



# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



May 2017

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

Our children continue to do us proud both in school and in the wider community. The dance squad have qualified for the City of Dance 2017 finals in the Royal Concert Hall on 8 June, the football team are playing a cup semi-final next week (details overleaf) and the choir led the singing beautifully at the P7 Mass with Archbishop Philip in St Andrew's Cathedral.

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, schools are receiving significant additional funding from the Scottish Government to raise attainment. How St Brigid's will spend our share of the money will form the basis of our school improvement plan for next year. The main interventions are firmly focused on the development of children's literacy and numeracy skills. Parents will have additional opportunities to be involved in their children's learning both during school time and after school and we will continue to give children as many before or after school opportunities as possible. We intend to purchase a mobile wireless router to allow us to make better use of the laptops we already have. A family support worker will be shared with another school. We know from research that it is high quality staff that makes the biggest difference to children's learning and so have chosen to invest in appointing two additional acting principal teachers with specific responsibility for raising attainment. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Moretti and Mr Keddlily have been appointed as acting principal teachers. In addition, Mrs R O'Neill's principal teacher post is being enhanced to PT grade 2 with additional responsibilities. Having a larger management team will allow us to provide teachers, children and parents with considerable additional support.

Mrs Walsh will return from maternity leave at the beginning of the new session and is reducing her hours to two days per week. Ms Mhairi Claire Shaw has been appointed to fill the other three days per week of this permanent post. I am also expecting three additional temporary teachers to be appointed. However, I am unlikely to know who these teachers will be before the summer break.

It is with great joy that I can share the news of the safe arrival of baby Mary Grace Din. Mrs Din and baby Mary are both well.

This will be a busy and exciting term. As always, I am very grateful for your support.

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

## Induction Afternoons for new P1 Children

We are looking forward to meeting all our new P1 children who will be joining us in August on:

**Wednesday 10 May**  
**1:30pm—2:45pm**  
**and**  
**Tuesday 23 May**  
**1:30pm—2:45pm**



## Month of Mary

May is the month in our Church when we honour Mary, the mother of Jesus and our mother.

We will honour Mary by praying the Rosary each day at 8:45am. Please encourage the children to come to school a little earlier to join in. This would be particularly suitable for those children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

## Have you checked out our updated website:

<http://www.st-brigids-pri.glasgow.sch.uk/>



## May holidays

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



## Diary Dates

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 whole city primary 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 Eco Committee to work in Mall's Mire with Forest Schools
Thurs 11 May	Eco Committee - community litter pick
Fri 12 May	Mrs Scott to Archdiocesan headteachers' conference
Wed 17 May	Netball competition in Holyrood Secondary at 3:30pm
Fri 19 May	Mrs Scott to Holyrood Learning Community meeting
Sat 20 May	First Holy Communion in St Brigid's Church
Tues 23 May	p7 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' Primary to visit Mr Woods and P7 Induction afternoon for new P1 children 1:30pm—2:45pm
Wed 24 May	P7 & P6 to Sense Over Sectarianism workshop at Hampden
Thurs 25 May	Feast of the Ascension—Mass at 10:00am in St Brigid's Church
Fri 26 May	Holiday
Mon 29 May	Holiday
Wed 7 June	P7 to Holyrood Secondary
Thurs 8 June	General Election Dance team to Glasgow Royal Concert Hall for city finals P7 to Holyrood Secondary
Fri 9 June	Summer Fete organised by Parent Council
Sat 10 June	
Wed 14 June	P7 to Holyrood Secondary We are the Dream 7:00pm
Thurs 15 June	We are the Dream 7:00pm
Fri 16 June	Sports' Day
Thurs 22 June	Celebrations of Achievement
Fri 23 June	Meet my new teacher
Tues 27 June	<b>School closes at 1:00pm for summer break</b>

Please phone the school office if you can help accompany the children to Mass on Ascension Thursday.

### Michael Chalmers' Cup Semi-final

St Brigid v St Bridget  
Tuesday 2nd May, 5.30pm kick off  
Maryhill Juniors, Lochburn Road, G20 9AQ  
Admission £2 adults and £1 children

## Summer Fete

Organised by the Parent Council

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
**11:00am to 1:00pm**

Can you help:

- ✓ serve the tea?
- ✓ serve at the Pocket-Money-Toys stall?
- ✓ supervise the children's games?

Do you have a talent i.e Face Painting that could help raise funds?

**Any** offers of assistance will be greatly appreciated.

If you can help, please give your name and contact details to the school office or a member of the Parent Council **before Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June**

Donations for the Tombola would be most welcome and should be handed in to the school office before Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.



All money raised will benefit the children of St Brigid's Primary.

## RAG BAG

Please send in any unwanted clothing, shoes, bags and belts for our Rag Bag collection which helps school funds and contributes towards our Eco Schools status. Items should arrive by first thing on Thursday 11 May.



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