



St Brigid's Newsletter

November 2018



The Open Night for Parents who are considering enrolling their child in P1 for September 2019, will be held on Monday 3rd December from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Please pass the word on. This year admission to school will be completed online.

Come along and see what our great school has to offer!

- GL/AQE Assessment -

Many of our Primary 7 pupils have been sitting the transfer tests over the Saturday's in November. We know you have all given your best and are proud of all your hard work!

Christmas Concert

The children from P1 to P3 will be staging their Christmas productions on Thursday 13th & Friday 14th December.

P1 will be performing A Christmas Angel starting at 9.30am

P2 are performing Santa's Hat at approx. 10.00 am

P3 are performing Hey Ewe at @ 10.30am



Carol Service

The Parish Carol Service will take place on Sunday 16th December at 5.00pm in St Patrick's Church. The children from the Parish schools have been asked to join in this. We would love to have a great turn out from St Brigid's PS.

Please come along in full school uniform.

Christmas Raffle

The Volunteers of St Brigid's have organised a Christmas Raffle. This raffle has been a great success in past years and with your support it will be another great success this year. Tickets will be sent home & are on sale at Christmas concerts and draw will take place on the **19th December**

Safeguarding Reminders...

To ensure that our school is fully reflecting the Safeguarding and Child Protection regulations set out by DENI, parents are not permitted to visit classrooms without the permission of the Principal. Parents needing to speak to the class teacher must report to the office, where an appointment will be made to facilitate this request. For urgent meetings with a class teacher the Principal will arrange for the class teacher to come to the office to meet with the parent. Children who arrive at school after 9.00am must be left at the main door. Parents are not permitted to escort them to their cloakrooms or classrooms. This is by no means to take away from our Open Door Policy and therefore I ask for your full cooperation with this matter.

Once again November has been a busy and exciting month in school. In a response to parental and pupil questionnaires, we have organised a number of great after school clubs. We appreciate that there is a tremendous demand for these clubs and will continue to explore ways to meet the demand and further improve the opportunities on offer.

On Monday 4th November all staff engaged in training on a whole school approach in the teaching of reading and promoting a reading for pleasure culture within the school. Consequently, staff and pupils are sprucing up their classroom library corners and engaging in fun reading activities. We hope to have more guided reading resources into Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 in the next term. All children celebrated book week during the week of 19th November.



On Thursday 8th and 22nd November staff availed of ICT training on developing film and animation skills provided by

Creative Learning Centre Nerve Belfast. This training will culminate in our school leading a presentation of Best Practice at the Odyssey in May 2019!

Week beginning 12th November the school celebrated Anti- Bullying Week and the children took part in a range of classroom activities looking at Respecting Differences. The Odd Sock Day and wear Yellow for Respect both proved very enjoyable and thought provoking experiences. The Primary 5 pupils had a wonderful morning with HIP exploring ways to deal with Bullying.



As a staff we reviewed our Anti- bullying Policy and a draft policy is on the website. We would appreciate your comments on this policy.

The School Council met and together developed a child friendly Anti-bullying Policy which they will share with all pupils on Friday 30th November.

On Friday 16th November the Digital Leaders attended a workshop on Coding at the Apple Store. They enjoyed their day and the McFlurry's on the way home!!



The whole school came together on Tuesday 20th November to celebrate monthly Mass with Fr Henry. This was a wonderful experience which we would encourage parents or grandparents to attend with us. The children were a credit to their families!



Friday 23rd November saw the P4 children take part in their first visit to the library. Great fun was had listening to the stories and perusing the books. They are looking forward to their next visit on Friday 14th December.

P6 and P7 pupils had a great day at St Patrick's Grammar on Wednesday 28th November.



As part of our Active Travel initiative the children came to school wearing bright clothes on Thursday 29th November to stress the importance of Ditching the Dark to be safe when walking or cycling during the Winter.

Throughout this month the P4/5 and P5 children have been enjoying mandarin lessons supported by the Confucius programme organised by De la Salle.

Winners of The Line Up Cup

Week of 5th November P6 Mr Fitzsimons
Week of 12th November P4/5 Mrs Devlin
Week of 19th November P1 Miss Braniff
Week of 26th November P2 Mrs Canavan

Pupils of the Month—Homework

P1C Nathan McGlone P1Y Louis Magee
P2 Oisín Torney P2/3 Keisha Mulholland
P3 Chloe McFall P4 Daisy Smith
P4/5 Anna Wylie P5 Fionn Fennell
P6 Miceál Keenan P6/7 Abbie Gracey
P7 Aarin Rea



The School Nurse will be here on Tuesday 4th Dec administering Flu Vaccines.

Parent Representative on Board of Governors.

Mrs Laura Higgins was nominated to act as parent representative to the Board of Governors for the next 4 years. We thank Mrs Higgins for accepting the position and look forward to continuing to work in partnership for the good of all children within the school.

Christmas presents for Staff

Whilst we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and kindness, we would request that the children do not bring in Christmas presents for staff. If your child wishes to bring in something for a member of staff, a simple Christmas card would be greatly appreciated.

Important Dates for Your Diary

Open Night	3rd December
Primary 7's	
Christmas Dinner	Tuesday 4th December
Christmas Dinner P1-6	6th December
P6 assembly	7th December
Christmas Plays P1-P3	13 & 14th December
P4 Library Visit	14th December
End of Term	21st December @11am
Panto In PYC	11th January
Confirmation	11th March @ 5:00pm
First Communion	18th May

Christmas Jumper Days



P7
Tues 4th
& P1-6
Thurs



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