

St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



June 2024

In veritate et caritate, In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

hat a fabulous month June has been with so many great events. Well done to all who participated in Sports Day. It was great fun! There was also a staff versus children football match which was highly competitive as per usual this time the victors were P7!

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the school show, 'Aladdin'; the performances were outstanding a real testament to all of the hard work that went into the productions. A special mention of course must go to Mr Woods, Ms Gallagher and Mrs Colrain for all their input with the children. Ms Jones also deserves a special mention for working with the children to create impressive set designs. Our support staff were brilliant too. The shows were extremely well attended; thank you all for your support.

Our Baby Strings concert was also brilliant. All children in the school are doing so well as part of our programme. Huge thanks to Miss Villa and Miss MacFarlane for their outstanding work with our children.

Our Celebration of Achievements were outstanding. Thank you to all the children and families who came along to support. Thanks to Father Byrne for celebrating a beautiful leavers' Mass in school for our P7 children and their families. As is recent tradition, we finished with a rousing rendition of the Holiday Hymn.

Here are some of the events in which we have been involved over last few weeks:

- P4 children took part in a concert in the City Halls
- Saturn won our inter house football tournament
- P5 led a beautiful First Friday Mass
- P5 and P6/5 visited the Pinsent Masons offices where they learned how to be project managers
- Our P7s took part in the Holyrood Maths Challenge
- Our Eco Committee participated in the Hampden Litter pick, tour of stadium where they saw the Scottish Cup
- P1 presented an excellent assembly on Fairyland
- Thanks to everyone who helped us raise £1067 to improve our library. Usborne books have added an additional £1700!

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Council for all their hard work this year and especially for the P7 disco last week.

Congratulations to Mrs Smith who has successfully completed the 'Thinking about Headship Course'.

Finally, I must thank our incredible staff for another wonderful year! What a team they are! Mr McManus, Miss Anderson and Miss Villa all leave us at the end of term and we wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their work here in St Brigid's. Miss Sweeney and Mr Cannon are also leaving us for two years but they will return after their time away. We will miss you both very much!

We will be signing off Twitter for the summer holiday but will be back at the start of the new session. Have a wonderful

summer. Paul Cassidy Executive Head Teacher

Confirmation

Huge congratulations to our P7 children who received the gift of the Holy Spirit during their Confirmation at Holy Cross Parish Church on the 21st of May. Please keep them all in your prayers. It was lovely to see so many of our staff there to celebrate with our children. Congratulations also to C who was confirmed in Christ the King a week later as he was unwell.





School Closes for Summer Break

Wednesday 26th of June At 1:00pm



Please ensure that your child is collected on time. Children can become distressed if left in school after their classmates have gone.

Classes and Teachers for Next Session

Executive Head Teacher—Mr Cassidy Acting Head of School—Mrs Smith Acting DHT—Mrs Moretti

These are the proposed teachers for August, however, they may be subject to change.

| P1a | Mrs Simpson (Principal Teacher) |
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| P ₁ b | Mrs Din & Mrs Walsh |
| P2 | Miss Kavanagh |
| P3/2 | Mrs Callaghan |
| P3 | Mrs Colrain (Principal Teacher) |
| P4a | Mr Walker |

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P4b Mr White
P5 Miss Cook
P6/5 Miss Gallagher
P7/6 Mr Woods (Principal Teacher)

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P7 Mrs McShane

Art & RE Ms M Jones

Support Mrs O'Neill Mrs Z Ahmad



P1 practical arrangements



- All P1 children should start on Wednesday 14 August 2024
- Wednesday 14 August 9:30-1:30 Thursday 15 August 9:30-1:30 Friday 16 August 9:30-1:30 Monday 19 August 9:30-2:00 Tuesday 20 August 9:30-2:00
- From Wednesday 21 August all children will attend full time from 9:00-3:00
- On the first day 2 parents/carers maximum may accompany their child into the school so that they can take a photo of their child on their special day and also to see the classroom.
- Until and including Friday 23 August, P1 children may be accompanied by one adult in the playground until they become used to staff and staff get to know the children and the adults who collect them. From Monday 26 August there should be no adults in the playground. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

After School Care

If you need to access afterschool care provision, then please contact either

After the Bell Out of School Care (based in Toryglen Primary School)

Contact: Daynoor Muldoon Phone: 07543109108 Email: afterthebellosc@gmail.com

or GAP Childcare, Govanhill

Contact: Jacqueline Gray Phone: 0141 424 0448 Alternative Phone: 07702654290 Email: gapchildcare@btconnect.com



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Glasgow City Council website:

http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/

Parent Council email address:

StBrigidsParentCouncil@outlook.com



House Point Winners



Congratulations to our period 6 and final winners Mercury! They enjoyed a fantastic day out at the **Keplies and the Helix** playpark in Falkirk!

School Holidays 2024/2025

August

Monday, 12 August 2024 (Return date for Teachers & In-Service Day)

Tuesday, 13 August 2024 (In-Service Day)

Wednesday, 14 August 2024 (Return date for Pupils)

September

Friday, 27 September and Monday, 30 September 2024 (September weekend holiday)

October

Friday, 11 October 2024 (In-Service Day) Monday, 14 to Friday, 18 October 2024 (October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 20 December

Monday, 23 December 2024 - Friday, 3 January 2025 (Christmas holidays)

January

Schools return on Monday, 6 January 2025

February

Monday, 17 February 2025 Tuesday, 18 February 2025 Wednesday, 19 February 2025 (In-service day)

April - Easter Holiday

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 4 April 2025 Monday, 7 April - Monday, 21 April 2025 (Spring

Schools return on Tuesday, 22 April 2025

Monday, 5 May 2025 (May Holiday) Thursday, 22 May 2025 (In-service day) Friday, 23 May 2025 and Monday, 26 May 2025 (May Weekend)

June

Schools Close at 1.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 June 2025

Attendance

In session 2024/25, there will be a renewed focus on the monitoring of children's attendance. Please ensure that you do every thing in your power to make sure that your child attends school. These charts give the stark facts on the impact of a day off here and there.

Let's work together to ensure our children are at school every single day!

Understanding your child's attendance percentage



190 days in school

(perfect attendance!)



180 days in school

95%



There are 365 days in a year, but only 190 school days. This leaves 175 non-school days to spend on holidays, family time, visits and other appointments.

171 days in school

This is equivalent to 209 days absence over eleven years of schooling: more than ONE YEAR of school missed!

90%

4 weeks missed

161 days in school

85%

6 weeks missed



152 days In school

80%

8 weeks missed

143 days in school

75%

10 weeks missed

100% No days missed

2 weeks missed This level of attendance gives your child the best

This level of attendance is worrying. It will make it harder for your child to make good progress and they are less likely to have success in their learning

This level of attendance is extremely concerning. It will be very difficult for your child to make good progress in their learning and there is likely to be a serious impact on their success in school



possible chance of making good progress and

having success in their learning

ATTENDANCE MATTERS... every school day counts!

Above 95% **Well Done**



High attendance leads to improved and high achievement which means greater success!

95% or less Slight Concern



This is the same as missing 9 school days; nearly 2 weeks!

90% or less Concerning



This is the same as missing 19 school days; almost 4 weeks!

85% or less Risk of Underachievement



This is the same as missing 27 school days: just less than 6

100% Attendance Certificate

80% or less Severe risk of Underachievement



This is the same as missing 36 school days; just less than 8 weeks!