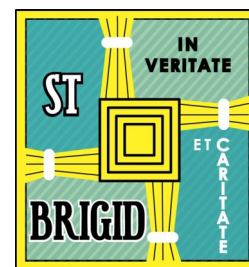




# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



February 2019

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

Term 3 is well underway! Children have taken part in a number of events across the city. P7 & P7/6 have worked with the Show Racism the Red Card programme which will result in a full day's workshop in one of Glasgow's football stadiums. The date & venue will be confirmed shortly.

Our badminton team have worked incredibly hard this year to be crowned Glasgow champions and will progress to the Scottish Finals. Our children also took part in an Athletics tournament in the Emirates where Devine in P7 won a Bronze medal and Juliette in P7/6 won a Silver medal. Ten P5 children attended the Rugby Festival in Langside and were awarded medals for being the hardest working school. What a team!

On the 1st of February, we marked the Feast of St Brigid by celebrating Mass in St Brigid's Church. Father Byrne told us lots of interesting facts about St Brigid and why she is such a special patron of our school, parish and community. Also, Father Byrne kindly hosted our P1 classes. He answered lots of questions about Creation and the children received a tour of the Church. My thanks to Father Byrne for this opportunity.

As part of our Digital Literacy programme, senior pupils from the school attended the GFT and Cineworld. Our children were extremely well behaved and a credit to the school and their families.

On Monday the 28th of January, we celebrated success during our class awards assembly. I continue to be delighted by the amount of different reasons for which children receive awards. These range from academic success, sporting success, other wider achievements and helping others. While all achievements are a reason to celebrate, children showing kindness to others by helping them is a real joy for me and what we are all about in St Brigid's Primary School.

Congratulations to Ms Shaw and Miss Carlton who have been appointed as Acting Principal Teachers in St Brigid's Primary. Their remits will have a focus on continuing to raise attainment in the school with particular regard to Literacy and Numeracy. In addition, they will have pastoral care responsibility for children in St Brigid's. I am sure you join me in wishing them the best of luck in their new posts. We welcome Mr William Taylor who has taken responsibility for P7/6 and also Miss Sarah Gemmell who will have responsibility for P6 during Mr Woods' absence.

*Paul Cassidy*  
Head Teacher

## Enrolment for P1 August 2019

If you know anyone who is still to register for P1 please make them aware that P1 enrolment is still open. Please register for P1 on line here:

<https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=18007>

If required, paper applications can still be obtained by contacting the CBS Enrolment Support Team at the Olympia Hub: 0141 287 8000.

## Mr Cassidy's Interview— Toryglen Autism Unit



I was absolutely delighted to welcome children from Toryglen Primary School Autism Unit who wished to interview me about my new role as Head Teacher in St Brigid's. It was a pleasure to welcome the children who they asked some tricky questions. I look forward to reading the article when they have finished. Also, the children enjoyed a tour of the school.

## First Friday Mass



We are absolutely delighted that First Friday Mass will now be celebrated in school. Father Byrne is sourcing an altar for us. First Friday Mass will be celebrated at 1:30pm. Each month classes from P4-P7 will take responsibility for the Liturgy with Father Byrne's support. The choir will also sing during First Friday Mass. On Friday the 1st of March P5 will lead the liturgy. All in the school & parish community are welcome to join us.

## February Break

The school will be closed on **Monday 11th February** and **Tuesday 12th February** for the mid-term holiday.

**Wednesday 13th February** is an in-service training day for staff and children should not attend on that day.





## Diary Dates 2019

- Mon 11 Feb Holiday
- Tues 12 Feb Holiday
- Wed 13 Feb In-service day for staff—school closed for children
- Fri 15 Feb Mrs O'Neill to Primary DHT meeting at Holyrood
- Mon 18 Feb Class awards Assembly
- Wed 20 Feb P5 to Dumfries House Farm Trip
- Thurs 21 Feb Mr Cassidy and Mrs O' Neill to attend Director's briefing
- Fri 22 Feb Mrs O' Neill P3b to attend STEM ambassadors training.
- Mr Cassidy & Mrs Moretti to Improvement Challenge Workshop.
- Tues 26 Feb Mr Cassidy to meeting in Dumbarton
- Tues 28 Feb P1 visit to Stirling Castle
- Fri 1st Mar 1st Friday Mass in school—P5 to lead
- Mon 6th Mar Ash Wednesday—Mass at 10:00 for P5-P7
- Father Byrne to lead service in school at 1:30 for P1-P4 children



### How Are We Improving Our School?

**Priority:** to continue to improve attainment in numeracy.

#### What have we done to achieve this in numeracy?

- ✓ We have purchased resources so that each class now has a box full of concrete materials to help children to solve problems from P1-P7.
- ✓ We are continuing to develop children's ability to solve word problems at different levels of challenge e.g. mild, hot, spicy, extra spicy.
- ✓ Staff have received training on Number Talks to develop children's mental agility in solving calculations across the 4 number processes of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
- ✓ Children are able to talk about their learning in maths with confidence using the practical strategies which they have been taught through the Glasgow Counts Methodology.



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#### Head lice

Please remember to regularly check your child's hair for any sign of infection.

For information on how to treat head lice please visit the NHS website or the local pharmacy.