



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2018

Dates for your diary

Summer Holidays
Friday 29th June 2018

Back to School
Thurs 30th Aug 2018

P.A. AGM
26th September 2018

Sponsored Walk
28th September 2018

A Note from the Principal

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. It seems like only yesterday since I was standing at the gate on Trafalgar Road welcoming everyone back to school. Since then, new knowledge has been learned, new things have been tried and new friends have been made. And that goes for me too!

It's only as I look back over the year that I realise what a wonderful and successful year it has been for all in St Brigids with lots of achievements to celebrate.

I am immensely proud of all the pupils and their teachers who strive every day to be the best that they can be.

I would like to acknowledge the huge role played by our volunteer parents who give up their time to work so hard on behalf of the school. At times I am sure it appears like a thankless task, but trust me, your contribution is invaluable.

To our class of 2018 I would like to wish you every success and happiness as you move into secondary school. Go n-éirí go geal libh i gcónaí.

I hope you all have a lovely summer and I look forward to seeing you again in August.

Le meas,

Máire Costello
Principal

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

The school will close on Friday 29th June 2018 for the summer holidays,

- Infants and their siblings in older classes will go home at 12:10 pm
- The rest of the school will go home at 12:30pm.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

For anyone looking for second hand uniforms, the Parents Association are holding their annual uniform sale on the day of the summer holidays, Friday 29th June at 9.00am.

ACHIEVEMENTS

PA Award

CONGRATULATIONS to St Brigid's Parents' Association who were awarded Joint First Place in the National Parents' Council's Fred O'Connell Award. This took place at the NPC Education Conference on June 16, 2018 in the National College of Ireland. Our Parents' Association was recognised for their work in devising and implementing a programme to equip students with IT skills in order to support their broader educational experience.

Digital School of Distinction Award

The Minister for Health Simon Harris visited the school on 27 June to present us with our Digital School of Distinction Award and to raise our new Digital School Flag.



History Award

Congratulations to our 6th classes who won First Prize in Ireland for their La Touche History Project on "*Women in the Revolution*". 12 Sixth class pupils travelled to NUI Cork by coach on Monday 21st May to attend a special ceremony and collect our prize. They were accompanied to this momentous occasion by Ms. Beausang and Mr. Dodd and 2 sixth class parents. What a great achievement for the school and the Greystones Community !!

SPORTS

Sports Day

Sports Day which was held on Friday 8th June was a great success and enjoyed by one and all. A big thank you to Anne Marie Horan and Paula Gilbert for organising the day,



The ice-creams went down a real treat with the infants. Thanks to Liam McCabe and the Kirwan family for organising this for us.

Basketball Blitz

There was great excitement in the school in the build up to the Basketball Final which was held on Thurs 14th June. Medals were presented to the winners The Washington Wizards and the runners-up The San Antonia Spurs

6th Class v Teachers

The 6th Classes took on the teachers in a much anticipated end of year basketball match on Tuesday 26th June. It was a close and very exciting game with the teachers eventually snatching victory 22 points to 14 points.

Wicklow Races



The Wicklow Races were held on Wednesday 13th June. We came away with 5 medals in total. Congratulations to all the boys and girls who represented us so well on the day. There are rumours around that we might have the next Usain or Dervla in St Brigids!!!

CHURCH CELEBRATIONS

Sacraments 2017/2018

First Holy Communion

Our Second Classes celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday the 12th of May at Holy Rosary Church. It was a very moving ceremony and the boys and girls all looked so beautiful. The PA hosted a special breakfast for the children and their families in Kilian Hall afterwards. It was a breakfast fit for a king

Confirmation

The 6th class pupils were confirmed by Father John on Friday 25th May. The boys and girls put in a huge amount of preparation in advance of the day and were a credit to themselves, their teachers and their families on the day.

End of Year Prayer Service

We marked the end of the school year with a very special Prayer Service in Holy Rosary Church on Wednesday 27th June at 2pm. It was nice to have the opportunity to give thanks for all the blessings we have received this year.



6th Class Graduation Mass



The 6th Class Graduation Mass took place on Tuesday 26th June in Holy Rosary Church. The chief celebrant was Fr. Joseph. This is always an emotional occasion for parents, teachers and pupils alike and it was no different this year. We were treated to tea and cakes in the hall afterwards and the 6th classes entertained us all on the night with their special song.

MUSIC & DRAMA

Music Generation

Congratulations to the boys and girls from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes who performed a repertoire of songs from around the world under the excellent direction of Eimear and Joan from Music Generation. Families and friends were bowled over by the incredibly high standard of the show.



Oliver!

Our 5th classes treated us to performances of "Oliver!". It was definitely a case of "Please Sir, I want some more".



The Grunch



This was its premiere in St Brigids and we look forward to seeing it again in the future.

The 4th Classes performances of "The Grunch" certainly had the X-factor.

MacBeth

Mr Dodd's 6th class put on an amazing production of Shakespeare's "MacBeth" for friends and family last Thursday night. As usual, the production and the performances were of such a high standard that it wouldn't be out of place on the stage of the Abbey Theatre. Seriously!!!



SCHOOL TOURS

Infants

Junior and Senior Infants visited Glenroe Farm. They were so excited getting on the bus. They felt very big and very important.



1st to 4th Classes

1st Class went to Airfield. They really enjoyed their day on a farm in a rural setting.

2nd Class had a great time at "Squirrel Scramble". They arrived home tired but happy.



3rd Class loved their tour to Tayto Park and even got to take home a packet of Tayto crisps each.

4th Class tour to the National Aquatic Centre was a huge success. The day's highlight was definitely the water slides.

5th and 6th Classes

Our 5th classes hadn't far to go. A short trip up the road brought them to UCD to their "Let's Go UCD" Tour. They had a great day and gave the tour a ten out of ten.

The 6th Class tour is always something special as it is the boys and girls last tour in Primary School. The trip to Baltinglass Adventure Centre is something the children have been looking forward to for ages.

OTHER NEWS

New Junior Infants Visit

We welcomed our new Junior Infants and their parents to the school on 28th May. We hope they will have many happy years here with us.

Fire Drill

On Tuesday 19th June we had our 4th fire drill of the year. No notice was given in advance of the drill and the school was evacuated in 1 minute 48 seconds – our best time yet!!!



Community Garda

Garda Alan visited the 5th and 6th classes and gave a talk on the role of the Gardaí in the Community.

He also visited the Junior Infants and spoke to the children about being "Seat Belt Sheriffs". He presented all the infants with a "Sheriff's" medal at the end of the talk.



Science Workshop for 6th Class

Our 6th classes really enjoyed their science workshops with Celine Marmion and her colleagues from TCD on 19th June.

WiFi Update

ComReg issued us with their final report (over 250 pages long) on the "Assessment of Radiated Power from Wi-Fi Routers at St. Brigid's NS" on Wednesday 13th June 2018. Their findings can be summarised as follows:

"The 23 Wi-Fi routers were found to be compliant for the purposes of the Radio Equipment Directive and to be otherwise lawfully installed and operated, and ComReg, following its assessment, does not consider that any further action is warranted."

