



St Brigid's Primary Newsletter



October 2023

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. As ever, our amazing staff have worked tirelessly to create an exciting, engaging and purposeful learning environment for our children.

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 have received their individual appointment/s for Parents' Night and we are looking forward to seeing you on the 12th of October. Please bring your child with you to be part of the conversation and help him/her to become an increasingly independent learner.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. We hope that you enjoyed them all and that you got a flavour for the learning that takes place in St Brigid's Primary.

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. P3 and P3/2 have had a visit from Mark Wildman who is a geologist at Glasgow University. The children had some wonderful questions about their extreme earth topic. Pinsent Masons, a law firm, who have supported the school in a number of ways over many years, have started reading workshops with P5 and P6/5. These will take place one per month.

Representatives from HMRC, including a former St Brigid's pupil, delivered workshops to P5-P7 to inform children about the purpose of taxes and where the money goes. This coincided with Maths Week Scotland which was marked in the school.

All P2-P7 children received training with raised awareness on Asthma and allergies from a trained professional. Staff received specific training on this as well during our In-Service training.

I would like to offer my congratulations to Mhairi Clare Shaw who has taken up the post of Head of School in St Brigid's for the duration of my time as Executive Head Teacher. With Mrs Moretti, DHT, both will continue to ensure the smooth, day to day running of the school. We also look forward to welcoming Mrs Simpson back at the end of next month following her maternity leave. Our SflWer, Mrs O'Kane has reduced her working days and works with us on a Monday and Tuesday.

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs O'Neill has given birth to a baby boy called Theo James O'Neill, Mrs Simpson has also had a boy called Shay Matthew Simpson. Ms Donaghy also welcomed yet another boy called Jude Michael Ramsay and last but not least another boy, Frankie McShane was born to Mrs McShane. My warmest congratulations to all of the families; we can't wait to meet the newest members of the St Brigid's family. Look out for them forming a boy band in the future!

Paul Cassidy

Executive Head Teacher

School Improvement Priorities 2023-2024



This year our three priorities are:

- To develop and improve children's overall wellbeing through participation in a consistent and embedded learner voice programme, daily wellbeing check ins and a programme to celebrate cultural diversity (Wellbeing and Learning & Engagement, Participation and Inclusion)
- To develop and improve our outdoor learning programme and digital learning programmes to raise attainment across the curriculum (Wellbeing and Learning)
- To review our current curriculum rationale to take account of the refreshed narrative and learner voice (Networked Learning Organisation)

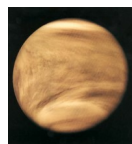


ParentPay Important



A huge thank you to the 84% of families who have signed 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

Neptune

We are still to confirm where and when Neptune will have their treat. Information to follow.

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

Our Rosary club has started and will continue every school day in October. All children, parents and carers are welcome to attend. This will be at 8:50am every morning in the music room.

Halloween 2023



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

Thursday 26th 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.

Sport in St Brigid's Primary

We are delighted to receive our **2nd SportScotland Gold Award** and be one of the very few Glasgow schools to have received this. This award recognises our commitment to continuous improvement in physical activity and school sport. Huge thanks to Mr Wood, Principal Teacher, who works tirelessly to ensure that we have this recognition.

This term, children in P6 and P7 have been participating in a lunchtime Cross Country club and will attend a Cross Country event at Cathkin Park on Wednesday 11th October. Children in Primary 4 have been taking part in a lunchtime cricket club and have been enjoying learning a new sport; children in Primary 5 will have the opportunity to participate in this after the October holiday. Our lunchtime gymnastics sessions have recently recommenced on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunchtime with children developing a range of skills. Our school football team's season is underway and they have been playing matches on Saturday mornings.

After the October holiday, children in P4 and P4/3 will be taking part in the Soccer4 programme where a football coach will visit the school to deliver football during P.E. Children in P1, P4/3 and P5 will have S6 Sports Leaders from Holyrood Secondary work with their classes. Children in P6 and P7 will have the opportunity to attend a handball after-school club.

Our newly appointed Health & Sport Committee will be taking the views of children across the school to plan more sports sessions for later in the year. Wonderful work!

Diary Dates



- Fri 6 Oct** First Friday Mass in school at 1:30pm
- Tue 10 Oct** P3/2 Assembly at 2:00pm. Parents and Carers are invited to share the learning.
Blairvadach Meeting for P7 at 3:15pm
- Thurs 12 Oct** Non-Uniform Day to raise funds for Parent Council - £1 donation if possible on ParentPay
Parents' Night
- Fri 13 Oct** In-Set Day
- Mon 16-Fri 20 Oct** October Week
- Thurs 26 Oct Evening** Halloween Disco details to follow
- Wed 1 Nov** All Saints Day Mass in St Brigid's Church at 10:00am for P1-P7. All children will return by 11:00am.

P7 Residential

This year our P7 residential will be in Blairvadach. The children will spend 5 days there from 26th February to 1st of March. There will be an information session on Tuesday the 10th of October at 3:15pm.

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.

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