

BASKETBALL NEWS

The 5th & 6th class basketball team will continue to train every Wednesday after school from November 9th. The pupils from 1st-4th classes will train after school on Mondays from November 14th.



The school choir will perform a CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE on Tuesday 20th December in St. Brigid's Church at 7pm. Parents/Guardians and children are invited to join us in the church for Carols. A big thank you to Ms. Flynn, Ms. Howard and Ms. Wickham for all their hard work preparing the choir.

Hard luck to our senior girls football team who were narrowly beaten in the Cumann na mBunscol Quarter Final. They played their hearts out on the day. The girls continue to train, along with the junior team, every Friday by our local GAA expert Ronnie. After-school training will begin next week. The teams are preparing for the Fingal League which will take place in the New Year.



Ms. Kenny is starting a book club in the school from next week. (Every Monday for a 6 week period). This club is open to pupils from 3rd-6th classes.



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Pupils in Senior Infants, 2nd, 4th & 6th classes took part in Lego workshops this week! Learn it workshops complement the STEM, S.E.S.E. and Maths curriculum in a fun and engaging way and the workshops enabled students to exercise scientific inquiry skills through direct hand on science, maths, engineering & technology (S.T.E.M.) activities. Children got the opportunity to practice and develop skills using LEGO Education resources to predict, estimate, observe, measure, and record investigations.



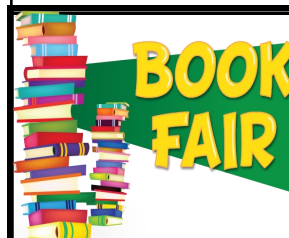
Our school choir have been invited to perform at a mass as part of Pueri Cantories and International Federation in St Patrick's College Maynooth on Saturday 19th November at 3pm. Best of Luck girls!

A big thank you to the parents who are helping to organise the Book Fair and with setting up our new library system with Aladdin.

St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5

Nuacht-Litir: November 2016

Parent teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday 16th & Thursday 17th November from 2.15pm. Junior & Senior Infants will finish at 1.15pm. 1st-6th classes will finish at 2pm on these days. In order to avoid delays, we kindly ask that you arrive on time for your meeting.



The book fair will visit the school next week. The pupils will be given the opportunity to view the books on Tuesday before they go on sale. On Wed 16th & Thurs 17th the book fair will be open to parents and pupils who wish to buy books. **The book fair will run from 1:45pm-4:30pm on these days.** The book fair will also be opened on the mornings of Fri 18th & Mon 21st from 8:45am-9:30am. Children from 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th classes may purchase books at this time. Children from infant classes, 1st & 2nd classes may also purchase books only if accompanied by a parent/guardian. The younger children will be called to the office to meet their parents to visit the morning book fair.

Our new look website will be up and running from Monday November 14th. Here, you will find out the latest news from the school, access policies and much more! A big thank you to Willows Consulting, a local company, who helped design the site. Also, to Michelle La Grue Photography who volunteered her services, and took some fabulous photographs for the site. www.stbrigidsgns.ie

SHOE BOX APPEAL FOR TEAM HOPE

Pupils in the school are busy putting together useful items into a shoebox for needy children abroad: something to wear, to write with, to wash with and something wow! All shoeboxes will be sent off to the charity TEAM HOPE.

Student Council

St. Brigid's GNS are delighted to announce that we have our first Student Council setup. One representative from each of the classes (3rd-6th) form the committee. They held their first meeting with Ms. Wickham. They discussed different aspects of school and made suggestions for improvements to Ms. Diffley. The members have also been given the task of designing a school sign which will be displayed at the front of the school.

Our 6th class bake sale was a HUGE success with the girls raising a massive €2075 for Central Remedial Clinic (CRC) in Clontarf. Some of the pupils will visit the CRC with Ms. Diffley to present the cheque. A big thank you to all those who baked such delicious treats and also to the children from all of the classes, and their teachers, who contributed money to the bake sale.



Some of the 5th & 6th class pupils, under the direction of their teachers, will take part in the INTEL MINI SCIENTIST COMPETITION. The pupils are working in teams at home and at school busily preparing their science project for display in the school hall at the end of November.

Judges from INTEL will come in to view the projects, meet with all the pupils involved and interview them about their topics. There will be a great range of projects on Energy & Forces, Materials, Environmental Awareness & Care and Living Things. Well done to all the pupils who are taking part. Each pupil will be presented with a certificate and goodie pack from Intel.

Marathon Runners! Well done to Ms. McMullen's class who completed 300 laps of our yard over the course of two months—the same distance as a marathon! What an achievement girls, well done!

Our last day in school before mid-term break was very exciting—the girls put a great effort into dressing up in their Halloween costumes! Each class got the opportunity to visit the bake sale and also to take part in a whole school dance to the 'Monster mash'!

During the last week before mid-term, all of the classes came together in the hall to watch the school choir perform 'Double, Double Toil and Trouble'! Some of the classes also performed Halloween poems and songs.

Well done to the pupils from Ms. O'Donovans and Ms. McDonalds on completing a term of swimming lessons in Westwood Clontarf! Ms. McMullen's & Ms. Flynn's classes will attend lessons in the New year!

First Communion Mass will be on Saturday May 6th. Children will receive the Sacrament of First Penance on the evening of Tuesday March 14th in St. Brigid's Church. The programme of "Do This in Memory of Me" Masses continue for the First Communion children over the coming months led by the Parish Communion Preparation Team.



The school recently purchased new sets of new novels for 2nd-6th classes.. We hope you enjoy the read girls!

Please Note: The school will close on Tuesday November 22nd for the full day to facilitate teacher training on the new Primary Languages Curriculum. Your child will not attend school on this day.

Enrolment 2017: Enrolment for Junior Infants 2017 will be open from January 9th to January 31st. The enrolment policy can be found on our school website.

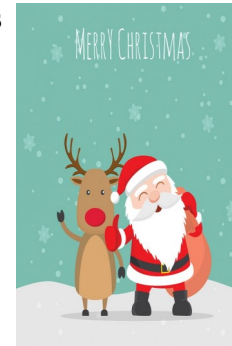


A Parent talk on 'The Transition from Primary School to Secondary School' took place on Wednesday Nov 9th in the school hall.

Anti-Bullying talks: As part of the school's anti-bullying procedures a talk will be delivered to 4th—6th class pupils, to staff and to parents on February 1st. The talk for parents will take place in the school hall at 7pm on Wed Feb 1st. All are welcome to attend.

Infant Christmas Singalong!

Parents of Junior Infant pupils are invited to attend a Christmas sing-along in the school hall on Wed Dec 21st @9am. Parents of Senior Infants are invited to watch their children perform a Christmas Nativity on Wed Dec 21st @ 11am.



Folens Christmas Annuals for all class levels with lots of fun activities for children to do. On sale from 5th December from the Siopa at €4 each .

A big thank you to Noel our caretaker who planted some hedging at the front entrance to the school during our mid-term break. We think he did a wonderful job!



CALENDERS

THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION ARE BUSY AT WORK ORGANISING THE SALE OF THE CALENDERS. Photographs will be taken on Wednesday Nov 16th. A form was sent home with pupils which can be used to place orders. Funds raised will go towards the refurbishment of our computer room.

USEFUL WEBSITES FOR PARENTS

www.ncca.ie (school curriculum)

www.webwise.ie (internet safety)

www.antisce.ie (environment) www.scispy.ie

RTE STARS!

Ms. Farrell's & Ms. Regan's 5th Classes were invited to take part in the recording of 'Danger is Everywhere with David O'Doherty and Chris Judge' by RTE's News2day. Keep an eye out for our pupils on the show!

Immunisation for Junior Infant pupils took place earlier this week. The girls were very brave getting their injections!