



The pupils in MsKenny's 6th class are participating in an etwinning project with a school in Chelles, Paris! The girls are using ICT to communicate with the class in France. This month the girls are completing a project 'All About Me' using ICT and will share it with them. They also plan to carry out projects on the History of Ireland and 1916 while the pupils in France will share their projects on France and information on the French Revolution. Our girls hope to learn some French too!

Hard luck to our Senior girls football team who were narrowly beaten in the Cumann na mBunscol semi-finals before mid-term break. We wish the girls the best of luck in the Fingal League which runs in the 2018.



TALKS: Gardaí from the local community policing unit visited our 5th classes before the mid-term break to give them a talk on Halloween Safety. ACCORD are visiting our 5th & 6th classes this week to give an RSE talk.



Our PA are continuing their great work this year and are in the process of organising fundraising events for the coming months. Class calendars and a Christmas Raffle are among the events planned. More details will be communicated to parents later this month. Thank you to the PA committee for their ongoing work & support.

The girls on our Green Team had a busy morning on Tuesday November 7th as they helped plant 50 small trees in our school garden! A group of volunteers from Experian, a local community who kindly donated the trees, visited the school and worked with the committee members to plant the trees. Noel, our caretaker, was also there to lend a helping hand. Everyone did a great job and we look forward to seeing the trees grow over the years to come.



Infant Christmas Singalong! Parents of Junior Infant pupils are invited to attend a Christmas singalong in the school hall on Wed Dec 20th @9am. Parents of Senior Infants are invited to watch their children perform a Christmas Nativity on Wed Dec 20th @ 11am.

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

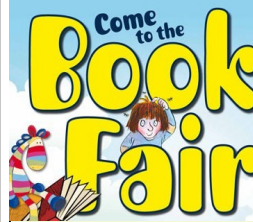
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Welcome back to all after the mid-term break! Parent Teacher meetings will take place on Wed Nov 22nd & Thurs Nov 23rd. J.I & S.I will finish at 1.15pm on these days. 1st-6th classes will finish at **2pm** on these days. School will **close** on Mon Nov 27th to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Languages Curriculum.

We are delighted to announce that our school choir has advanced to the next stage of Ireland's Got Talent! The girls will perform in front of the judges, including Louis Walsh, later this month. The girls are very excited and have already taken part in a day's filming for the show, set to air on RTE in the new year. We wish the choir and their mentors the very best of luck!

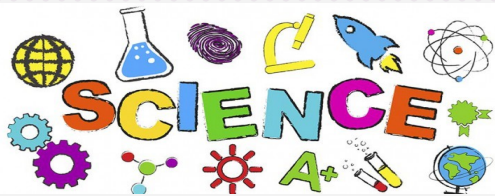


The book fair will visit the school during the week of the Parent Teacher meetings. On Wed 22nd & Thurs 23rd the book fair will be open to parents and pupils who wish to buy books. The book fair will run from **1:45pm—4:30pm** on these days. The book fair will also be open on the morning of Fri 24th from 8:45am-9:30am. Children will be called to the school hall during this time if they wish to buy books. Parents are welcome to buy books during this time also, please enter via the school office.



Our Halloween bake sale raised a massive €2,300 for St.Francis Hospice, Raheny. Thank you to all of you who donated money to this worthy cause. Special mention to our 6th classes & their teachers for such a great event!

Pupils in the school are busy putting useful items together 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.



Science week takes place this month and we have some very exciting things lined up! Some of the 4th, 5th & 6th class pupils will take part in the **INTEL MINI SCIENTIST COMPETITION**.

The pupils are 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. One project will be chosen to represent the school at the regional final.

Well done to all of the pupils from Ms. Concannon's class who have been selected to participate in the Primary Science Awards in the RDS in January. We wish them the very best of luck with their experiment 'Do Skyscrapers fall for tremors?'.



Pupils in Senior Infants, 2nd, 4th & 6th classes will take part in Lego workshops this month 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 will get the opportunity to practice and develop skills using LEGO Education resources to predict, estimate, observe, measure, and record investigations.

NUT ALLERGY ALERT

There are a number of pupils in the school who have a severe peanut allergy. We ask that pupils do not bring nut based snacks or lunch food to school at any time. (This includes Nutella) Parents are asked to co-operate with this matter for the safety and care of the pupil involved.



The pupils in Ms. Hayes 3rd class travelled to the Rediscovery Centre to participate in a Waste workshop. It investigated what waste is, how

much we produce and how waste is managed. The workshop examined the issue of electronic waste and communicated best practice. Students were encouraged to explore ideas on waste reduction, reuse and recycling, through discussion and interactive activities. The workshop featured a range of hands-on activities promoting reusing and recycling waste materials.



Our second block of **after-school activities** is now up and running. Among the activities offered between now and Christmas are speech & drama, tin whistle, athletics, book club, speech & drama, Irish dancing & homework club.

Check your child's hair regularly and treat and recheck often and re-treat if necessary to prevent head lice spreading to other pupils.

We encourage pupils to wear their hair tied up to prevent the spread of head lice. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.



We are very excited about Food Dudes coming to our school later this month! Food Dudes is a programme developed to encourage children to eat more fruit and vegetables both in school and at home. It is based on positive role models (the Food Dudes characters), repeated tasting and rewards.

During the programme, each child will be given a variety of fruit and vegetables and can earn rewards for eating them! Thank you to Ms. Flynn (Junior infants) who will co-ordinate Food Dudes in the school.



We kindly ask that parents and pupils adhere to our school's healthy eating policy (*available to view on our school website*). We ask that parents and pupils make healthy choices when packing lunch boxes.

Breakfast is important! It is important to encourage a good breakfast for your child. A good night's sleep followed by food in the morning helps your child to stay active and concentrate at school. It also means your child is less likely to be too hungry during the morning.



Our school choir will perform their annual carol service in St. Brigid's Church, Killester on Tues December 19th at 7pm. Parents/Guardians and children are invited to join us in the church for Carols. A big thank you to the teachers involved in preparing the choir for the upcoming events.



Ms. McKenna's 3rd class will visit our local Super Valu this month to learn about the importance of nutrition, eating a balanced diet and living a healthy lifestyle. The

girls will be guided through the bakery and the fresh food produce. They will get to sample some healthy foods too!



Enrolment 2018: Enrolment for Junior Infants 2018 will be open from January 8th to January 31st. The enrolment policy and application form can be found on our school website.

We welcome Gerri Davis to the staff, sharing secretary duties in the office with Paula Byrne

Go to our school website www.stbrigidsgns.ie to find out the latest news, access school policies, calendar etc.



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