



Easter Newsletter

23rd March 2018

Note from Principal

As we have come to the end of a very busy but successful term, I would just like to add a couple of acknowledgments and reflections and wish all in our St. Brigid's community a safe, happy and holy Easter

Firstly, I would like to thank you the students, parents and staff for your continued efforts to welcome me into the School this term and to get to know me a little better. I have felt welcomed and supported from the first day, so thank you again.

During this term, staff have concentrated on developing a 'Learning Culture' in our students. We have emphasized the importance of students accepting responsibility for their learning. We have emphasized the need for staff and students to work together as learning partners. Staff have worked diligently in assisting students achieve to the best of their abilities.

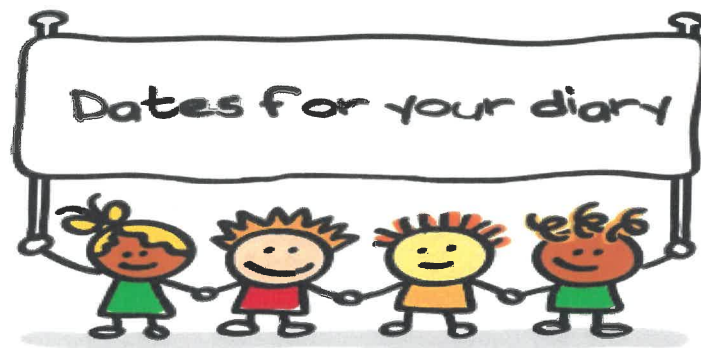
Thank you also to parents and students for your excellent support of our Uniform Policy so far. We have nearly 100% compliance with students presenting each day smartly dressed and ready for the school day. The 1st May marks the beginning of our summer and the children may wear their school shorts to school from this day on if they so wish.

Finally, I wish you all a very happy Easter. Enjoy the break and this special time with your family and friends and thank you once again for a great Term 2 We look forward to seeing everyone's eager, cheery faces next term.

Best wishes!

Máire Costello

Principal



Friday 23 rd March	Last day of Second Term
Monday 9 th April	School reopens for Third Term
Mon 9 th April to Wed 11 th April	HSE Hearing & Vision Testing for Junior Infants
Friday 13 th April	Olive Mooney (Author) to visit today
Friday 27 th April	School Raffle
Thursday 10 th May	Service of Light 6 th Class at 7.30pm
Saturday 12 th May	First Communion 2 nd Class Room 6 @ 10am / Room 20 @ 12 noon
Monday 14 th May	First Communion Photos Room 6
Tuesday 15 th May	First Communion Photos Room 20
Wednesday 16 th May	6 th Class Retreat Room 9
Thursday 17 th May	6 th Class Retreat Room 10
Wednesday 23 rd May	Jr Infant & Sr Infant Tours
Friday 25 th May	Confirmation 6 th Class at 11am
Tuesday 29 th May	3 rd Class Tour
Thurs 31 st May - Mon 4 th June	School Closed for Bank Holiday Weekend
Tuesday 5 th June	School Reopens
Tuesday 5 th June	5 th Class Tour
Tuesday 12 th June	Accord for 6 th Classes
Wednesday 13 th June	After School Activity Enrolment
Thursday 14 th June	4 th Class Tour
Thursday 21 st June	2 nd Class Tour
Thursday 21 st June	6 th Class Play Room 9
Tuesday 26 th June	6 th Class Graduation Mass at 8pm
Tuesday 26 th June	1 st Class Tour
Thursday 28 th June	6 th Class Tour
Friday 29 th June	School Closes for Summer Holidays
2018-2019 School Calendar	To be confirmed after Easter

Trócaire



Thank you to our families who took home a Trócaire Box for Lent. It can be hard to give up something for Lent and this is a really proactive way to do something for a really worthwhile cause. Please return your Trócaire Boxes to school the week of 9th April.

First Confession



Our Second Classes made their First Confession on Tuesday 6th March. Their singing and reading were excellent and it was clear that much work and preparation had gone into this milestone event. The children were a credit to themselves, their parents and their teachers.



Coicís na Gaeilge ó 4ú go dtí 16ú Márta 2018

Bhí coicís speisialta againn le déanaí. Bhíomar ag ceiliúradh ar dteanga náisiúnta ar feadh coicís. Bhí na páistí ag déanamh a ndícheall chun Gaeilge a úsáid ar scoil agus sa bhaile. Bhí Ceolchoirm, Tráth na gCeist agus gníomhaíochta eile ar siúl. Lean oraibh bhúr gcuid Gaeilge a úsáid as seo amach. Maith sibh a pháistí.

We had a very special couple of weeks recently. We celebrated our national language. The children did their best to use Irish at school and at home. We hosted a concert, quizzes and many more activities. Keep up using your Irish from now on. Well done to you all.



Congratulations to the Junior and Senior Theatre Groups on their recent stellar performances of the famous musicals, "Annie" and "Singing in the Rain". Drama helps build confidence & expression in children and we certainly saw it in bucketfuls over the two nights. The boys and girls were amazing. Such talent!! Watch out Broadway. Here we come.

5th Class Visit to the Fire Station

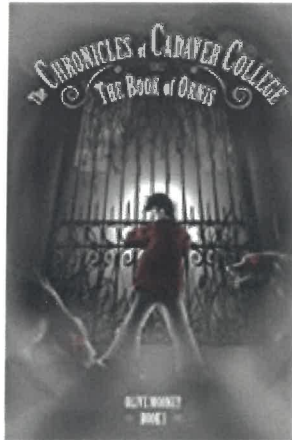


Our two 5th Classes visited Greystones Fire Station on Tuesday 13th March. They watched in awe as the crew responded to a 999 call out. They would love another trip to the station.



Conall Finn (SI Parent and Engineer) gave a presentation on "Bridge Building" to the two Sixth classes on Wednesday 14th March to celebrate Engineers Week. The children worked in small groups constructing bridges using different materials. They had lots of fun on the day and some expressed an interest in pursuing a career in engineering in the future. Our world is in very capable hands.

Upcoming Author's Visit



Olive Mooney (Author) will visit the school on Friday 13th April to talk to some of the classes about her experience of writing.

Convent Update

The Board of Management have written two letters to the Department of Education and Skills requesting a meeting but to date we have not received confirmation of an appointment. They have acknowledged receipt of our letters.

Parents Association

The Parents' Association play a very important role in the school. The members pool their skills, ideas and energy and their creativity and commitment knows no bounds.

They make sure that our school days are the best days of our lives.

Copper Friday on 2nd February 2018 was a great success. There was great excitement in the school. Children brought in coppers from home. The money raised (a phenomenal €2,417) will be used to buy resources for Aistear. This is an infant curriculum where the children learn through play. We would like to say thank you to all those involved in this project.

Friday 16th March was '**Green Day.**' The Parents' Association in partnership with the Student Council asked children and staff to come to school wearing green and to make a donation of a euro or two to the Gavin Glynn Foundation. In memory of a very special boy, money is raised to help families with children who have cancer travel to get treatment abroad. €956 was raised for this very good cause.

The Parents' Association's IT Committee are working with the 3rd and 4th classes teaching Word and Powerpoint. The children really put a value on this learning, and being motivated digital natives, they will learn a great deal in this time. We would like to thank Aisling, Amanda, Barbara, the two Janets and Roz for giving up their time to help us learn.

Gardening Committee

The **Gardening Committee** from the Parents' Association worked with Junior Infants on the 'Grow It Yourself Sow & Grow' scheme. The children planted aubergines, radishes, courgettes, squash and carrots. Many thanks Rebecca, Aoife, Melissa, Sharon and Bronwen from the Parents' Association who organised this interesting and exciting activity for the three Junior Infant classes.

The **Gardening Committee** had proposed planting different lettuces with the Senior Infant Classes on Friday 16th March. However, due to the low ground temperature, this was postponed until after Easter.

The Committee have a real treat in store for the younger children in the school. They will go ahead with their plans to bring in some chickens on Fri 23rd March to show to all the pupils from Infants to Second Class. I can't wait to see their faces on the day.

Social Conscious



Ellie cuts her long locks to help the 'Rapunzel' charity



Brave young Ellie Reid from Ms. Dunne's 1st Class has donated her long locks to the Rapunzel Foundation which works to improve the lives of those living with alopecia. The staff at Kudos Hair Salon in Greystones helped Ellie with her efforts and cut and saved her lovely hair for the Rapunzel Foundation.

Tom swims for the homeless on Christmas Day



A big thank you from W.H. Five Loaves Bray was given to Tom Foley from 4th Class who raised a massive €470.65 in sponsorship for the Christmas Day Swim in Greystones. The charity said this was the largest amount of money raised by a child. While the rest of us were digging into our turkey and ham Tom was out braving the elements to raise funds for the homeless.

GAELIC FOOTBALL



Congratulations to the 54 students who represented St. Brigid's NS so admirably in the recent Gaelic Blitzes. You are a credit to yourselves, your parents and your teachers and should be very proud of your achievements.



Author in the Making

Congratulations to Arkleen Lamoste in Ms. Beausang's 3rd Class who recently received a Merit Award for her book "Lost and Found" as part of the 2018 Write a Book Project. We look forward to reading her books in the future.



Watch out Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang (Arsenal Player!)

Joshua O' Connor from Ms Divine's 2nd class will travel to Derby, England over the Easter holidays to represent Cabinteely FC in a football tournament. He is up against some stiff competition as teams from Everton and Tottenham are also taking part in the tournament. But we know they will be no match for our Joshua.



From all the team at St. Brigid's N.S.