



# St Brigid's Newsletter

## February 2020



### Half Term Break!

It is hard to believe that the February Half Term is almost upon us. As a reminder, school will be CLOSED the week beginning Monday 17th February and reopen on Monday 24th February.



### Catholic Schools Week

We would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to celebrate with us last week during Catholic Schools week. Your support for the school is always appreciated. We would also like to thank Miss Braniff who coordinated the weekly activities and art displays.

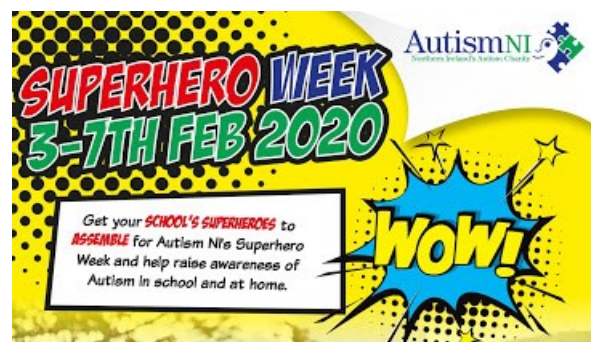
### Safer Internet Day



We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11th February. All classes engaged in a range of internet safety tasks. We would like to remind parents of the importance of monitoring their child's screen time and age restrictions on various social media platforms.

### Autism Awareness Week

We raised awareness of Autism this week through a range of activities and had a special assembly on 7<sup>th</sup> February where children received their Superhero status and certificates.



## Punctuality

Being punctual means all pupils can take part in important morning routines and their learning can start – lateness even from one pupil can disrupt class routines.

All pupils must be at school for 8.55 am – the bell will ring to mark the start of the school day.

If you are late to school, you must bring your child to Reception. From the Reception area, all pupils will go by themselves to their classroom.



Congratulations to our P7 pupils who took part in the Annual Credit Union Schools Quiz in the Great Hall on the 31st January. Leon, Erin, Grace & Violet's Team secured first place and will go on to Regional Quiz on the 1st March. Michael, Kieran, Eoin & Callum's team secured third place. We are proud of you all.



## Mental Health & Well Being

We have managed to secure a 'Barnardos Time 4 Me' school-based counsellor. Jenna Cardwell will support individual children every Wednesday and provide 'drop in' sessions for informal chats to boost self esteem and emotional well-being. We look forward to working closely with Jenna in the coming term.

We are currently awaiting delivery and installation of sensory resources to develop our much needed sensory room.

## Safeguarding and Child Protection



Mrs Devlin has successfully completed her training to become a

Designated Teacher for Child Protection.

PTA organising a fundraiser for Friday 14th Feb. The children wear something they love to school that day, donate £1 to the school, and get entered into a prize draw for some goodies.



## Primary 1 applications, September 2020

The closing date for Primary 1 applications for September was Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January. Please remember to submit birth certificates and supporting documentation to us by Friday 7th February.

### Pre-school and Primary School Admissions

Online Applications Closed

Submit documentation by 12noon Friday 7 February 2020



For more information visit [eani.org.uk/admissions](http://eani.org.uk/admissions)





## Parent Teacher Consultations

Our Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Monday 10th, Tuesday 11th February. ALL CHILDREN WILL GO HOME AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 2.00PM. We appreciate and encourage the attendance of all our parents and carers at these important interviews.

## Shared Education Update

Our children continue to enjoy shared learning experiences with Downpatrick Primary School. This term P3/4 and P4 visited Ulster Folk & Transport Museum, P2 children from Downpatrick spent the morning in St Brigid's PS and our Eco Warriors visited Kilbroney Centre to study birds.



## Extra Curricular Activities

St Brigid's offers a wide range of extra curricular activities to ensure all our children can develop not just academically but socially, emotionally and physically too. Such activities include; Dance, gymnastics, Gaelic, soccer, ActiSport, Art, choir, music- including violin, flute, drums, guitar, piano; ICT, cookery, garden club and book club.

Our S'cool club facility which is available until 5.00pm everyday offers, homework club, Lego & construction, art, cookery, table top games, outdoor play and lots more. There really is something for everyone! If there is a facility you would like to see offered within the school, please let us know.

## *Building Supervisor*

A permanent Building Supervisor has finally been appointed to St Brigid's PS.

Mr Russell Swail will take up post week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> February.

We are delighted to welcome him to our school.

We would particularly like to thank Mr Paul Sharvin, and Mr Damian O'Shea who have helped us out in the absence of a permanent Building Supervisor.

## *Important Dates for your Diary*

<i>10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Parent/Teacher Consultations, all children home at 2pm</i>
<i>11th February</i>	<i>Primary 7's at the Be Safe Event in Ballymote Centre</i>
<i>17<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Mid Term break, children return on the 24th February</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> March</i>	<i>Peace Proms</i>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> March</i>	<i>Service of Light for Primary 7's</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Digital Leaders visit the Apple Store</i>
<i>4<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>P3 Special Prayer Service @ 1:15 in School Hall</i>
<i>9<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Whole School Mass</i>
<i>12<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>First Confession for P3's @ 1:30pm</i>
<i>13<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Irish Day—details to follow</i>
<i>16-17<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>School closed</i>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> April</i>	<i>Confirmation for P7's</i>
<i>9<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>End of term, children finish at 11am</i>

## *February Birthdays*

*Archie, Alekss, Niamh, Chelsy, Lucy, Cara, Erin, Sophie, Finn, Olivia, Faith, Lily, Eva, Tyler, Emily, Niamh, Freya, Orlaith Rose, Eva-Mae, Emma, Aimee, Scarlett & Daniel.*

