

St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



October 2019

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

In the last few weeks, we have been very busy finalising our school improvement priorities and planning exciting experiences for our children. Our four priorities are to:

- Continue to raise attainment in literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing as well as digital learning through a consistent approach to teaching and learning and a robust assessment model which supports teachers to identify gaps in children's learning.
- Engage in regular, robust moderation activities to ensure that assessment is integral to the planning of learning and teaching and to agree standards and expectations within our school and with St Conval's Primary.
- Develop our family learning programme to fully engage parents and carers to participate in designing and delivering content. Consult with families to ensure that we are meeting their needs in identified family learning outcomes.
- Continue to improve links with St Brigid's Parish by developing an annual calendar of events and planned opportunities for Fr Byrne to support us in meeting the pastoral and spiritual needs of our school community.

We are looking forward to overtaking these priorities and continuing to improve the work of our school. With this newsletter, I am sending out a copy of our Standards and Quality Report which summarises and highlights all of last year's achievements.

Already this year, we have been involved in a number of activities since we started back in August. Our P6 attended the Great Scottish Run and were an absolute credit to the school. P5 had a wonderful time at the Glasgow Film Theatre when they saw a film in French. Our choirs are up and running and we are being booked for events. The Sports Captains delivered a fantastic assembly detailing all of the clubs which are available (more information overleaf). P7 had the chance to visit the relics of St Therese de Lisieux in St Andrew's Cathedral. We were delighted that Fr Byrne could accompany us on the visit. We also welcomed two Australian HTs who visited the school on a study visit. They were blown away by our children, staff and learning environment. This is incredible feedback and I am so proud of our school.

School staff value greatly the relationship between home and school and the important role played by parents and carers in their children's learning. Families have received their individual appointment/s for Parents' Night and we are looking forward to seeing you next week. Please bring your child with you to be part of the conversation and help him/her to become an increasingly independent learner. I will be available if you wish to catch up with me as will Mrs Wishart. Meetings will take place in your child's classroom. **Noreen Campbell (Family Learning Officer) will be on hand looking to give suggestions and canvass your views on the type of Family Learning opportunities that you would like to see offered by the school.**

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs McShane has given birth to a baby girl named Caoimhe McShane and that Mr Walker is now the dad of a baby boy named Sonny James Walker. My warmest congratulations to both families. We can't wait to meet the newest members of the St Brigid's family. Ms Stefania Kavanagh will cover P4/3 until Mr Walker returns from an extended period of Paternity leave. Mrs Linda Reeve will cover Ms Kavanagh's timetable in the meantime. Ms Watters left St Brigid's Primary last week to take on a new role as an Attainment Advisor at Education Scotland. We wish her the very best in her new post and thank her for the work she did for the children of St Brigid's.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher



October Month of the Holy Rosary

Children and parents are invited to join us to say the Rosary at 8:45am each morning from Wednesday 2nd of October. This is a lovely, peaceful way to begin the day so please encourage the children to come along.

Meet the Teacher Event

My thanks to our parents & carers for attending our Meet the Teacher event. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive; detailing that it was very reassuring to meet class teachers and to have an overview of the learning planned for the year.

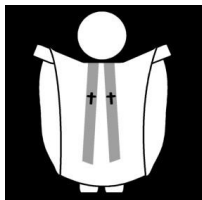
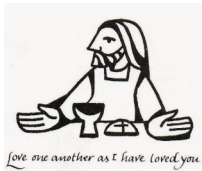


First Friday Mass/Vocation's Week

My thanks to P6 and Mr Woods who led the liturgy during our September First Friday Mass.

Our next Mass will take place on Friday the 4th of October at 1:30pm.

P5b and Mrs O'Neill have been working hard to prepare the liturgy. **Please remember that parents/carers & parishioners are very welcome to attend.**



During Vocation's week, P7 had a very informative talk from Fr Byrne about his life as a Priest and why he chose to become a Priest. The children asked really insightful and thoughtful questions.

Introducing St Brigid's House System

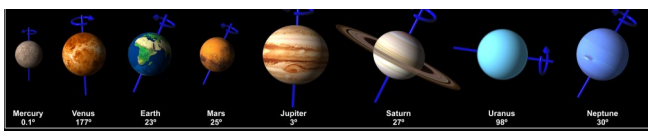
As part of our commitment to promoting and ensuring positive behaviour and interactions within the school, we are replacing our community stars initiative with a new House Points System. Mrs Simpson and I have worked hard to develop this system based on the use of circle time, golden time and a consistency of approach to behaviour management in classes. A copy of the policy will be sent out in due course, however, the highlight of the policy is our new House System. Every child and member of staff will be put in one of our 6 house groups (families will be in the same house) and each house will endeavour to earn house points which will be given for a whole host of reasons including; kindness, working hard, tidying communal areas etc.

The house with the most points at the end of term will earn a significant reward such as a trip to Edinburgh, Culzean Castle, Heads of Ayr etc.

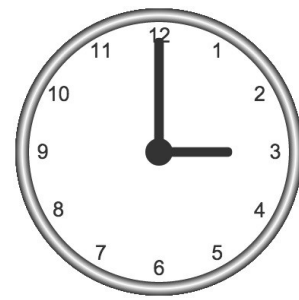
The house groups are named after the following planets

- Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune.

Each house member has voted for a captain and vice captain. The planet theme for the house groups compliments the rocket system for supporting positive behaviour which can be found in each class. Points will be updated on our new display in school assembly hall.



Change of the School Day



Please remember that from Tuesday the 1st of October 2019 the school times will be as follows:

Morning session	9:00am-12:15pm
Lunch	12:15pm-1:00pm
Afternoon session	1:00pm-3:00pm

School Sport Opportunities

Attending clubs gives children the opportunity to try out different sports and activities, learn new skills and, perhaps, discover talents they didn't know they had. In St Brigid's Primary, we work hard to give the children as many opportunities for personal achievement as possible so, over the course of the year, there will be a wide variety of sports' clubs on offer to different year groups. **Last session, 92% of the children attended one or more of the 30 clubs on offer.**

We have a number of sports' clubs running this term:

Monday	P5-P7 running at lunchtime P4-P5 basketball afterschool
Tuesday	P4-P7 girls boxing after school P4-P7 karate after school P1-P3 karate after school (begins November)
Wednesday	P2-P3 dance at lunchtime P5-P6 gymnastics afterschool P4-P6 B team football
Thursday	P6-P7 A team football
Friday	P7 badminton lunchtime
Saturday	P4-P7 football team matches

Fri 4th Oct is Active Girls Day. This will be run in a similar way to last year with all girls in the school hopefully getting the opportunity to participate in a club. P3-P5 will have a gymnastics club led by P7s from 8.20am. P1 and P2 will have a fun games club at lunchtime led by P7s and Mr Woods will take a girls' football session for P6 and P7 after school.

Our two football teams train on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Children will take part in the semi-final of the Pope Francis Charity cup at Maryhill Juniors at 7:00pm on the Tuesday 8th October.

Please encourage the children to get involved in as many activities as possible.

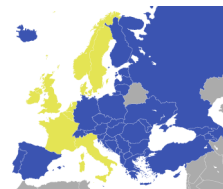
P1 Photographs



Our P1s photographs will feature on Thursday the 3rd of October in the Evening Times.

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European Day of Languages



What a wonderful day we had celebrating languages on Thursday the 26th of September. In addition to lots of lessons on language and culture, we welcomed a number of parents/carers who read to classes in other languages.

In addition, I held an assembly for all children giving them a taster of the Gaelic language before we finished off the day watching a well known film in French with subtitles. My thanks to Mrs Moretti for organising the day. Mille grazie!



The Parent Council has organised Hallowe'en Parties on the evening of:

Wednesday 30th October

There will be separate parties for P1-P3 and P4-P7. More information regarding times and the cost of tickets will follow from the Parent Council.

For health and safety reasons, parents need to bring their child to the party, however, adults will not be able to stay at either party.

STV Children's Appeal Live Programme

Selected Soccer 7 children have been invited to attend the live STV appeal show on Friday the 4th of October. My thanks to Mr Woods and Mr Cannon who will accompany the children. We hope that they have a wonderful time! What a great opportunity!



Meeting Children's Emotional & Mental Wellbeing

As you know, we have engaged Maggie Payne, our former Place2Be School Project Manager, as our school counsellor. Maggie works with us on a Wednesday and Thursday where she splits her time between 1:1 counselling sessions and more generic sessions with children at break and lunchtimes. This service is known as the Bubble Room. If you would like to know more about the Bubble Room or use the service, please contact myself (Mr Cassidy) at the school.

My congratulations to Mrs O'Neill (P5b) who has completed the Seasons for Growth training which aims to help children cope with their emotions as a result of bereavement and loss. Both myself and Mrs O'Neill are trained and will offer sessions later in the year. Please contact the school if you feel this would be beneficial for your child.

We have also engaged the Jeely Piece Club this year to help children to work as a team and learn playground games.





Members of our P6 and P7 choirs will take part in two evening events to help kick start the annual Gaelic Mòd which takes part in Glasgow this year.

The first event is on Friday the 11th of October in George Square and the second is on Saturday the 12th October at City Halls. A letter will be issued in due course, we are finalising details at the moment.

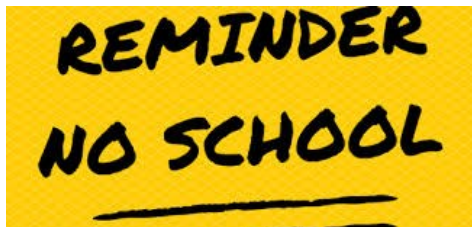
We wish all singers the best of luck / gur math a thèid leotha uile.



October Holiday

**Monday 14 October—
Friday 18 October**

The school will also be closed for children on Friday 11 October, which is an in-service training day for staff.



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Glasgow City Council website:

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Parent Council email address:

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Diary Dates



Tues 1 Oct	School day change—3:00pm Finish
Wed 2 Oct	Daily Rosary starting (whole month of October) Mrs Wishart to Leadership Course
Thurs 3 Oct	Mr Cassidy to Catholic HT's Conference Parent Council Meeting 7:30pm
Fri 4 Oct	Mr Cassidy to Catholic HT's Conference Selected Footballers to STV appeal with Mr Cannon and Mr Woods
Mon 7 Oct	Class awards assembly Mrs Simpson to Glasgow Counts Training
Wed 9 Oct	40 P6 & P7 children attending Holyrood Learning Community Cross Country Event
Thurs 10 Oct	Parents' Evening
Fri 11 Oct	In-service training day—school closed for children Mòd event George Square
Sat 12 Oct	Mòd event City Halls
Mon 14 Oct	October holiday week—school closed
Mon 21 Oct	School reopens at 9:00am Mr Woods & Miss Sweeney to Inter Authority meeting
Wed 23 Oct	Ms Shaw to Literacy for All training
Fri 25 Oct	Mr Cannon Glasgow Counts Training
Mon 28 Oct	Mr Woods & Miss Sweeney to Inter Authority meeting.
Tues 29 Oct	Mr Cassidy to HT's meeting
Wed 30 Oct	Halloween Party
Thurs 31 Oct	Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course
Fri 1 Nov	Feast of All Saints—whole school to Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am Touch rugby event Flu immunisation
Mon 4 Nov	Class awards' assembly Mrs Simpson to Glasgow Counts Training
Tues 5 Nov	Mr Cassidy to South Area Heads' meeting
Wed 6 Nov	Mr Cassidy to learning community meeting P5 children to Summerlee Heritage Centre Mrs Wishart to Leadership Course
Thurs 7 Nov	Mrs Moretti to Gaelic course Mrs O'Neill PT to Clicker Training Mr Woods to Leadership Course Gaelic Football Festival for selected P6 & P7

Please telephone the school office if you are able to help with any of the above outings, particularly the visits to Mass.