on allocating appointment times and would hope to let you know the time of your meeting by Friday 9 March. It is important that children are involved in talking about their progress and their next steps in learning, therefore, we would ask that your child attends the meeting with you. Meetings will take place in your child's classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Centenary of 1918 (Education) Scotland Act Catholic Schools: Good for Scotland

St Brigid's Primary—60th Anniversary

You will know from last month's newsletter that all Catholic schools in Scotland are using this special year to place a specific focus on the theme "Serving the Common Good". This is 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. The children have learned about the principles of Catholic social teaching and the work of Missio during assemblies and from their teachers. Each class has a Missio collection box and we would ask that, particularly during Lent, you encourage your child to make small sacrifices and donate to Missio. Archbishop Philip will be presented with the children's donations after our anniversary Mass on 27 April.

We will be having a special assembly on Monday 30 April to celebrate the school's 60th anniversary. Parents and parishioners will be invited to attend. However, as space in the hall is limited, places will require to be booked in advance. More information, including how to reserve a seat, will be included in the next newsletter.



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.



Diary Dates

March

- Mon 26 Feb P3a class assembly—parents welcome
- Wed 28 Feb Mrs Scott to Scottish Government Pupil Equity Fund Event
- Thur 1 Mar World book Day
P1 classes to author visit at Mitchell Library
Computer Games for new P1 children starting school in August—11:00am in school ICT suite
- Tues 6 Mar Mrs Scott interviewing at Glasgow University
- Wed 7 Mar P7 Pupil Councillors to International Women's Day event in Glasgow City Chambers
- Thur 8 Mar P2 classes to Scotland St School museum
- Sat 10 Mar St Brigid's Parish All Stars' Club—First Reconciliation
- Mon 12 Mar P7 class assembly—parents welcome
- Tues 13 Mar Mrs Scott interviewing at Glasgow University
- Sat 17 Mar St Brigid's Parish All Stars' Club—First Holy Communion
- Mon 19 Mar Class awards assembly
- Tues 20 Mar Pinsent Masons lawyers reading club with P6
Dance team to Holyrood heats
- Wed 21 Mar P7 to Choices for Life event at Toryglen Regional Centre
- Thur 22 Mar Parents' Night—individual meetings
- Sat 24 Mar St Brigid's Parish All Stars' Club—First Reconciliation
- Mon 26 Mar Health Week
Dr Watters working with Scottish College for Educational Leadership
- Wed 28 Mar P5 to Scottish Country Dance festival
Mrs Moretti to Glasgow Counts training
Celebration of 1st Reconciliation— St Brigid's Church 6:00pm
- Thur 29 Mar **School closes at 2:30pm**
- Sat 14 April St Brigid's Parish All Stars' Club—First Holy Communion
- Mon 16 April **School reopens at 9:00am**

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Improving Our School

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

How are we doing this:

- ◆ By the end of the session all children will have had computing science experiences appropriate to their age and stage i.e. P1—P3 using Beebots programmable toys, P4 & P5 using Kodu software and P6 & P7 using Scratch software to develop simple games.
- ◆ Teachers are using digital texts and software to enhance learning and teaching across the curriculum. This has included film clips and programs such as Sumdog. Across the school, the use of Sumdog has shown an increased rate of learning in numeracy and an above average increase in proficiency. Children in P2—P7 are increasingly more confident using online search engines to access information. The visual and often interactive nature of digital resources has increased children's engagement and motivation which supports increased attainment and achievement.
- ◆ Children in P6 & P7 had an opportunity to gain first-hand information about a range of career options. All children at these stages are now able to discuss a range of career options and some children are able to link skills in their personal learning planning to what they aim to achieve in the future.



World Book Day Thursday 1 March

Please check separate letter for details.



School Holidays

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>.