



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



November 2020

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

We have reached November already and although there have been challenges for all of us, our children are back learning and working very hard within a safe environment.

During October, Mrs O' Neill PT, Ms Shaw PT, Mrs Wishart DHT and I have been busy sharing the learning in classes across the school. When we can, we have tweeted about our visits; these can be accessed on our Twitter feed at @StBrigidsPS. I am delighted to report that classes are doing a wonderful job with their learning in reading. Children are well equipped with strategies to both learn how to read and use reading as a tool to develop their knowledge further in a variety of subjects. Staff are delivering consistent and key messages on literacy.

Gold star for team
St Brigid's! Well done!



Prior to the October break, you will have received a short report on how your child/children has/have settled in so far this year. Although, it is best to meet face to face, I hope that the report(s) was/were helpful.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Natalie Swinney, our Active School's Coordinator, who worked with all classes on orienteering for 4 weeks. The children thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. P5-4 through to P7 also had an opportunity to complete our last three sessions with the Jeely Piece Club where they worked on team building—these were rearranged from March 2020.

The Bridging the Gap programme for P7 children who are moving on to Holyrood in August 2021 will run this year with some changes, there are only 10 places available and those selected will be informed in due course.

Baby Strings has started for P1-P4 children. We are hoping to record an extravaganza in time for Christmas. In addition, we are looking at new and creative ways to bring some form of the P1 Nativity to parents/carers; please watch this space.

Thanks again for your continued ongoing support.

Paul Cassidy
Head Teacher

P1 enrolments for August 2021

A virtual tour of our school for our prospective P1 parents/carers for August 2021 can be found on our Twitter page as the pinned Tweet.

Enrolment week starts on 2nd November through to 6th November 2020. Please register online through Glasgow City Council's website in the 'School and Learning' Section under 'Starting Primary School'.

We are so sorry we can't meet in person due to current restrictions.

November—Month of the Holy Souls



November is the month when we pray for the eternal rest of our deceased family and friends. This year, in our classes, we will remember especially those who have died during the pandemic. We also pray for those who have lost someone they love and are suffering the pain of grief.

In each class, children will have the chance to write the name of a departed loved one or family friend. The person's name will be placed on our class altars.

After School Care

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Christmas Fundraiser Activity

As you know, Christmas came early to St. Brigid's! Every class recently completed some Christmas artwork which parents were given the opportunity to order. There were cards, gift labels wrapping paper and mugs available to purchase, personalised with the artwork. We had a fabulous response to this and as a result we look like we are on track to achieve in excess of £250 for school funds. Every order placed helped to raise money for our children. We will confirm the exact amount once this is calculated by the company. Thank you for supporting us at this difficult time!



Thanks!

A big thank you to Toryglen Afterschool Service who have donated furniture and resources to the school; we really appreciate you thinking of us and all items have been put to good use.



Thanks also to one of our parents, Mrs Curran who helped us transport the items.

E-mail addresses



Thanks to all parents and carers who have given us their e-mail addresses. Please phone the school office if you still have to do this.

Halloween 2020



We are looking forward to seeing children in their Halloween costumes on Friday 30 October. The children will wear their costume all day. Children are allowed to wear a wig and/or have face paint on as long as they are able to sit comfortably with it/them on all day. Masks should not be worn.

No props for the costumes should be brought to school. If your child does not wish to wear a costume then he/she can dress down on Friday. Please remember to contribute £1 which will go towards Parent Council funds.

Refreshments have been provided by the Parent Council. Fr Bryne, will provide a treat too!

Reminder - Internet Safety Social Media



Please speak with your child about safely accessing online content and support them to use age-appropriate websites—this will compliment school based learning on internet safety.

Also, there are age restrictions on certain apps such as Instagram, Snapchat, Facebook, Tik Tok etc. These restrictions are in place for a reason; to protect our children.

In recent months, we have had a few reports about children participating in on-line activity which made them feel unsafe. Please discuss with your child about appropriate use of phones/devices and the content they are posting/viewing on social media.

Please be aware of any group chats your child/ren may be part of and ensure they understand any content that is shared or accessed. Please remind children that once something is posted and even if it is deleted others may have a screenshot or have saved the post.

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Christmas Holidays

December - Christmas and New Year



Schools close at 2.30 pm on Tuesday 22 December 2020

Wednesday 23 December 2020 to Tuesday 5 January 2021

Children to return on Wednesday 6 January 2021