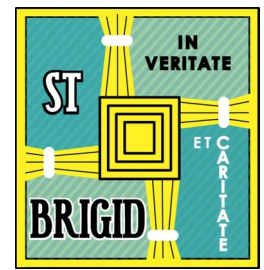




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



April 2016

In truth and in love

News from the Head Teacher's desk

During this holy season of Lent, we have continued to focus on learning to be merciful. This has included: workshops with the British Red Cross to help our older children understand more about migration and refugees; collecting for Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund (SCIAF) and visiting those who may be lonely. Our Mini Vinnies most recent visit to the residents of Orchard Grove care home was to celebrate St Patrick's Day. The Mini Vinnie's group meets regularly with Ms Stevenson to decide how they can make a difference to others in the local community. We have also been thinking about those in need further from home by learning about how SCIAF supports families in countries such as Ethiopia. Once again this year, the UK Government will double all donations to SCIAF. Fifteen of our children experienced God's mercy in a special way when they received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time this week. Lent comes to a close this weekend when we remember the death and resurrection of Jesus, our saviour. I wish all our families and friends the blessings of the Easter season.

Earlier this week you will have received a copy of a leaflet for parents about our RE programme *This is our Faith*. The leaflet outlines the eight strands of faith and gives some ideas of how you can help your child at home.

Earlier in March, colleague headteachers from our partner schools visited St Brigid's to validate our own self-evaluation through professional dialogue, visiting classes and talking to children. Once again, the headteachers gave very positive feedback about the high quality of learning and teaching and the work of the school in general. I feel very proud of the work of the children and staff.

Our netball squad took part in the Holyrood / Shawlands learning communities tournament. Congratulations to our A team who were gold medal winners, winning all of their matches and progressing to the South area finals on 28th April. Many thanks to Mr Woods and Ms Stevenson for coaching the children.

Following on from their debut at the Glasgow Schools' Gymnastics Competition, our gymnastics squad performed a very well received routine at Gymfest in the Emirates Arena on Olympic standard kit. Thanks to Ms Roberts for the fabulous choreography.

We also experienced success at this week's South area athletics championships. Kevin Uwaifo won 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze medals making him the overall boys' winner out of 21 schools and Sophie Spence won a Silver medal for hurdles.

You may remember hearing how our P7 and P6 classes took part in mock court cases in Glasgow High Court in December. There were a number of skills involved in this project including making the gowns for those acting as lawyers to wear. Our P6 has received the West of Scotland Region Gown Makers' Award.

We are just completing our fifth annual health week during which the children have enjoyed a wide range of health related activities including: judo and karate taster sessions; drug and alcohol awareness; fruit tasting and smoothie making; road safety and oral health activities. The total run in our bid to *Run to Rio* now stands at 1785 miles. Our thanks go to all the partners who have helped to provide the activities and to Ms Doherty for coordinating the whole week. A week full of fitness and fun!

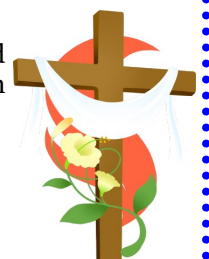
March also saw an eco-themed Green Day with the children taking part in planting, litter picking, nature walks and camp fire making in Mall's Mire and a visit to the recycling plant at Polmadie,. Again, thanks to our partners and Mrs Moretti for coordinating the day.

You should have received your individual appointments for Parents' Night next week. Please bring your child along to the meeting to allow her/him to be part of the discussion. Should there be sensitive matters that you would not wish to discuss with your child present, please do not hesitate to contact me to arrange an additional appointment.

Ms Maureen Jones has joined our staff and will be mostly teaching PE and other aspects of health and wellbeing until the end of this school session. Mrs O'Neill will be working in St Brigid's Primary for three days per week and St Conval's Primary for two days per week as part of Glasgow's Improvement Challenge. Mrs Taina McCue has also joined us as a Support for Learning Worker, replacing Mrs Cockburn. During March we said goodbye to Mrs Fay, one of our clerical assistants. Mrs Fay has moved to a 52 week per year post in another learning community. I should like to thank her for all her work in the school office. Ms Sarah Brannan has joined us in the school office on a temporary basis.

I hope you have a lovely Easter weekend and that the two-week break comes with some bright Spring weather.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher





Diary Dates

Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday—holiday
Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday—holiday
Wed 30 Mar	Whole school to Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am
Thurs 31 Mar	Ms Doherty to visit St Francis' Primary
Fri 1 April	Individual parents' meetings for P2 parents School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break
Mon 18 April	School reopens at 9:00am
Thurs 21 April	Second P7 swimming second block until 16 June
Thurs 28 April	Mrs Scott to visit St Francis' Primary South area netball finals at 3:30pm Parent Council meeting at 7:00pm
Mon 2 May	Holiday
Wed 4 May	Mrs Scott to Primary HTs city wide business meeting Mrs Blair to purchasing system training
Thurs 5 May	In-service Day—school closed for children
Fri 6 May	Mrs Scott to Archdiocese Headteachers' Association leadership conference
Tues 10 May	P7 & P6 to Mini Game Jam in Holyrood Secondary
Wed 11 May	Whole school to mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am
Wed 18 May	P7 Mass with Archbishop Philip in St Andrew's Cathedral
Sat 21 May	Summer Fete organised by Parent Council
Fri 27 May	Holiday
Mon 30 May	Holiday
Thurs 2 June	Induction afternoon at 1:30pm for children starting P1 in August
Saturday 4 June	First Holy Communion 12 noon in St Brigid's Church
Mon 6 June	First Holy Communion party for all P4 children
Wed 8 June	P7 children to Holyrood Secondary
Thurs 9 June	P7 children to Holyrood Secondary
Wed 15 June	P7 children to Holyrood Secondary Induction afternoon at 1:30pm for children starting P1 in August
Thurs 23 June	European Referendum—more information to follow
Fri 24 June	School closes at 1pm

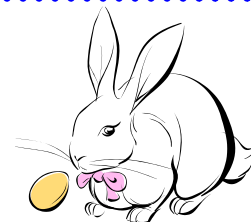
Other end of year activities are still at the planning stage and I hope to give you more information next month.

We can only take children out of school if we have enough adults to supervise. Please contact the school office if you are able to help with any of the above activities.

Holidays

The school will be closed on:

Good Friday 25th March
Easter Monday 28th March



Spring Break

School closes at **2:30pm** on **Friday 1st April** and reopens at **9:00am** on **Monday 18th April**

Race for Life

To help beat cancer sooner we will join the Race for Life by having a sponsored run in school on

Friday 29th April

Donations can be made simply and securely online through a Just-Giving page (a link will be provided) or by a traditional sponsorship form. More information will be sent home early in the new term.



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