

# St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



#### October/November 2025

In truth and love

#### From the Head Teacher's desk

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 within their classrooms. We hope that you enjoyed your visit and that you got a flavour for the learning that takes place in St Brigid's Primary.

Our school staff greatly value 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. During our Parents' Evening, we held an art exhibition to display the work and learning from our Glasgow 850 topic. Thank you to Mrs Callaghan and Caitlin, Arts Project Manager from WASPs for supporting our P7 children to curate and install our exhibition on the evening. Thank you to all the parents/carers for visiting the exhibition and leaving such wonderful comments about the children's work. A huge thank you to Mrs Robertson, Support for Learning Worker, who stayed behind on the evening to support the children with this event—we are so lucky to have such wonderful staff who go above and beyond for our children.

On Friday 3rd October, we welcomed Father Allan Cameron to our school community. Father Allan is now the Parish Priest of St Brigid's Parish and also Holy Cross Parish. Father Allan would like to invite all parents/carers to meet with him, in the school, on Tuesday 11th November from 3:15pm in order to introduce himself and get to know our children and families. Fr Allan is keen to meet with all parent/carers who want their child/children to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation or First Holy Communion to come along to discuss the plans for Sacraments this academic session.

Already this year, we have been involved in a number of activities since we started back in August. P7 participated in a walking tour of Glasgow as part of their Glasgow 850 topic, Celtic Connections are working with P7 and P7/6, our partners Pinsent Masons have been working with our P4 and P5/4 classes, P6 led a lovely First Friday Mass, children have attended the Glasgow Schools Forum, our Junior Road Safety officers have received training and attended an awards ceremony in City Chambers and the Junior Leadership Team have attended an Anti-Racism Workshop in City Chambers.

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.

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.

Finally, Mr Cassidy will take up a secondment post as Quality Improvement Officer on a full time basis from 3rd November. Therefore I will continue on as Acting Head Teacher with Mrs Moretti as Acting Depute Head Teacher until his return. As always if you require anything, please contact either of us at the school.

Mhairi Clare Smith Acting Head Teacher

#### School Improvement Priorities 2025-2026



This year our three priorities are:

- √ To further develop knowledge and skills in the learning and teaching of Modern Languages, with a focus on Spanish, to ensure all learners experience 1 +2 languages
- √ To develop and improve our outdoor learning programme to raise attainment across the curriculum
- To empower our learners to 'think deeply about their thinking/learning in order to develop their skills for lifelong learning and continue to develop and play approaches across the school

## **House Point Winners**

Congratulations to **Venus** and **Jupiter** 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 14th November from 10am-12noon.

The children in both houses can wear their own clothes to school on this day.

Parents/Carers with children in Venus and Jupiter 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.



### Maggie and the Bubble Room

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude to Maggie for the incredible support and care she has provided our children, staff and families dur-



ing her time here in St Brigid's Primary. Her dedication, compassion and commitment to the wellbeing of the school community has left a lasting mark upon all she worked with.

Although we are sad to see Maggie move on, we wish her every success in her future endeavours. She will forever be a part of the St Brigid's family!



#### 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.

## P1 enrolments for August 2025



Enrolment week is from 3rd to 7th November. Please register online through Glasgow City Council's website in the School and Learning Section under Starting Primary School. If you have any issues enrolling, please contact the school office on 0141 647 3952.

Thank you to all the parent/carers who joined us for our Open Doors event on Friday 24th October. We enjoyed meeting you and look forward to welcoming you back to the school very soon.



#### **Parent Council Update**

We welcomed some new and returning members to our Parent Council at the annual AGM meeting on 2nd October, a huge thank you to those who attended. A huge thank you to everyone for your kind donations for the Dress Down Day held before the October holiday, raised £196.15— thank you as always for your generosity! The next event organised is the Halloween disco, information above. We have 9 members on our Parent Council representing all stages across the school. I have included the names of the main roles below:

Natalie—Chair of Parent Council Angela—Vice Chair of Parent Council Naveed and Shazia—Shared role of Treasurer Zenib—Parent Council Secretary

The Parent Council will share updates on their work and can be reached on:

St.brigidsparentcouncil@outlook.com

### Diary Dates



Wed 29 Oct Parent Council Halloween Disco

Fri 31 Oct Children can dress up to come to

school—No masks or props please

Mon 3-7 Nov P1 Enrolment Week—details attached

**Tues 4 Nov** P7 Swimming Lessons Glasgow

Club, Gorbals

**Thurs 6 Nov** Parent Council Meeting 5pm in

school

Fri 7 Nov First Friday Mass led by P5/4 10am in

St Brigid's Parish

**Tues 11 Nov** Meeting with Fr Allan in the school

3:15pm

**Tues 18 Nov** P3 Assembly 2pm —Parents/Carers

welcome

Wed 3 Dec Orchestra to Play at Holyrood

Fri 4 Dec First Friday Mass in school

**Tues 9 Dec** Christmas Concert and Nativity

1:30pm

Wed 10 Dec Christmas Concert and Nativity

9:30am

Fri 12Dec Christmas Lunch—Children can wear

Christmas jumpers to school

Fri 12-Sun P7 to Blairvadach Residential

14 Dec

Wed 17 Dec P1-3 Christmas Parties

**Thurs 18 Dec** P4-7 Christmas Parties

Fri 19 Dec Christmas Carol Service 1:30pm in

the Church—all welcome

Fri 19 Dec School closes 2:30pm for Christmas

holidays

Mon 5 Jan School reopens at 9am

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