



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



March 2016

In truth and in love

A message from the Head Teacher

Our parents and carers play a vital role in supporting their children's education and we greatly value your support. Individual parents' / carers' meetings will take place on Thursday 31 March from 3:30pm–5:30pm and from 6:00pm–8:00pm. Letters will be sent home next week inviting you to choose between the earlier or later time slot. We will do our best to give everyone their preferred slot, however, interpreters are only available during the earlier session. We would encourage you to bring your child to the meeting as children do best when they learn to take responsibility for their own learning. Perhaps a relative or friend would look after other children to allow you to have quality time with your child's teacher.

Our annual Health Week begins on 21 March. During this week, the children will take part in a wide range of fun, health related activities, many of them provided by community partners. The children may wear their sports' clothes all week. All classes have been taking part in the *Road to Rio*. Across the school, we have now run, jogged or walked 1000 miles—only 4898 to go before the end of June!

Congratulations go to our gymnastics 'A' squad which was 4th in the recent Glasgow schools' competition. This was a particularly good result in what was their first competition. Our 'B' and 'C' squads also performed very well. Our gymnastics club members are preparing for a display routine at Glasgow schools' Gymfest at the Emirates on 10 March. St Brigid's Primary is fortunate to have staff who give so much of their own time to give the children many additional experiences and opportunities.

During Catholic Education Week we had a special focus on the Jubilee Year of Mercy given to us by Pope Francis and this is reflected in the display in the entrance foyer. We have continued with the theme of learning to be merciful as we review the school's Vision, Values and Aims and also as we live our faith in action by supporting SCIAF during Lent. Once again, the UK Government is doubling all donations made to SCIAF. Please encourage your child to think of others by making small sacrifices and contributing to the WEE BOX collection.

Ms Danielle Brady has joined our staff and will teach P3 for the rest of this year. I am sure that everyone will make Ms Brady feel welcome and part of the St Brigid's family. Our new Support for Learning Worker should be with us shortly.

Carol Scott
Head Teacher

Improving Our School Priority 1

What do we want to do?

Develop further our school's vision, values and aims, particularly ensuring all members of our community are respected and included within a caring and supportive Catholic community of faith and learning.



How are we doing this?

- ◆ An in-school working party reviewed our curriculum programme for mental, emotional and social health and wellbeing by developing a skills based progressive learning pathway
- ◆ We purchased additional resources to support the above programme
- ◆ We are embedding the new structure of children's representative committees
- ◆ All staff attended in-service on Pope Francis' encyclical *The Joy of the Gospel* led by David Wells of the Diocese of Plymouth
- ◆ Staff are aware of a new self-evaluation tool based on the Charter for Catholic Schools—Developing in Faith—and will use this document to support future self-evaluation.
- ◆ We are in the process of reviewing the school's vision, values and aims

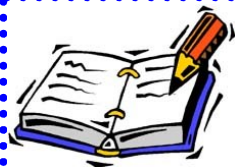
Green Day



Our school councils are helping to organise a Green Day on Friday 18th March. Pupils can come to school wearing green (at no cost) and will take part in a variety of Eco themed activities such as planting, litter picking and visits to local recycling facilities. Any parents who would be willing to help on the day would be warmly welcomed.

New P1 Children
for August
are invited to
fun activities in our
Computer Suite
Wednesday 9 March at 2.15pm





Diary Dates

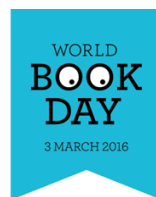
Mon 29 Feb	P5 to work with Holyrood Secondary young Sports' Leaders for 5 weeks
Wed 2 Mar	Mrs Scott attending GCC Improvement Challenge day
Thurs 3 Mar	World Book Day
Fri 4 Mar	Football coaching for P2 and P3 Mr Cassidy to Aspiring Heads' Course
Mon 7 Mar	Awards assembly
Tues 8 Mar	P1 & P7 dental checks Selected children to Fair Trade Football Festival
Wed 9 Mar	Computer suite activities for children joining P1 in August Selected P6 children to Euro Quiz Last session of Determined to Dance for P4 and P4/3 classes
Thurs 10 Mar	Ms Doherty to visit P1 in St Fillan's Primary Head Teachers of Battlefield, St Francis' and Shawlands primaries to visit St Brigid's
Mon 14 Mar	P4/3 to lead St Patrick's assembly P6 to Inventors' Challenge day at Holyrood Secondary
Tues 15 Mar	Dance showcase for selected pupils
Wed 16 Mar	Selected children to netball competition at Shawlands Secondary
Thurs 17 Mar	P1 teachers from St Fillan's and St Francis' primaries to visit St Brigid's British Red Cross workshops for P7 & P6 classes.
Fri 18 Mar	Green Day
Mon 21 Mar	Health Week <i>Gold Stars and Dragon Marks</i> workshop for P6 and P7
Wed 23 Mar	Selected P7 children to athletics competition at Emirates stadium First Confession in St Brigid's Church at 6pm
Thurs 24 Mar	Choir to sing at Glasgow Languages Awards ceremony in City Chambers Mrs O'Shea, Holyrood Secondary, to visit P7
Fri 25 Mar	Good Friday—holiday
Mon 28 Mar	Easter Monday—holiday
Wed 30 Mar	Whole school to Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am
Thurs 31 Mar	Ms Doherty to visit St Francis' Primary Individual parents' meetings
Fri 1 April	School closes at 2.30pm for Spring Break
Mon 18 April	School reopens at 9:00am

We can only take children out of school if we have enough adults to supervise. Please contact the school office if you are able to help with any of the above activities.

Update from the Mini Vinnies Group

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who generously supported our Valentine's Day project. We raised £125 for The British Heart Foundation by selling Valentine's cards, sweets and through our Guess the Teddy's Birthday competition. Congratulations to Jayden in P1b on guessing the correct date! We also delivered Valentine's cards to the residents at Orchard Grove Care home. They were very happy that we visited again. We will now be collecting for SCIAF during this special time of Lent. If you have any spare change, please donate into the WEE BOXES that you will find in each classroom. Thank you.

World Book Day



Come dressed as your favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March.

A donation of £1 is requested for Parent Council Funds.

Catholic Education Commission

We have been asked to draw to your attention Archbishop Tartaglia's invitation to participate in the next OPEN FORUM session of the Catholic Education Commission which will take place **in St John's RC High School, Dundee on the morning of Saturday 5th March 2016**. Designed to provide the wider Catholic community with an opportunity to learn about developments affecting Catholic Education in Scotland, this session will focus on some new resources which have been developed to help teachers, parents and others to support the development of Catholic schools in Scotland.

[Details of how to register for places can be found on the SCES website](#)

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