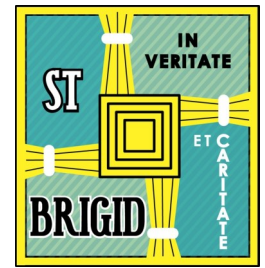


St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



November 2019

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

October has been another busy month for us in St Brigid's. On Friday 4 October, Mr Woods and Mr Cannon accompanied children from the football team to the STV children's appeal. The children took part in 'keepie uppies' live on TV.



On Friday 11 October, Mrs Moretti and I accompanied members of the senior choir as they took part in the opening cèilidh for the National Mòd in George Square! Despite the fact the weather was atrocious, the children sang their hearts out along with children from other Glasgow schools. The choir also took part in a Mòd concert on Saturday 12 October at the Trades Hall where they sang with children from the Glasgow Gaelic School. Mrs R O' Neill and Ms Shaw accompanied the children. I am incredibly grateful to all staff who gave up their free time not only at night but at the weekend so that our children can make memories which will last a lifetime.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our Parents' evening. We really value your support and partnership. I was delighted to attend the Sacramental meeting at St Brigid's and to speak to families about our on-going partnership with the Parish as the children are prepared for their sacraments. My thanks to Father Byrne, who celebrated Mass for us in school on the Feast of All Saints. It was lovely to see so many parents and parishioners in attendance.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parent Council for organising our Halloween parties. The children had a great time.

The winning house group for Term 1 was Jupiter with 102 house points. We are currently organising an outing for the hardworking children of this house. Well done all!

I am delighted to inform you that we have had projectors and boards installed in P7b and Room 16. This equipment will enhance the learning and teaching in these areas of the school.

We are over the moon to have been short listed in the Scottish Sports Awards 2019. The awards ceremony is on 5 December. We will update you as soon as we know the result. My thanks to Mr Woods who has led the children and staff in ensuring that physical activity is a key focus for us in St Brigid's. All this work has led to this recognition.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

Norovirus



There is a suspected outbreak of the winter vomiting bug in the South West area of the City. Staff and children will be reminded to adhere to proper routines around general hygiene as a precaution to limit the chance of this impacting our school.

School Photographs



A photographer will return to school on Friday 15 November to take individual photographs of the children and also family groups. Proofs will be sent home soon after and we have been assured that orders will be supplied in time for Christmas. There is no obligation for parents to purchase the photographs.

General Election - Polling Station



St Brigid's will be used as a polling station for the up coming General Election on Thursday 12th of December. The school will be closed to children on that day.

Sports—Results

In cross country, 4 children qualified for the final & Steven in P7a won a Bronze medal. Fantastic results!

Our senior football team were runners up in the final of the Pope Francis Charity Cup. Well done boys!

Selected P6 and P7 children attended a Touch Rugby event and although the event was not competitive our children were commended for their skills.

We have also held two separate active days one for girls and one for boys with many opportunities for sport for our children. Great to see so much enthusiasm for sport!

How Are We Improving Our School?

Priority: Continue to raise attainment in writing.

What have we achieved and what have we planned to do:

- We have developed a framework for the planning, teaching and assessment of writing to ensure consistency across the school
- We are using a reading into writing approach for the teaching of writing where children can explore a variety of texts similar to the writing lesson being taught so they have a clear idea of how to be successful
- Children will be taught a number of different writing genres across the year including fiction and non-fiction texts
- We have reviewed the assessment of writing so that we can track children's achievements over a period of time
- We will continue to monitor this new framework and amend elements as a result of feedback from children and teachers



Parent Council Christmas Fete

**Saturday 7th December
11:00am—1:00pm**

The Parent Council have asked for donations for raffle prizes. Please hand any donations into the school. Your support is much appreciated!

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Diary Dates



- Tues 12 Nov Selected children to Gymfest with Mrs N O'Neill
Staff to meeting in St Conval's primary after school
- Wed 13 Nov Selected Girls to Football festival at Toryglen Football Centre
- Thurs 14 Nov Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course
- Fri 15 Nov Photographer returns for individual and family photographs
- Sat 16 Nov Mr Cassidy attending the Cardinal Winning Lecture
- Mon 18 Nov Mrs Simpson to Glasgow Counts Training
P2a Assembly – parents welcome
Public Speaking Contest Holyrood
- Thurs 21 Nov Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course
Parent Council meeting at 7:00pm
- Catholic Education Week 24-28 Nov**
- Sun 24 Nov Education Sunday
- Mon 25 Nov P7 a & b to retreat at Holyrood
- Thurs 28 Nov Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course
- Fri 29 Nov In-Service Day**
- Mon 2 Dec Mr Cassidy to Glasgow Improvement Challenge
- Thurs 5 Dec Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course
Selected P4 children to Toryglen Football Centre
- Fri 6 Dec First Friday Mass—P5a to lead; all welcome
- Sat 7 Dec Christmas Fete 11:00am—1:00**
- Mon 9 Dec Nativity and Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal
- Tues 10 Dec Nativity Play and Christmas Concert at 9:30am
- Wed 11 Dec Nativity Play and Christmas concert at 1:30pm



- Thurs 12 Dec General Election—school closed to children**
- Fri 13 Dec Christmas lunch
P1-P3 Christmas Party
- Mon 16 Dec P4-P5 Christmas Party
- Tues 17 Dec P6-P7 Christmas Party
- Please note that children should wear their party clothes all day on the day of their party.
- Wed 18 Dec Christmas Carol Service in St Brigid's Church—all welcome
- Thurs 19 Dec School closes at 2:30pm for the Christmas Holiday
- Mon 6 Jan Return to school for children and staff