



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



January 2022

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

Happy New Year! I hope that you all had a healthy and happy Christmas holiday. My staff and I were so pleased that we were able to facilitate so many of our Christmas activities last month despite the on-going restrictions in schools.

We start this year again under renewed restrictions. This is clearly very disappointing however we need to do all that we can in order to minimise the disruption to children's learning. You will be aware from the Scottish Government that ventilation is vital in order to mitigate against people catching Covid-19. As such, the windows will be open as often as possible. This is not without challenges during the winter months in Scotland. Please ensure that your child is well wrapped up and that they understand that classrooms will be cold despite the heating being on. Big jumpers, cardigans and hoodies are perfect for this weather. Please remember no football colours.

In addition, children have not been allowed on the playground equipment since we came back. This was until we devised a fair way to ensure that all children can access it in a safe, Covid secure manner i.e. reduce different stages mixing. We will inform the children as soon as possible of our plans, we are aiming for Thursday 13th of January. I have also made slight adjustments to the times when children access the canteen, this is to limit numbers in the hall at any given time. Furthermore, I have reviewed the before, during and afterschool club timetables and with appropriate procedures in place, clubs can continue at the moment which is good news.

In December, we had lots of fun with our Christmas activities. Congratulations to P1a & P5a who won the Christmas door competition. Well done to all the classes who worked so hard to create their masterpieces. These can all be found on Twitter. The winners watched a Christmas movie on the big screen with a treat. Thank you to Father Byrne who judged the competition.

We recorded our Christmas Nativity and Play as well as our Baby Strings sessions which are available on our YouTube Channel, please search St Brigid's Primary, Torryglen. The various performances have clocked up more than 2000 views. Thanks to everyone who donated on ParentPay.

We had a lovely Christmas Lunch in the canteen and danced the afternoon away to some classic Christmas tunes. Many thanks to St Vincent de Paul and the Donaldson family (through the Cornerstone Community Hall) who provided selection boxes for our children. P1-P4 children had a special visitor who handed them out. The support is very much appreciated. Lastly, all children had Christmas parties in their classes. My thanks to the Parent Council who provided the snacks and drinks.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher



ParentPay Important



In an attempt to remove all cash and cheques from our school, I have written to all Parents & Carers about our online payment solution called ParentPay.

ParentPay will be used to pay for all meals, school trips, concert tickets, uniform, dress down days etc going forward.

PLEASE ACTIVATE YOUR ACCOUNT ASAP USING THE DETAILS ON YOUR LETTER

**If you have any issues or can't find your letter,
please contact the school office.**

Christmas Fundraising

Carol Singing

Some of our P6 children went Carol Singing in the community. We raised over £100 for School Fund. Thank you to Mrs Martin and Mrs Curran from the Parent Council who accompanied us.

Virtual Show Ticket Sales

We raised over £170 for School Fund through ParentPay contributions to our Christmas Nativity and Play.

Christmas Art Work

We are very grateful to our Parents and Carers who purchased the children's personalised artwork. There was a fabulous response to this resulting in over £200 for school funds.

Break the rules day and Christmas Fête

Both events raised over £1000 for Parent Council funds. Thanks to the Parent Council for organising two fabulous activities and to all our amazing Parents and Carers who contributed to the amazing success of these events.



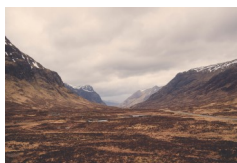
Feast of St Brigid



The feast of St Brigid is on Tuesday the 1st of February.

We will share details of how we will celebrate our feast day in due course.

Blairvadach



P7 had a wonderful week of outdoor adventures at the end of last term. The children were an absolute credit to the school and their families. Well done! There are plenty of updates on our Twitter page.

I wish to give a huge thanks to Mrs Moretti, Mr Woods, Mrs O'Neill, Ms Anderson and Ms Gallagher who gave up a week with their own families so the children could have this opportunity to make memories which will last a lifetime.

Staffing

Schools are not immune to staffing issues during this latest variant so please bear with us if there are last minute changes in staffing.

Isolation arrangements mean that the likelihood of disruption with increased Covid cases is almost inevitable. My priority is ensuring that there is a teacher in front of each of the 12 classes.

Clubs

Here are a list of the clubs for this term information coming out to children soon.

Monday - P5 handball in gym hall beginning 17.01.22

Monday - P4-P7 football team on pitch beginning 17.01.22

Wednesday - P6 dance in assembly hall beginning 19.01.22

Wednesday - P7 dance in gym hall beginning 19.01.22

Thursday - P2 gymnastics in gym hall beginning 27.01.22

P7 athletics team to practise at various lunchtimes.

More clubs to follow after February mid-term.

February Mid-term break

Monday 14th February 2022

Tuesday 15th February 2022

Wednesday 16th February 2022
(In-service day)

PE days for Term 3

P1a Tuesday/Thursday
P1b Wednesday/Friday
P2 Tuesday/Wednesday
P3/2 Wednesday/Thursday
P4/3 Monday/Thursday
P4 Tuesday/Thursday
P5a Monday/Wednesday
P5b Wednesday/Thursday
P6a Monday/Tuesday
P6b Wednesday/Friday
P7a Tuesday/Friday
P7b Monday/Friday

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"I'm so small," said
the mole.



"Yes," said
the boy.
"but you
make a huge
difference."