



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



November 2016

In truth and love

From the Headteacher's desk

Our plans to work with families to improve children's attainment in literacy have got off to a great start. P4–P7 children have received their passports to take part in the First Minister's Reading Challenge and we are looking forward to hearing about their reading journeys. I hope P1–P3 families enjoyed sharing the book gifted to the children following the Book Bug sessions. A library club run by Mrs R O'Neill for P2 and P3 children and their parents begins next week (please see box opposite) and P1 parents have been invited to sign up to borrow story sacks to share at home. P2 and P3 children will receive Ready, Steady, Count packs to take home and share with their families after next week's assembly.

Our staff continue to take part in high quality professional learning. During the October in-service day, we joined with a number of other schools to hear from Sir John Jones, an internationally renowned contributor to educational thinking. Sir John talked about great schools giving young people opportunity, time, passion and great teaching. I am proud of the commitment made by St Brigid's staff to incorporate all of these skills and qualities into their work for and with the children. Our support for learning assistants have also been involved in a wide range of additional training

Tuesday 1 November is the Solemnity of All Saints and a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics should attend Mass. To comply with Glasgow City Council's pupil to adult ratio for visits out of school, we require 17 additional adult helpers to allow us to attend Mass in St Brigid's Church as a school community. Please telephone the school office if you are able to help.

We are still awaiting the appointment of a teacher to cover Mrs Walsh's maternity leave. I am grateful to Mrs Burns who has been helping out on a short term basis. We continue to have no cover in the school office before 9:00am and after 3:00pm on three days per week. Mrs Sutherland and Ms Gallagher are working hard to cover clerical duties within the reduced hours.

The days may be getting shorter and darker but this is always such a busy and exciting term in school, ending with the great celebration of Christmas. In response to your feedback, we try to give you as much notice as possible of forthcoming events. You will find dates for the Nativity play and Christmas concert in the diary section of the newsletter.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Enrolment of New Primary P1 Children

Children who will be 5 years of age by 28 February 2018 are due to start school in August 2017. Children should be enrolled during one of the times below:

Mon	7 Nov	9:30am–11:00am
Tues	8 Nov	1:30pm –2:45pm
Wed	9 Nov	9.30am–11.00am
Thurs	10 Nov	1.30pm–2.30pm

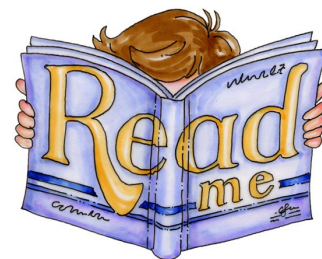
Please contact the school office for an alternative time if none of the above times are suitable.



Library Club For P2 & P3 Children and Parents

Thursdays 3:10pm–4:00pm
3/11/16–8/12/16

Come along for some reading fun in the school library and borrow a book to take home. Children must be accompanied by an adult



Health and Safety

Thank you to those parents who remain outside the school playground and come to the main entrance if you wish to speak with a member of staff; your support is very much appreciated. We have received complaints about a very small number of adults who continue to come in to the upper school playground. If this continues, it may be necessary to close off the school gate to Newhouse Road. May I also remind you that under no circumstances should dogs be brought on to school property.



Diary Dates

Mon 31 Oct	After school gymnastics club begins
Tue 1 Nov	Feast of All Saints—Mass at 9:30am in St Brigid's Church
Wed 2 Nov	Holyrood Learning Community public speaking competition for selected P7 children
Thurs 3 Nov	Mrs Scott to association of Heads and Deputes Conference Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00
Mon 7 Nov	Ms Carlton to Glasgow Counts training
Tue 8 Nov	NSPCC Stay Safe Programme for P6 & P7 classes
Wed 9 Nov	Mrs O'Neil to Literacy for All Training
Thurs 10 Nov	Mr Byrne, Head Teacher of Holyrood Secondary to meet P7 pupils Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00
Tues 15 Nov	Selected children to Gymfest
Wed 16 Nov	Badminton heats for selected Children
Thurs 17 Nov	Workshop for parents whose first language is not English 9:10am in school Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00
Fri 18 Nov	Fluoride Varnishing programme for children with parental consent
Mon 21 Nov	Ms Carlton and Mrs Scott to Glasgow Counts training
Tue 22 Nov	Flu immunisation programme for all children with parental consent
Wed 23 Nov	Mrs Scott to GCC Self-improving Schools conference
Thurs 24 Nov	Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00 Parent Council AGM 7:00pm
Mon 28 Nov	Rag Bag collection Ms Carlton and Mrs Scott to Glasgow Counts training
Wed 30 Nov	Road Safety magic show for P1—P4 classes
Thurs 1 Dec	Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00
Mon 5 Dec	Ms Carlton and Mrs Scott to Glasgow Counts training
Tues 6 Dec	Story time for nursery children
Thurs 8 Dec	Library club for P2 & P3 children and their parents 3:10—4:00
Fri 16 Dec	Nativity play and Christmas concert at 9:30am
Mon 19 Dec	Nativity play and Christmas concert at 1:30am
Wed 21 Dec	School closes for Christmas holiday at 2:30pm

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 3



What do we want to do?

Improve the health and wellbeing of our children through reviewing our curriculum programmes, providing more opportunities for learning outdoors and by encouraging children to care for their environment.

How are we doing this?

- ◆ By reviewing our programme for physical education and sport
- ◆ By increasing children's participation in physical activity through introducing the *Daily Mile* and by increasing participation in after school clubs
- ◆ By reviewing our programme for Food and Nutrition
- ◆ By providing a quality, family-style dining experience for children through:
 - ◇ developing oral literacy and vocabulary at P1 stage (linked to raising attainment in literacy)
 - ◇ improving children's ability to use cutlery and other equipment appropriately and by
 - ◇ improving children's ability to care of their dining environment
- ◆ By providing increased opportunities for children to learn outdoors, including working with community partners e.g. Urban Roots, Ardnahoe Nursery and Toryglen Primary
- ◆ Teachers will work collaboratively with colleagues in partner schools to plan and evaluate health and wellbeing activities.

Rag Bag Collection

Monday 28 November

Clothing, bags and belts that you no longer need may be handed in to school from Thursday 24 November.

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