

WELCOME  
2023

# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



January 2023

*In truth and love*

## From the Head Teacher's desk

**A** very Happy New Year to all in our St Brigid's School and Parish Community. I hope that you all had an enjoyable time over the festive season.

During November, the Senior Management Team visited all classes to see Religious Education lessons. We were so impressed with the high quality teaching and learning taking place across the school. Class teachers also visited each others classes. I continue to be delighted with the skill level and commitment shown by all staff members in their day to day practice and by our children, who have a real motivation for their learning. A huge well done to team St Brigid's!

P6/5 and P4 also shared their learning at their class assemblies. Thank you to all the parents & carers who were able to come along to see the exciting work that the children have been undertaking.

What an incredibly busy month we had in December. It was an absolute joy to be able to see the return of many of our Christmas events. We started with a fantastic Baby Strings Concert. All children were involved in the concerts and showcased their talent wonderfully. Huge thank you to Ms MacFarlane and Ms Ormiston for preparing the children so well. We then held a Christmas Jumper day in aid of Save the Children and we raised **£228.49** for the charity. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed.

The children also did a fantastic job presenting the Christmas Nativity (P1 & P2) and The Grinch (P3-P7). A lot of work went into preparing the children and I wish to thank everyone involved for their hard work and commitment in ensuring that all three performances were so successful. There was a fabulous turn out and the money raised from ticket sales allows us to enhance our resources, pay for buses amongst other things when our annual core budget is already committed.

We also had a lovely Christmas Lunch in the canteen and danced the afternoon away to some classic Christmas tunes. The dancing continued with the Christmas Parties during the last week. Many thanks to St Vincent de Paul who provided selection boxes for our children. P1-P3 children had a special visitor who handed them out. We ended our Christmas events with a beautiful Carol Concert in St Brigid's Church. My thanks to Fr Byrne for hosting us and leading us in prayer as we reflected on the Christmas Story.

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Simpson has given birth to a baby boy. A big welcome to Shay, the newest member of the St Brigid's family; congratulations! Following her maternity leave, Mrs Din has decided to take a career break and will return to St Brigid's in the future. I would also like to welcome Mr Lamont who joins us on a temporary basis to cover Mrs Din's post.

*Paul Cassidy* Head Teacher



## Nut Free School



Our school aims to protect children who have allergies to nuts and as a result we do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes.

Our "Nut-Free Policy" means that any product which contains nuts should not be brought into school so please be mindful of this when organising children's snack and lunches.

## Feast of St Brigid



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

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

## Staffing Changes

**P1b will now be taught by  
Ms Hudson and Mrs Walsh**



**P6 will now be taught by  
Mr Lamont and Mrs O'Neill**

## House Point Winners



The winning house group for this term is

**Mars**

Parents/Carers with children in Mars will receive a letter about the children's reward/trip once we have met with the children to get their ideas on what they would like.

**Well done everyone!**



# Attendance



We are in the process of informing a significant number of families, by letter, if their child/ren's attendance at school has fallen below 95%.

We know that this can be for a variety of reasons which include illness and family holidays. I want to make you aware that a **two or three week** absence at the **start of the school year** can result in a very low percentage however with improved attendance over the rest of the year, the figure will increase greatly so please do all you can to ensure that your child/ren are at school. I also do appreciate the support in keeping children off who are unwell.



Please do let us know if we can support with your child's attendance.

## **Let's work together to improve the attendance rate across the school!**

### February Mid-term break

Monday 13th February 2023

Tuesday 14th February 2023

Wednesday 15th February 2023 (In-Service)

### Residential to Dalguise Outdoor Centre

23.01.2023-27.01.2023

Mrs Moretti, Mr Woods and Mr Cassidy are looking forward to accompanying the children on the above trip. Any outstanding payments must be attended to as a matter of urgency. In addition, any consent forms which have not been returned, should be returned immediately. If there are any issues, please contact the school as soon as possible.

### Clubs—Term 3

Here are a list of the clubs for this term—specific start days have been/will be sent out by Mr Woods

**Mondays—P4-P7 football team after school**

**Tuesdays—selected P3-P7 gymnastics at lunchtime**

**Wednesdays—P2-P3 games at lunchtime  
P5-P7 dance after school**

**Thursdays— selected P3-P7 gymnastics at lunchtime**

P7 athletics club at lunchtime—Mr Woods will inform children on the day this will be taking place

In addition, P3/2 and P3 will have a dance coach working with the class during their P.E. lesson on a Wednesday afternoon.

P1b and P2b will have Primary P.E. college students working with them on a Wednesday morning.

P1a, P3/2, P4, P5/4 and P7a will have Sports Leaders from Holyrood working with them during their P.E. slots later in the term.

P7a and P7b will be taking part in swimming lessons at Tollcross Swimming Pool on a Friday morning.

**Lots of activities planned for the term! Huge congratulations to our gymnasts who performed an excellent routine at this year's Gymfest in December. Several of our footballers have also been successful at events in Toryglen Football Centre. Well done!**

### False Nails & Make Up Appropriate P.E Attire

Some of our older children have come to school recently wearing false nails and make up. Please note that this is not appropriate especially for health and safety reasons. Please ensure that your child does not wear either while at school.

In addition, please make sure that your child wears appropriate P.E clothing including full length t-shirts and appropriately sized shorts.

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