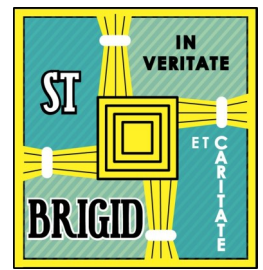




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



February 2020

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

As term three progresses, I continue to be delighted with the successes of our children in St Brigid's. Our children have taken part in a number of events across the city. P5, P6 & P7 have worked with the Basketball programme, Jump to It to learn about the importance of a nutritious and healthy diet as well as a basketball session with Glasgow Rocks Professional Basketball players.

Our badminton team have worked incredibly hard this year to be crowned Glasgow champions and will again progress to the Scottish Finals. Our children also took part in an Athletics tournament in the Emirates where Enitan won Gold medals for long jump and 60 metre sprint and was awarded a Bronze medal for her overall performance, Abu won a Gold medal for the shot put, Steven won a Bronze medal in javelin and Alex won a Bronze medal in sprinting. Fabulous results! Two of our Pupil Councillors, Peter P6 and Edefe P7, attended the Glasgow School's Pupil Forum where they represented the school on discussions around current issues for children in schools. The boys represented the school very well.

P7 attended a Burns' Ceilidh in Holyrood Secondary as part of the transition programme. They were happy to spend time with children from other schools who they will join in S1 in August 2020.

Our Sewing Club for parents and carers is now well established and very well attended. Everyone is thoroughly enjoying the experience.

Jane Saunders from Glasgow's Improvement Challenge visited the school in January to find out all about our Literacy and Numeracy programmes and she was delighted with the work of the school.

As the Feast Day of St Brigid was on a Saturday we were unable to attend Mass in St Brigid's as a school. Instead, we took part in 40 hours adoration over in the church. Father Byrne told us lots of interesting facts about the church and also what 40 hours adoration is all about.

In January, 49 children received a certificate for 100% attendance and 114 children for 95% or better between August and December. Overall, this is 45% of our children. Attainment statistics for our own school last session show that children whose attendance was below 90% attained less well in reading and writing than children whose attendance was above 90%.

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.

Arrangements for Ash Wednesday



Ash Wednesday is on 26 February 2020.

P5-P7 will attend 10:00am Mass in St Brigid's Church.
P1-P4 will attend a service in school at 1:30pm

All parents/carers /Parishioners are invited to join us either for the AM or PM service.

Baby Strings

Our Baby Strings Tutors started today (Thursday 6th of Feb). Their names are Allison Stringer and Cameron Ross.

P1 to P3 children have had great time learning all about the violin, viola and cello. We are very excited to start making music!



February Break



The school will be closed on

Friday 7th February (In-service)

Monday 11th February for the mid-term holiday

Tuesday 12th February for the mid-term holiday

Wednesday 13th February (In-service)

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Diary Dates 2020

- Fri 7 Feb** In-service day for staff—school closed for children
- Mon 10 Feb** Holiday
- Tues 11 Feb** Holiday
- Wed 12 Feb** In-service day for staff—school closed for children
- Thurs 13 Feb** Baby Strings P1-P3
- Fri 14 Feb** Gaelic P1-p4
- Mon 17 Feb** P7 Confirmation in Holycross Parish at 7:00—all invited to support our children.
- Tues 18 Feb** Mrs Wishart & Mrs Simpson to Families Connect training
- Wed 19 Feb** Mrs Wishart & Mrs Simpson to Families Connect training (second day)
- Thurs 20 Feb** P7 to visit St Mungo's Museum
Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course
Baby Strings
- Fri 21 Feb** Gaelic P1-P4
Mr Cassidy to course in Stirling
- Mon 24 Feb** P2b assembly at 2:30 in school hall—parent and carers welcome to attend.
- Tues 25 Feb** Whole school assembly for Missio—Mini Vinnies to launch.
- Wed 26 Feb** Ash Wednesday—Mass at 10:00 for P5-P7
Father Byrne to lead service in school at 1:30 for P1-P4 children.
- Thurs 27 Feb** Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course
Baby Strings
- Fri 28 Feb** Gaelic P1-P4
- Fri 6 March** First Friday Mass in school P7b to lead all parents/carers & parishioners welcome.



How Are We Improving Our School?

Priority: To develop our family learning programme to fully engage parents & carers to participate in designing and delivering content.

What have we done to achieve this in Family learning?

- ✓ We have engaged with a family learning officer from Glasgow City Council who is supporting us in producing an annual programme of family learning
- ✓ This month, two members of staff will be trained in the Families Connect programme which supports families and children to learn together. We are hoping to offer this to families in the next academic session.
- ✓ We have purchased a family learning tool which will help us to develop a suite of training for parents and carers which will help around a variety of issues including social media use, homework, praise and encouragement, managing emotions, transitions etc.
- ✓ We are running an accredited Sewing class for parents and carers. These credits can go towards a full qualification.

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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.