



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



October/November 2024

In truth and love

From the Head Teacher's desk

Term 2 has begun already and Autumn is well and truly upon us. We have had an extremely busy term 1. It was great to welcome so many of our families to visit our classes to see what and how children are learning. We know from previous feedback that you value this opportunity to come into classes and meet the teacher and see the children learning in their classes. We hope that you enjoyed them all and that you got a flavour for the learning that takes place in St Brigid's Primary.

Our school staff value greatly the relationship between home and school and the important role played by parents and carers in their children's learning and it was fantastic to see every one at our Parents' Evening just prior to the holidays.

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. You will receive our Standards and Quality Report which summarises and highlights all of last year's achievements very shortly too.

Already this year, we have been involved in a number of activities since we started back in August. P7 started their block of swimming, our partners Pinsent Masons have been working with our P4 classes, P7 led a lovely First Friday Mass, children have attended the Glasgow Schools Forum, our Junior Road Safety officers have received training and P2 showcased their learning about the Paralympics for all of our children and their families. Also P6/5 are involved in a wonderful project where they are working with an Arts groups. We are looking forward to seeing the presentation of their work over the next few weeks.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Mhairi Clare Smith who is now the permanent Depute Head Teacher in St Brigid's Primary. She will, however, continue to be Acting Head of School for the duration of my secondment as Executive Head Teacher. We also have a new Baby String tutor Alexandra Bragg who joined us in August to replace Maria Villa. Also a new janitor has been appointed to the school, his name is Sandy Campbellton. We are hoping that Sandy will start with us on the 4th of November.

On the 30th and 31st of October, we will welcome a group of Head Teachers and an Authority Education Officer to our school. The purpose of this visit is to help myself and the rest of the senior leadership and staff to ensure that our evaluation work is accurate and to externally validate the fantastic teaching and learning that takes place in St Brigid's Primary. These will be a very busy two days for everyone so please be mindful of this when contacting the school. It may take us longer to respond to any enquiries.

Mass for the Feast of All Saints will be held in the school on Friday November 1st at 1:30pm. **There are a number of events happening in the school that afternoon and we are unable to accommodate any family members to this Mass. We are sorry about this.**

During this month of October, all members of our school community have the opportunity to say a decade of the Rosary before school. It was great to see so many children and staff praying together to start the day. This will run until Thursday 31st of October. Thanks to Mrs McShane for organising and to our other staff members who have taken a turn to lead the Rosary for us.

Paul Cassidy

Executive Head Teacher

School Improvement Priorities 2024-2025



This year our three priorities are:

- ✓ To develop and improve children's experiences of personal learning planning, skills development and play
- ✓ To develop and improve our recording of children's wider achievements and ensure interventions to promote equity
- ✓ To review our approaches to assessment to ensure consistency across the school especially with regard to holistic assessments

House Point Winners

Congratulations to **Venus** who were the first winners of our House Points for this academic year with 238 points. After discussions between their House Captain and Vice-Captain and Mr Woods, they have decided to go to Flip Out on Friday 15th November from 10am-12noon.



The children in Venus can wear their own clothes to school on this day. Parents/Carers with children in Venus should complete the online waiver using the QR code below to ensure that their child is able to take part in activities in Flip Out.



Conduct in our school

Huge thank you to the vast majority of parents and carers who approach the school in a calm manner to discuss any issues.

Since we have come back in August, there are been a few isolated situations where parents have not approached the school in an appropriate manner. I wish to be very clear that my staff and I always go above and beyond for our families and will not tolerate any aggression or abusive behaviour.

Any such behaviour will result in you being asked to leave and persistent abuse can, unfortunately, result in a ban on being on school premises.

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 continue to remember those who have died. We also pray for those who have lost someone they love and are suffering the pain of grief.

Halloween 2024



We will be marking Halloween 2024 with a disco/party in school on the afternoon of Monday 4th of November. Children can come to school dressed in their Halloween costume if they wish to dress up. We would ask that there is no scary make up or frightening masks as these can upset other children and sometimes staff too! Please do not bring in props either as will get lost.

Snacks and juice will be provided by the Parent Council. If you can, a donation of £1 cash would be helpful.

P1 enrolments for August 2024



Enrolment week is from 4th to 8th November. Please register online through Glasgow City Council's website in the School and Learning Section under Starting Primary School.

There will be a chance to visit the school for the parents and carers of P1 entrants on Monday 28th of October at 2:00pm.

Parent Council Annual General Meeting

This year's AGM will be held in the school at 5:00pm on Thursday 14th November 2024.

We are hoping to welcome new members of the Parent Council this session.

All parents and carers are invited to attend.

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Diary Dates

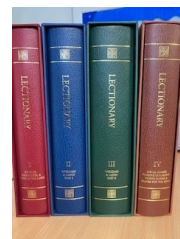


Wed 30 Oct	Collaborative Improvement Visit
Thurs 31 Oct	Collaborative Improvement Visit
Fri 1 Nov	Feast of All Saints (Mass in school at 1:30pm)
Mon 4 Nov	Halloween Discos (see column opposite)
Thurs 14 Nov	Parent Council AGM at 5:00pm
Tues 19 Nov	Class Assembly P4a
Fri 6 Dec	First Friday Mass in school
Tues 10 Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity 9:30am
Wed 11 Dec	Christmas Concert and Nativity 1:30pm
Fri 20 Dec	Christmas Carol Service in St Brigid's Church at 11:00am; all welcome
Fri 20 Dec	Schools close for the Christmas Holiday
Mon 6 Jan	Schools reopen

Christmas Parties will take place the week beginning the 16th Dec; more details to follow.

New Lectionaries

A huge thank you to Fr Byrne and St Brigid's Parish for purchasing this wonderful new set of Lectionaries for us.



Sports Clubs running this term

Monday

P3-P4 football at lunchtime
P5-P7 dance after school

Tuesday

P5-P7 gymnastics at lunchtime

Wednesday

P5-P7 basketball at lunchtime

Thursday

P5-P7 gymnastics at lunchtime
P6-P7 netball after school

Friday

P6-P7 badminton at lunchtime

Asda Reward Cashpot for Schools

Thank you to everyone who has helped us raise nearly £550 so far from the Asda Cashpot for schools scheme.

There are over 30 days left to take part in this scheme and to raise even more money for our school.

In order to take part, please follow the instruction below.

Please also share with friends and family. Even if you do not shop in Asda, every registration for the school on the Asda app will give us £1



Cashpot for Schools

⌚ 37 days left

St Brigid's Primary School
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UK total raised
£548.74

Last updated on 24 October 24

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1

Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app

Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.

2

Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com

Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.

3

Asda does the rest

The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.

Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started.