



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



November 2017

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

We were absolutely delighted to welcome representatives of Sport Scotland to our assembly on 9 October when we were presented with our School Sport Gold Award in recognition of our commitment to sport within the curriculum and in widening participation outwith school hours. It was also lovely to welcome back former pupils who had been young sports' leaders over the last two years. They all looked so grown up and smart in their Holyrood Secondary uniforms. Special thanks must be given to Mr Woods for all his hard work and dedication in taking forward this area.

We have also received a Stem ambassadors award for our curriculum work in science, technology, engineering and maths.

It was good to see so many of our parents and carers on parents' night. Across the school, most parents (86%) were able to attend. The staff are grateful for your commitment to supporting your children's learning. Thank you for the comments left on the 'Pupil Pride' boards. These comments are being typed up and we will display as many of them as possible.

I am continuing to share with you how we are taking forward aspects of our school improvement plan for this session. Over the page you will find more information about how we are working to improve children's attainment in numeracy. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

It has been pleasing to have so many children and staff join together to say the Rosary before the school day during October. This has been a lovely, calm and prayerful way to start the day.

Mr Cassidy will be returning to St Brigid's on Monday 6 November when Mrs R O'Neill will resume responsibility for P1a. I should like to thank Mrs O'Neill for her help and support during these last few weeks. I should also like to thank Mrs S Din for her work with P1a and wish her well in her new post.

This is always a busy and exciting term. Please check the diary section overleaf for events, outings etc.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher



Primary 1 Enrolment for August

Children who will be age 5 by 28 February 2019 are due to start school in August 2018. Glasgow City Council has changed the enrolment procedure to an online application form for parents/carers to register their children at the local catchment school.

Enrolment week will be week commencing Monday 6 November 2017.

If you are unable to access the internet, paper applications will only be available on request from Olympia Hub at Tel: 0141 287 8000. ALL paper forms MUST be sent to the hub for action, we are unable to accept these in school.



Parents and carers of new P1 children are invited to an introduction to the school on Monday 13 November at 1:45pm.

School Photographs

A photographer will return to school on Tuesday 28 November to take individual photographs of the children and also family groups. Proofs will be sent home soon after and we have been assured that orders will be supplied in time for Christmas. There is no obligation for parents to purchase the photographs.

FOOD BANK 10 NOVEMBER 2017

The Mini Vinnies are organising a food bank. We are collecting non-perishable food for people that have very little food and are less fortunate than us. We are asking the families of St Brigid's Community to donate non-perishable food items such as; tins, pasta, cereal, rice and UHT milk. Please send all donations to your child's classroom by **Friday 10 November 2017.**

All donations will be appreciated. Thank you for being so generous.

Yours sincerely
Bethany and Sarah (P7 Mini Vinnies)





Diary Dates

Mon 30 Oct	Glasgow University Master of Education Students to work with P1a, P2a, P2b and P3b
Wed 1 Nov	Feast of All Saints—whole school to Mass in St Brigid's church at 10:00am
Thurs 2 Nov}	Mrs Moretti to Glasgow Counts
Fri 3 Nov}	Mrs Scott to Association of Heads and Deputies in Scotland conference
Mon 6 Nov	Enrolment for new P1 opens online Class awards Glasgow University Post Graduate students to work with P4, P6/5 and P7
Tues 7 Nov	Mrs Scott to South Area headteachers' meeting Mr Keddilily to Archdiocese of Glasgow in-service
Thurs 9 Nov	Ms Jones to Improving our Classrooms
Fri 10 Nov	Mrs Scott to Holyrood Learning Community headteachers' meeting
Mon 13 Nov	P6/5 assembly—parents welcome Informal meeting for parents of new P1 children in August 1:45pm
Tues 14 Nov	World of Work Day
Wed 15 Nov)	Mrs N O'Neill to Global Storylines in-service course
Mon 20 Nov	Jeely Piece Club graduation—P3b Parents are welcome to attend
Tues 21 Nov	P7 swimming—first block
Wed 22 Nov	P2a and P2b to Science Centre and Planetarium
Fri 24 Nov	Mrs Scott to Archdiocesan Primary Headteachers' Association Executive meeting
Tues 28 Nov	Photographer—individual and family portraits
Mon 4 Dec	P5 assembly—parents welcome

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

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Improving Our School



School Improvement Plan Priority 1b: To raise attainment and achievement in numeracy.

How are we working to achieve this?

- ◆ Children at all stages are being given regular opportunities to develop a deeper understanding of number concepts through using concrete materials and picture representations before progressing to written calculations.
- ◆ Children at all stages are having regular opportunities to work on maths problems with different levels of challenge and to discuss their numeracy and maths learning with a partner.
- ◆ Teachers will use the national benchmarks and the new national assessments to support their judgements of children's progress in numeracy.
- ◆ All children are having regular supported opportunities to consider the purpose of their learning, link their learning to skills for learning, life and work and to identify their next steps.
- ◆ Teachers and senior staff will engage in professional learning with colleagues, including shared classroom visits.



Skills for Learning, Life and Work 13 –17 November

During the week beginning 13 November we will have a special focus on financial education and the world of work. All classes will be learning about aspects of money. P6 and P7 children will also take part in a World of Work day on 14 November when they will have an opportunity to meet representatives of a range of jobs, employers and training providers. Please talk to the children about the kind of questions they would like answered and, after the event, what they found most interesting.

