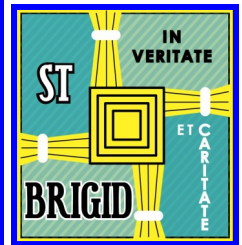




St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



February 2022

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

It is hard to believe that we have reached February 2022 already. As you know the feast of our Patroness, St Brigid was celebrated on Tuesday 1st of February 2022 and I wish to thank Fr Byrne and Fr Antonio who welcomed our children and staff to two beautiful opportunities to take part in 40 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. In addition, P6 and P7 attended a beautiful Mass in school to mark our Feast Day. Again my thanks to both Fr Byrne and Fr Antonio for celebrating Mass for us. The Mass finished with a rousing rendition of the Hymn to St Brigid which is currently the pinned tweet on our Twitter page @StBrigidsPS

Father Byrne and I are hoping to finalise the dates for First Confession and First Holy Communion in the next few days. A communication will go out from both the school and Parish.

Children also took part in an orienteering activity to find out facts about St Brigid. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activity where they explored the school grounds as well as learning about our Patron Saint. Following the activity, the class with the most points was to have a party on Friday 11 February, however due to the fact that all classes did so well, every class will have a party on Friday afternoon in their rooms to finish our St Brigid's Day celebrations for 2022. The school will provide snacks and a drink for every child. **Children should wear uniform or P.E kit (if Friday is their P.E day) to the party.**



At the Glasgow Modern Language Awards held on Friday 4 February, Sufyan Irfan P7a received a Modern Language Learner of the Year award for his commitment to learning languages especially Gaelic. Nach math a rinn thu, Sufyan! The school also picked up a partnership award for working with Fèisean nan Gàidheil who fund our Gaelic language learning programme and provide our Gaelic tutor, Mairead NicLeòid. P5a were delighted to provide entertainment for the event. They sang two Gaelic songs, 'Tha mi sgìth' and 'Far am Bi Mi-fhìn. Well done everyone—there were lots of lovely comments from the online audience.

The swimming programme for P7 has resumed. P7 will go swimming on a Friday. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum. P7 had a great day first day on 4 February and will continue to take part in lessons at Tollcross Sports Centre until the end of their block.

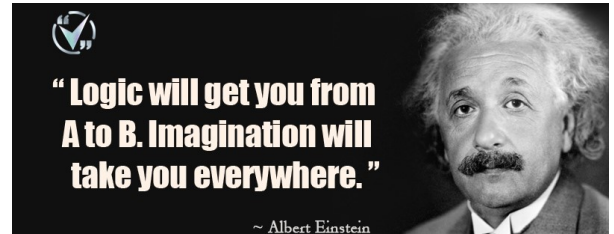


This term, we are fortunate enough to have 4 teaching students in the school. In P1a, we have Miss Blyth, in P3/2 we have Mr McKay, Miss MacKenzie is working with P6b and Ms Raeburn is in P7b. We will also welcome Miss Leyden who will work with P2 later in the month. We wish them all the best during their time with us.

I hope you that you all have a lovely long weekend.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

Igniting Children's Imaginations



In planning for interdisciplinary learning or topics, teachers work extremely hard to plan relevant and coherent programmes of work which are aimed to spark children's imaginations.

Using hooks such as Fairy Land, Harry Potter, Novel studies etc give children a context and framework for their learning. These combined with pupil voice sessions (children consulted on what they would like to learn), produce excellent work because children are invested in the context and are excited by their learning.

The children and I are extremely grateful for the creativity of our fantastic teachers.

Junior Leadership Team 2021-22



Here are our Junior Leadership Team. They meet monthly with Mr Cassidy to discuss ideas that they have to improve the school.

They will also work with Mr Cassidy to evaluate the work of the school from our children's point of view.

Sports' Clubs for the remainder of the term 3

Mondays

P4-P7 football team training 3pm-4pm
P5 handball 3pm-4pm until 21 Feb



Tuesdays

P6-P7 Gymnastics 12-12.45 from 22 Feb
P2 multisports 3pm-4pm 8 Feb-8 March
P3 multisports 3pm-4pm 15 March - 29 March
P6-P7 Bridges and Barriers anti-sectarian/sport workshop 3pm-4pm 22 Feb-22 March

Wednesdays

P6 Dance 3pm-4pm until 23 Feb
P7 Dance 3pm-4pm until 16 March

Thursdays

P3-P5 Gymnastics 12.15pm-1pm
P5-P6 badminton 3pm-4pm 24 Feb-24 March

How is my child assessed?

Last session's questionnaire for parents and carers highlighted that some parents and carers would like more information how their child/ren is/are assessed. A summary is provided here.

Why do we assess?

- ◆ To give St Brigid's children meaningful opportunities to demonstrate what they know, understand and can do across the curriculum
- ◆ To help St Brigid's children know the standards to aim for, and to understand what they need to do next to improve their work
- ◆ To provide quality evidence for St Brigid's teachers about each learner's achievements, strengths and next steps and clear information to parents and carers which enables them to support their child's learning

What do we assess?

- Knowledge and Understanding
- Skills
- Attitudes and Capabilities

How do we assess?

We undertake two main, but complementary, types of assessment in St Brigid's: assessment for learning (formative assessment) and assessment of learning (summative assessment).

We also look at holistic assessment which is assessment of whole-work activities rather than individual skills or pieces of knowledge; similar to how we apply what we know and what we can do in real world settings.

When do we assess?

Children are continually assessed to ensure that programmes of work are appropriate to their level thereby meeting their needs and also to inform next steps.

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BREAK



February Mid-term break

- ◆ **Monday 14 February 2022**
- ◆ **Tuesday 15 February 2022**
- ◆ **Wednesday 16 February 2022 (In-service day)**
- ◆ **Children return on Thursday 17 February at 9:00am**

Computer Games & Online Gaming



I continue to be concerned about children gaming online in real time with other children outwith school time. A number of children have reported to me that the language that they are being exposed to online as they play computer games with peers, is choice at best and wholly inappropriate at worst.

I have highlighted this with individual parents but I also would like to highlight this to all parents and carers so that you can discuss with your child any concerns that they have. Many of the games which are being played are also not appropriate for primary school children. Let's do all we can to keep our children safe.

Appropriate PE wear

Continued coronavirus mitigations mean that changing rooms are still not in use. This means that children will continue to wear P.E kit on the days that they have P.E.

Please ensure that your children wears a full length t-shirt and is wearing appropriate clothing to partake in sporting activities. **P.E days are not dress down days.** Remember an appropriate warm jackets for changing weather conditions.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind," said the boy

Charlie Mackay