



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



February/March 2023

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

Welcome to February! February is always a very special month for us in St Brigid's. Every year on the 1st of February, we celebrate the feast of our Patroness, St Brigid. I wish to thank Fr Byrne for celebrating Mass with us in the school. In our traditional style, the Mass finished with a rousing rendition of the Hymn to St Brigid which is currently the pinned tweet on our Twitter page @StBrigidsPS. Fr Byrne also welcomed our children and staff to two beautiful opportunities to take part in 40 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

At the Glasgow Modern Language Awards held on Friday 3 February the school received a 1+2 Languages in Action award to recognise our efforts in learning languages here in St Brigid's. We have French from P1-P7, Gaelic being taught across P4-P7 and we will be looking at the planning within our Spanish programme as a next step on our post covid recovery. A huge congratulations to Amelia Rakowska P7b, Fareedah Odunuga P6 and Harrison McKenna P5/4 received Language Ambassador awards for their sterling efforts in language learning. Ozul Kumar, P7a was also recognised with a Celebration of other Languages award. Well done everyone, we are very proud of you all. Also and as part of the Celtic Connections programme P4 and P5/4 had the chance to take part in Gaelic singing workshops with a professional Gaelic singer.

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 session on 3 February and will continue to take part in P.E lessons at Tollcross Sports Centre until the end of their block.

Congratulations to P5/4 and P3 who have shared their learning at class assemblies during January and February. P5/4 entertained the other classes and their families with their work on Rabbe Burns and P3 shared their learning on the Gospels. Well done everyone!

P7 had a wonderful outdoor residential trip to Dalguise in Perth. There are over 50 tweets on our Twitter page with photos, videos and information about the trip. A huge thank you to Mrs Moretti and Mr Woods who accompanied us on the trip. It is a big ask giving up five days with their families. P7 also had a great time at the Holyrood Cèilidh transition event.

P6 also attended an event at Toryglen Football Centre. The children were so engaged and very well behaved.

The children of our Mars house group are looking forward to going Bowling on Thursday 9 February as their reward! Our next winners will be announced the week beginning 20 February. Let's keep working hard to win those House Points!

Finally, our entire school staff wish to offer our Congratulation to Mr Woods on his appointment as Acting Principal Teacher for the duration of Mrs Simpson's maternity leave.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

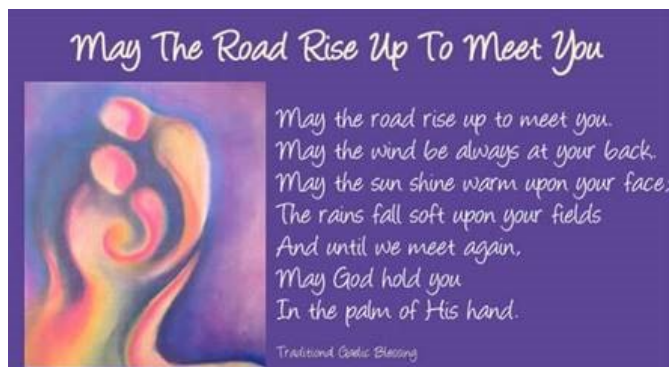
Retirement of Mrs Y Sweeney



On Friday 3 February, Mrs Sweeney our clerical assistant retired from her post in the office.

I want to take this opportunity to thank her for all her help and support over the last 5 years and wish her all the best for the future as she starts her new adventure 'doon the water'.

I am sure you will all join me in thanking her for her work in St Brigid's. Take care and God Bless.



Meeting regarding the Sacraments

A reminder that the meeting for all parents and carers who are planning to make the Sacrament of First Confession (P3) , First Holy Communion (P4) and Confirmation (P7) will take place Thursday 9 February at 5:30pm in the school assembly hall.

The date of Confirmation is Tuesday 21 February at 7:00 in Holy Cross Church in Govanhill. The other date are to be confirmed.

Heath Week

Health week will take place during the last week of term

Monday 27 March to Friday 31 March

During Health Week, the children are asked to wear their sports clothes as we are planning lots of physical activities throughout the course of the week.

Mr Cassidy, Ms Shaw and Mrs Wishart will all be giving the children a wee taster of Gymnastics, Badminton and Basketball respectively.

Dairy—February/March

Thurs 9 Feb	Winning House Group Trip
Mon 13 Feb	Mid-Term Break
Tues 14 Feb	Mid-Term Break
Wed 15 Feb	In-Service Day
Thurs 16 Feb	P6/5 & P6 to Summerlee Trip
Mon 20 Feb	Winning House to be announced
Tues 21 Feb	Confirmation at 7:00pm in Holy Cross Church
Wed 22 Feb	Ash Wednesday P5-P7 to Mass at 10:00am in St Brigid's Church P1-P4 will have a service in school at 1:30pm Parents/Carers are invited to attend either for the distribution of Ashes
Fri 24 Feb	P7a & P7b—Assembly at 1:30pm Parents & Carers of P7 are invited
Thurs 2 Mar	World Book Day—Details to follow P3/2 Assembly at 2:00pm. Parents & Carers of P3/2 are invited
Fri 3 Mar	First Friday Mass in School at 1:30pm Parents & Carers are invited
Thurs 23 Mar	String Orchestra to visit school— Thank you to Parish for support this Parents' Evening—Letters to follow
Mon 27 Mar- Fri 31 Mar	Health Week
Fri 31 Mar	Schools close early at 2:30pm for the Easter Break

February Mid-term break

- ◆ **Monday 13 February 2023**
- ◆ **Tuesday 14 February 2023**
- ◆ **Wednesday 15 February 2023 (In-service day)**
- ◆ **Children return on Thursday 16 February at 9:00am**



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Assessment in St Brigid's Primary

A few parents and carers have asked for some information about 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.

School Office Hours



Given the nature of recruiting clerical assistant posts in schools, it will take a while before Mrs Sweeney's vacant post is filled. This is a 25 hour post so we will be significantly short staffed.

With that in mind, please be patient when trying to contact us. There are times particularly mid-morning and immediately following lunch times that there may be no one available to answer calls.

I will keep you informed about the recruitment process for this post.