



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



October 2022

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

We have had an incredibly busy few weeks as we settle into session 2022-23. This academic year marks a personal milestone for me as it is ten years since I started working in the St Brigid's building, firstly as part of the Modern Languages team, then Acting Principal Teacher, Depute Head Teacher and now Head Teacher. What a journey it has been and I have thoroughly enjoyed every second of working with our school community for the benefit of our children and families. Thank you to everyone who has helped me personally and who continue to help us on our improvement journey.

In this newsletter, I have included a section on our Improvement Plan for this academic year. We are looking forward to overtaking these priorities and continuing to improve the work of our school. I am also 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. We were delighted to attend First Friday Mass in St Brigid's Church. All of our children sang so beautifully and a number of parishioners commented on how well the children sang as well as their impeccable behaviour. P5/4 attended a pond dipping workshop in Malls Mire. P7 attended a STEM event at Holyrood. P4 went to Carfin Grotto to pray in the presence of St Bernadette. We held a coffee morning for P1 & P2 parents/carers to give out information about our Families Connect Programme. We had over 30 parents/carers attend. More information in the next column.

Earlier this month, P4 attended the Davis Cup tennis festival at the Emirates Arena. They got to watch the Netherlands team prepare for their matches and they also participated in a range of tennis activities; perhaps one of them could be the next Andy Murray! A number of boys and girls from P1 to P7 have represented the school in football matches during the last month; they have all shown skill, a brilliant attitude and sportsmanship at all times. Many of our P7 pupils have started training to become Play Makers where they will complete a range of leadership activities and deliver sports sessions to our youngest pupils. We have been delighted to welcome S6 Sports Leaders from Holyrood Secondary, including some of our former pupils, along with their P.E. teachers to work with some of our classes. On Saturday the 1st of October, 40 of our children attended the Celtic v Motherwell match at Celtic Park as guests of The Kano Foundation. This was the first time that some of the children have attended a match at a stadium and we know that they'll remember the experience for a long time.

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 will receive their individual appointment/s for Parents' Night soon and we are looking forward to seeing you on the 13th. Please bring your child with you to be part of the conversation and help him/her to become an increasingly independent learner. Thanks also to all parents/carers who attended our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

Ms Wilkinson resigned her post earlier this month. I wish to thank her for the work she did for our children. Miss Hudson started with us as her temporary replacement. I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Colrain has been given a permanent contract here in St Brigid's. Also, Mrs McCue, Support For Learning Worker has returned from her maternity leave. We now have 7 learning support assistants.

Paul Cassidy Head Teacher

School Improvement Priorities 2022-2023



This year our three priorities are to:

- To continue to raise attainment in literacy & numeracy maintaining a consistent approach to teaching and learning and ensuring a robust assessment model. This will continue to support teachers to identify gaps in children's learning ensuring that new initiatives introduced as per Glasgow's Improvement Challenge are consistently and appropriately used across the school.
- To continue to evaluate and improve the school's approach to Learning for Sustainability across the wider curriculum. Engagement with The Laudato Si programme will form an integral part of this development work. We will work to continue to develop a sustainable approach to the teaching of environmental/ecology education, children's rights, equalities and pupil voice.
- To re-establish our family learning programme to provide opportunities for families to engage with the school and develop partnerships which help to improve educational and emotional outcomes for children.

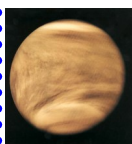


ParentPay Important



A huge thank you to the 79% of families who have sign up for Parent Pay, if you have still not done so please contact the office for a replacement letter.

Please remember that we are aiming to be able to use ParentPay to pay for all meals, school trips, concert tickets, uniform, dress down days etc going forward.



House Points

The winning house group for this term is **Venus**

The children will go to see the Kelpies and have fun at Helix Adventure Park in Falkirk.

Parents/Carers with children in Venus will receive a letter about the trip in due course.

Well done everyone!

Uniform

Everyone is looking so smart in their uniforms. I would like to remind everyone that children should come to school on P.E. days wearing full school uniform and they will have the opportunity to get changed before the lesson. Thanks for your support with this.



October Month of the Holy Rosary

Starting Tuesday the 4th of October, Mr Cassidy will hold a daily Rosary throughout October in the ICT suite. All children, parents and carers are welcome to attend. This will be at 8:50am every morning.

Halloween 2022



The Parent Council has organised Halloween Parties on the evening of:

Thursday 27th 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.

Please note—children **should not** have their face covered with a Halloween mask or attend school with any accessories associated with their costume.

BBC Symphony Orchestra



The BBC Symphony Orchestra will visit the school on Wednesday 5th October. There will be a concert in the morning for the whole school. P4-P6 will then have workshops with the musicians.

Some P7s will also be part of a film making workshop with a director from the BBC and all of P7 will have art workshops which will be documented in the film. This is a fabulous opportunity for our children.

Bike Shelter

We are so lucky to have had a fabulous new bike shelter installed in our playground. We are just waiting on the correct sized gate to finish it off.



P7 Residential

This year our P7 residential will be in Dalguise in Perthshire. The children will spend 5 days there from January 23 to January 27.

Families Connect—More information

Families Connect is an 8 week family learning program for 3-6 year olds. It is developed and funded by Save the Children. The topics covered include learning through play, feelings, praise, listening, literacy and numeracy. We ran a coffee morning on 16th September to provide parents/carers in Primary 1 and 2 a little more about it. We were overwhelmed by the turnout at the coffee morning and had to hold a ballot to allocate places fairly. The first few sessions have been a great success.

Important Forms



We are still waiting for consent forms, annual data checks and photographic permissions to be returned. Please return ASAP and contact the office next week if you require a further copy.

Diary Dates



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| Wed 5 Oct | BBC Symphony Orchestra in school |
| Fri 7 Oct | First Friday Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am for P1-P7. All children will return by 11:00am |
| Tue 11 Oct | Winning House Trip—Kelpies |
| Wed 12 Oct | Non-Uniform Day in aid of the charity GAIN |
| Thurs 13 Oct AM Evening | P4-P7 to BBC concert in Holyrood Parents' Night |
| Fri 14 | In-Set Day |
| Mon 17-Fri 21 | October Week |
| Thurs 27 Oct Evening | Halloween Disco details to follow |
| Tues 1 Nov | All Saints Day Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am for P1-P7. All children will return by 11:00am. |

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