



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



January 2016

In truth and in love

A message from the Head Teacher

Welcome to 2016 and the beginning of a new term.

You will be aware that across Glasgow City Council there was no access to information technology in the run up to the Christmas holiday. Much of the system has now been restored although I still do not have access to the headteacher email account. I am sorry for any inconvenience this continues to cause you.

We ended last term with two wonderful performances of the Nativity play and Christmas concert. We are always pleased to have guests and we were particularly grateful to the elected members who came along: Nicola Sturgeon, First Minister and MSP for Glasgow Southside; Alison Thewliss MP and Baillie Jim Scanlon. The choir performed a host of Christmas favourites at Glasgow Community Safety Building bringing festive cheer to staff. Thank you to Community Safety staff for the gifts for the children and donation to School Fund. Our P7 and P6 children who took part in the Mock Court Case project made fantastic cases for the prosecution and defence and gave excellent witness statements over two nights in Glasgow High Court. The P6 pursuer team were given the Sheriff's verdict on the night. However, the work of the court reporters and court illustrators now has to be submitted before a final winner is announced.

P3 children have continued to play in the infant playground. We are now half way through the school year and the children are ready to make the transition to the main playground. Tomorrow and Friday of this week they will play in the infant yard in the morning and the main yard at lunch time. With effect from Monday 11 January, P3 children will use the main playground during both morning intervals and lunch breaks.

Ms Graham left St Brigid's at the end of last term to return to Perth for family reasons. A new teacher has been appointed to teach Primary 3 and I am awaiting confirmation of her start date. In the meantime, Mrs Kheirabi, who is well known to the children, has returned to teach Primary 3. Mrs Cockburn also left St Brigid's at the end of last term to take up a post nearer to her home. A new Support for Learning Worker has been appointed and will join us once HR procedures have been carried out. I should like to thank both Ms Graham and Mrs Cockburn for the work they did while in St Brigid's Primary.

With every good wish for 2016.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

2016
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Enrolment of New Primary P1 Children

There is another opportunity to enrol children who will be 5 years of age by 28 February 2017 for school in August. Children should be enrolled during one of the times below:

Mon 11 Jan	1:30pm—2:30pm
Tues 12 Jan	9:30am —11:00am
Wed 13 Nov	9:30am—11:00am
Thurs 14 Nov	1:30pm—2:30pm

Please contact the school office for an alternative time if none of the above times are suitable.



Rookie Rock Stars

Week Beginning 11 January.

Rookie rock Stars is a 4 day programme involving the whole school. The first 3 days involve learning 5 original songs and some well known favourites. On day 4, the songs are recorded and then later mixed to produce the school CD. Children are also given the opportunity to design a CD cover, and the winning design is printed on the final product.

On Thursday 21 January, the children will perform in their own Rookie Rock Stars concert from 6.30pm—7.30pm. The programme is offered to schools for free. Tickets for the performance show are sold for £5 to cover staffing costs to run the programme. CDs are sold for £5 with £1 for every CD sold donated to school funds.





Diary Dates

Mon 11 Jan	Rookie Rock Stars— Mon, Tues, Thurs Enrolment of new P1 children 1.30—2.30 Athletics (curriculum time) for P6 and P7 After school Fun and Games for P3
Tues 12 Jan	Enrolment of new P1 children 9.30—11.00
Wed 13 Jan	Determined to Dance for P4 and P4/3 classes
Thurs 14 Jan	Mrs Moretti to visit P7 in St Francis' Primary Pinsent Masons lawyers to work with P6 Enrolment of new P1 children 1.30 - 2.30
Mon 18 Jan	P4 to Celtic Connections - Skerryvore After school gymnastics club
Tues 19 Jan	Mrs Scott to Primary Head Teachers' whole city meeting Ms Roberts to Primary Engineer training course
Wed 20 Jan	Ms Stevenson to Primary Engineer training course
Thurs 21 Jan	Mrs Moretti to visit P7 in St Fillan's Primary Rookie Rock Stars concert 6.30pm
Tues 26 Jan	P7 swimming block begins—12 weeks
Thurs 28 Jan	P7 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries to visit St Brigid's Primary Mrs Scott to Holyrood learning community senior managers' meeting
Mon 1 Feb	Feast of St Brigid—whole school to mass in St Brigid's Church Teachers to work with colleagues in St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries sharing standards in mathematics
Fri 4 Feb	Mrs Scott to Archdiocese of Glasgow Primary Head Teachers' Association conference
Wed 10 Feb	Ash Wednesday—whole school to mass in St Brigid's Church
Thurs 11 Feb	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

Please contact the school office if you are able to help with any of the above outings.

Improving Our School Priority 4



What do we want to do?

To develop further progression and attainment in mathematics

How are we doing this?

- ◆ Our teachers have engaged in professional discussion around achievement in numeracy with teachers at the same stage in our learning community trio (St Brigid's, St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries). This allowed teachers to moderate progression and achievement across the three schools.
- ◆ There will be a further opportunity in February for teachers to engage in discussion with our partner schools when the focus will be mathematical problem solving.
- ◆ The headteachers and P7 teachers of our learning community trio will meet with Holyrood Secondary maths staff in January to discuss progression in learning.
- ◆ Class visits next term will focus on mathematics. All teachers will be involved in a class visit with either peers from our partner schools (P1, P4 & P7), with a partner headteacher or with Mrs Scott or Mr Cassidy. Good practice from the visits will be shared.
- ◆ Children at P1, P4 and P7 stages will be assessed to confirm teachers' judgements of their progress.
- ◆ Headteacher partners from our learning community trio and our local improvement group quad (St Brigid's, St Francis, Battlefield and Shawlands) will moderate achievement in mathematics across the schools and share best practice.
- ◆ Information from our own school and looking outwards to good practice elsewhere will inform our improvement priorities for next session.

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