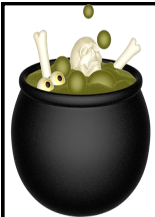




Please ensure all items of clothing and books are labelled with your child's name. It can be difficult to trace items once lost or mislaid.

Parent/Teacher Meetings
Parent/teacher meetings will take place on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th November 2017. A form will be sent out to parents next week which will ask you to state your preferred day and time. The school will endeavour to accommodate your preferences. If, however, demand exceeds supply for certain days/times we will have to allocate meetings accordingly. The school will give plenty of notice of these meetings so we ask parents to please attend at the given times. Meetings should only be rearranged in exceptional circumstances.



School Choir

The choir are busy preparing 'Double Double Toil and Trouble' to record for their choir blog. The girls will also perform this song for the rest of the school at the end of the month in the school hall!

6th Class Spiritual Preparation

The two 6th classes are currently engaging in spiritual preparation for Confirmation with Sally. Once a month Sally visits the classrooms and teaches them about mediation and self-identify.

Parents Association

The AGM of St. Brigid's GNS was held recently in the school hall. There was a great turnout on the night. The school appreciates the support shown to the work of the Parents Association.
pa.stbrigidsgnskillester@gmail.com



Green School News

Walk, Cycle or Scoot to School' was a big success on October 7th. Odd socks day also proved very popular among the pupils! National Tree Day was held on October 7th which saw Ms. Devilly and her class plant two beautiful sapling trees!



3rd Class Recorder lessons

Our two third classes are taking part in a ten week programme which teaches them how to play the Aulos recorder. A member of the Artane School of Music visits the classes once a week to teach the girls some tunes. At the end of the term, the pupils will perform at a Christmas concert accompanied by the Artane Band! They will also get to learn all about the instruments in the Band!



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Halloween Mid-term: School will be closed from Monday 31st October —Friday November 4th. School reopens on Monday 7th November at 8.35am. We hope you all have an enjoyable mid-term!

Dogs on the school premises

The school would kindly ask parents **not** to bring their dogs onto the school premises, even when on a lead. Although the dogs are considered pets by you and your family, some children can become quite frightened and upset when confronted by a dog in the school yard.



The enrolment ceremony for First Communion pupils and their parents will take place this Sunday October 16th at 10.30am. First Communion Day will be on Saturday May 6th 2017.



Road Safety for Pupils and Parents

St. Brigid's GNS has the service of a Lollipop Lady to assist pupils and parents to cross the road safely. It is essential that all parents and pupils co-operate with Dee, our Lollipop Lady, as follows:

- ◆ Wait at the footpath until the Lollipop Lady is in the centre of the road (with all traffic stopped) and gives the signal for safe crossing.
- ◆ It is then permitted for parents and pupils to cross the road in front of the Lollipop Lady.



School Website

Our new look school website will be up and running in the coming weeks!

'SPLIT THE POT'

The school will run a monthly fund raising event from November. School community members are invited to enter a raffle (€2 per entry) at the end of each month. All of the money gathered will be split in two—one half to the school who will spend the funds on books, IT equipment etc and the other half will be divided into cash prizes! The names of all entries will be put into a hat, with 2 winners drawn each month. More details after mid-term!



WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE ANNUAL 6TH CLASS BAKE SALE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE ON FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER FOR ALL THE CLASSES. PUPILS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY TREATS. ALL MONIES RAISED FROM THE BAKE SALE WILL GO TO THE CENTRAL REMEDIAL CLINIC, CLONTARF. THANK YOU TO MS.DELANY & MS. KEARNEY & THEIR CLASSES FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK!

St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5

Active Schools Monster Mash

As part of our Active School Plan, the children are all learning the 'Monster Mash' dance this month. The children will perform it as a whole school dance on Friday 28th October dressed in their Halloween costumes!



Hard luck to the Senior Girls Football team who were narrowly beaten in the Cumann na mBunscol Quarter Final recently. The girls played a great game! Our Junior & Senior teams will continue to be coached by their mentors and by Ronnie, our GAA development officer. Congratulations to the Dublin Senior Team who won the All Ireland Football Final!



HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING!

We are delighted to announce that we raised €275 on our recent coffee morning held in the staff room. The event raised some much needed funds for local hospice services—all money raised locally, stays locally.

Important Notice for Parents

St. Brigid's GNS opens at 8.35am. No responsibility is accepted before that time. School gates open at 8.10am to facilitate the assembling of pupils in their class lines in the yard area. Pupils accompanied by parents/guardians should wait in their class lines until met by their class teacher at 8.35am. All pupils should be in their room by 8.45am at the latest. Pupils who are consistently late are missing out on valuable learning time as well as disrupting the teacher and rest of the class. Classes finish each day at 1.15pm (Junior & Senior Infants) and at 2.15pm for classes 1st—6th. Parents who wish to have their children escorted home should make arrangements to have your child/ren met in the school yard/ school gate at home time.

Confirmation 2017

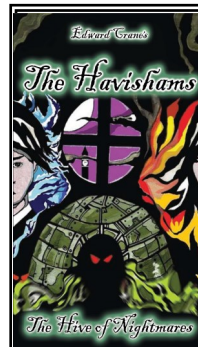
Our Confirmation will take place on Thursday 18th May 2017.

SCHOOL POLICY UPDATE

St. Brigid's GNS are in the process of revising the mandatory school policies. Once these policies are ratified by the Board of Management they will be accessible on the school website. www.stbrigidsdns.ie

Board of Management Meeting

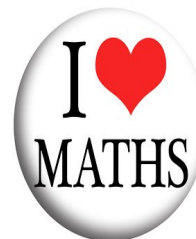
The next Board of Management is due to take place on Wednesday October 19th



AUTHORS VISIT

On October 6th our 3rd—6th classes had a visit from Martin Brennan, author of 'The Havishams' book series. Pupils in Ms. McKennas third class wrote about the visit. Tamzin wrote "Martin told us about writing stories and how to plot them. It was great! Sophie wrote "There are two main characters in his books, Lucy and Robbie.. Lucy has fire power and she is mischievous. Robbie has powers to levitate things. Now I want to be an author just like him". Mia said "Lucy and Robbie live in Havisham Hall which has 500 rooms in it". Olivia liked all of the illustrations. She said "it was fun learning about his books. Emma claims this book "is adventurous, spine-chilling and frightening". Enjoy reading the books girls!

Maths week takes place between October 17th and 21st. The classes are all focusing on Maths this week with lots of activities planned in the school including outdoor Maths games, puzzles and online Maths activities!



Swimming Lessons!

Ms. McDonald's 1st class & Ms. O'Donovan's 4th are enjoying their swimming lessons at Westwood pool! Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist teachers at the pool. Ms. McMullen's 4th class & Ms. Flynn's 1st class will attend swimming lessons in the New Year.

HEAD LICE: There have been a number of cases of head lice in the school. Parents are asked to check your child's hair regularly. If your child's hair is affected please treat it immediately with medications available from the chemist. Fine combing your child's hair also ensures that the hair is kept clear. It is important that all parents co-operate with this alert notice: Check hair and treat and recheck often if necessary to prevent head lice infestations.



5th class trip to The Casino at Marino

"On Wednesday the 28th of September, the two 5th classes visited the Casino in Marino. It is an example of a neoclassical architecture. It was designed by the architect William Chambers in 1757 for Lord Charlemont. It took 12 years to build. It's not a casino where you go to gamble it means 'little house' in Italian. It might look small on the outside but it's actually huge inside. We learned from our guide that if you had a pineapple at that time you were considered very wealthy, you could also rent a pineapple for £7000. In one of the rooms there is a poison called arsenic in the walls so we weren't allowed to touch them. We also saw the underground tunnels which Lord Charlemont used for his servants so they would not block his view.



We had a great day, we learned a lot and we hope to go on lots more school tours this year."

By Zoe Dalton (Ms. Regan's 5th Class)