



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



March/April 2022

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

We have almost reached the end of Ordinary time in our Church calendar. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday (2 March 2022). Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. This year, on Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis has renewed his invitation for everyone to take part in a Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace in Ukraine and across the World.



Arrangements for Ash Wednesday

P5-P7 children will attend Ash Wednesday Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00

P1-P4 children will attend a service in school at 1:30 led by Fr Byrne

The dates have now been published for the forthcoming sacraments. First Confession will take place on Wednesday 30th of March and First Holy Communion will take place on the 14th of May.

On Thursday 24 March 2022, St Brigid's Primary was delighted to welcome Mr Donald MacLeod, Head of Service, Mrs Sharon McGeever, Quality Improvement Officer (QIO), Ms Louise Hamilton, QIO and Mrs Maureen Douglas, Head Teacher of Our Lady of the Annunciation Primary School for a visit to our school. The visitors were



extremely impressed with the Learning & Teaching that they observed in St Brigid's Primary. In addition, they were bowled over with our children's confidence, many of whom gave a detailed account of the varied and numerous learning opportunities that they have in St Brigid's. The visitors were treated to observing a Baby Strings lesson too as well as a chance to see the incredible work taking place in the Art room. Well done everyone in team St Brigid's for showcasing our fabulous work. **You are all stars and I am very proud of you all.** It was a lovely surprise to end the day, with a visit from our New Executive Director of Education, Mr Douglas Hutchison.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 3 March —our plans for celebrating the day are detailed overleaf. I will also be in touch with Parents & Carers soon about reporting arrangements for Term 3.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

Junior Leadership Team 2021-22

The Junior Leadership Team have been busy working with Mr Cassidy on evaluating our school using the theme of Relationships from How Good is OUR school. Here are their findings:

How do you know what is expected of you in how you behave towards others in our school?

- Teachers remind us of good behaviour
- We learn to take turn and to compromise
- We show respect for each other
- We have the house system and rocket to remind us
- We have the Golden rules to follow and Circle time helps us to remember to behave well

How are your efforts to do well recognised by staff in our school?

How does our school help you to feel good about yourself?

- In St Brigid's, you can be yourself
- Head Teacher's Awards
- Star of the Week
- Wow work
- Pupil of the Week/Group of the week
- Ms Jones' Art awards

In what ways does our school provide opportunities for pupils to develop friendships with those who have similar interests?

- After school and during school clubs
- Violin classes (Baby Strings)
- We get to change seats to get to know others
- Meet new people at break and lunch

How well do we demonstrate our school's values through our relationships and actions?

- Use school values to be kind every day
- Random acts of kindness (lots of work on this at Circle Time)



Computer Games & Online Gaming



I continue to be concerned about children gaming online in real time with other children out-with school time. A number of children have reported to me that the language that they are being exposed to online as they play computer games with peers, is choice at best and wholly inappropriate at worst.

I have highlighted this with individual parents but I also would like to highlight this to all parents and carers so that you can discuss with your child any concerns that they have. Many of the games which are being played are also not appropriate for primary school children. Let's do all we can to keep our children safe.

School term dates 2022

April - Easter Holiday

Schools close on Friday 1 April 2022 at 2.30 pm

Good Friday 15 April 2022
Easter Monday 18 April 2022

Schools return on Tuesday 19 April 2022

May

Monday 2 May 2022 (May Holiday)
Thursday 5 May 2022 (In-Service day to coincide with Scottish Local Government Elections)

Friday 27 May 2022

June

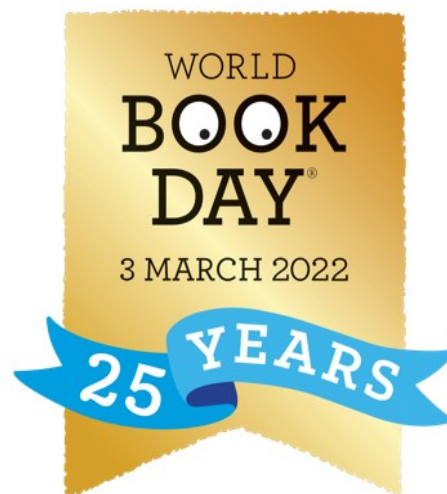
Thursday, 2 June 2022
Friday, 3 June 2022 - Queen's jubilee.

Schools Close on Friday 24 June 2022 at 1.00 pm

World Book Day 2022

This year to celebrate World Book Day we will:

- Hold a wear your PJ's day (a donation of £1 is requested for school funds—**this should be handed in and not donated through ParentPay**)
- Ask Children to bring a favourite book from home to share with their class. **P1-4 can bring a favourite soft toy too.**
- Have our annual Reading in an Unusual Place Competition on Twitter. This year, we are encouraging the children to involve families in the challenge i.e. family photo? These should be uploaded to Twitter tagging in @StBrigidsPS—photos can also be sent on Showbie.



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