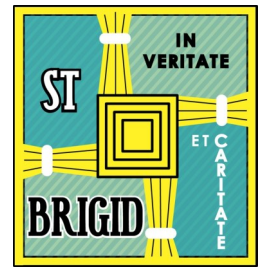




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



February 2016

In truth and in love

A message from the Head Teacher

In St Brigid's Primary we continue to give the children as many opportunities as possible for personal achievement. This term we have a wide range of after school clubs, including: gymnastics, cross country, dance, football and fun and fitness. The gymnastics team are preparing for the Glasgow schools' competition at Bellahouston on 8th February and the Wednesday afternoon dance club is preparing the children for a dance showcase in March. Our football team continues to achieve success in the Glasgow Catholic schools' league while a team of P6 children will represent us at the Euro Quiz to be held on 9th March. Our recent sessions with Rookie Rockstars were a huge success with the children who enjoyed performing a different genre of music.

We know that attendance is closely linked to how well children achieve and it will remain a focus for our school. At last week's assembly, 81 (33%) children received awards for perfect attendance and 79 (30%) children received an award for 95% attendance or better. Being on time each day is also important as arriving late can cause children to miss out on important learning. Therefore, good timekeeping will also be taken into account when awarding attendance certificates.

The Mini Vinnies group received a lovely card from the residents and staff at Orchard Grove Care Home thanking them for the personal visit and handmade Christmas cards. We were also delighted to welcome a group of residents from the home to our Nativity play and Christmas concert. Mini Vinnies is one way in which our children put the values of our Catholic Christian faith into action and the group has planned a visit to the Day Care centre of Orchard Grove on St Patrick's Day. The Mini Vinnies section of SSVP Scotland (Society of St Vincent de Paul) is relatively new and our school is listed on the SSVP website <http://youth.ssvpscotland.com/minivinnies> as one of a small (but growing) number of primary schools with a Mini SSVP congregation. Thank you to St Brigid's Parish SSVP for the stationary gifts for all the children and to the Parent Council for selection boxes—the children are very fortunate indeed.

Ms Danielle Brady has been appointed to the school as a class teacher. I hope that Ms Brady will be able to take up her appointment sometime during February and I would like to thank Mrs Kheirabi for her work during her return to St Brigid's.

Thank you for your continued support.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Improving Our School



Over recent months we have provided an update on how we are working to achieve the priorities in our Establishment Improvement Plan.

Priority 3

What do we want to do?

Raise attainment further by ensuring that assessment and planning meets the needs of all children, particularly those with barriers to learning.

How are we doing this?

- ◆ All classroom based staff attended training on planning for additional needs.
- ◆ The depute headteachers of our partner schools regularly share good practice in planning for additional needs.
- ◆ We have revised our school referral procedures to align with new Glasgow City Council pathways.
- ◆ A school based working party reviewed our current assessment practices and identified key assessment points and resources to be used.
- ◆ Senior staff will attend Glasgow City Council training on Children and Young People (Scotland) 2014 Act, as this becomes available.
- ◆ Senior staff will share good practice in effective record keeping with our partner schools.

Improving our practice as above will ensure:

- ◆ Our assessment procedures identify barriers to learning in a timely way.
- ◆ All staff have a clear understanding of our referral procedures.
- ◆ All staff will ensure learners are receiving appropriate support and challenge.
- ◆ Senior staff have the knowledge and understanding to fulfil the school's statutory duty as 'named person'.
- ◆ Electronic notes will record children's needs and support planning and communication with other agencies.

Next month we will update you on the last of this year's priorities.



Diary Dates

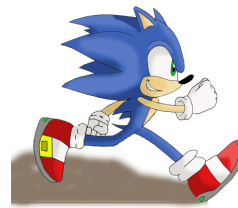
Mon 1 Feb	Feast of St Brigid—whole school to mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00 Teachers to work with colleagues in St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries sharing standards in mathematics
Wed 3 Feb	P7 to Holyrood Secondary for 9:00am — RE retreat
Thurs 4 Feb	Mrs Walsh to visit P4 in St Francis' Primary Mrs Scott to Archdiocese of Glasgow Primary Head Teachers' Association conference
Wed 10 Feb	Ash Wednesday— P5—P7 to mass in St Brigid's Church Father Byrne will distribute ashes to P1—P4 classes in school after mass
Thurs 11 Feb	Gymnastics team to competition at Bellahouston P4 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries to visit St Brigid's Primary Mrs Scott to visit Shawlands Primary
Mon 15 Feb	Mid-term holiday
Tues 16 Feb	Mid-term holiday
Wed 17 Feb	In-service training day—school closed for children
Sat 20 Feb	Celtic Park match day visit
Thurs 25 Feb	Mrs Walsh to visit P4 in St Fillan's Primary Mrs Scott to visit Battlefield Primary
Fri 26 Feb	Selected P5, P6 & P7 children to Glasgow Schools' Cross Country Championships
Thurs 3 Mar	World Book Day—come dressed as a character from your favourite book
Tues 8 Mar	Mrs Scott to South Area primary head teachers' meeting P1 & P7 dental check ups
Wed 9 Mar	Last session of Determined to Dance for P4 and P4/3 classes Computer suite visit for P1 children joining us in August
Thurs 10 Mar	Ms Doherty to visit P1 in St Fillan's Primary Head Teachers of Battlefield, St Francis' and Shawlands primaries to visit St Brigid's
Tues 15 Mar	Dance showcase for selected pupils
Thurs 17 Mar	P1 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries to visit St Brigid's
Mon 21 Mar	Health Week
Wed 23 Mar	Selected P7 children to athletics competition at Emirates stadium
Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday—holiday
Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday—holiday
Thurs 31 Mar	Individual parents' meetings
Fri 1 April	School closes at 2.30pm for School Break

Feast of St Brigid Catholic Education Week



The whole school will attend mass in St Brigid's Church on Monday 1 February to celebrate the feast of St Brigid, our school's patron saint. We need a number of adults to accompany the children on this visit. Please phone the school office if you are able to help.

Next week is Catholic Education Week. Children are encouraged to wear their St Brigid's school uniform with pride when they attend mass this weekend. We will celebrate Catholic Education Week with an assembly on Friday 5 February at 9.50am. There will be some space available for parents/carers and if you would like to come, please telephone the school office. Places will be reserved on a first come basis.



The Road to Rio

As a warm-up to the summer Olympic Games, we are endeavouring to run 5898 miles, the distance from Glasgow to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The running will contribute to our health and wellbeing programme and be done at various times during the week to suit other learning taking place. To achieve this distance, each child in St Brigid's Primary would need to run an average 25 miles by June (10 times round the pitch is 1 mile). This is an ambitious target and some of the older children will be encouraged to run further as this distance will be too far for some of the little ones. There may even be some guest appearances from staff contributing to the total!

School staff are keeping a record of the distances run each week and we will let you know how we get on.

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