

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.

The enrolment ceremony for First Communion pupils and their parents took place on Sun Oct 8th. First Communion Day will be on Saturday April 28th 2018.



## Parent/teacher meetings

will take place on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November 2017. A form will be sent out to parents soon 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.



Junior Infants have done a great job settling into school life in St. Brigid's. With a month under their belts, the girls have

enjoyed rhymes, stories and songs. They have taken part in lots of new activities and loved starting their school books and eating healthy lunches. keep up the great work!

Some pupils from 5th class will attend a Leinster Rugby Metro Blitz in Irishtown Stadium on October 16th.

The girls have been learning tag rugby skills over the month of September so these skills will be put to the test! Good luck to the girls!



Our GAA Senior Team are participating in Cumann na mBunscol league and have already had some great wins! The girls will play in the Semi Final this week. Special mention to team mentors Ms. Farrell, Ms. Reilly & Noel.



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Mid-term: School will be closed from Monday 30th October –Friday November 3rd. School reopens on Monday 6th November at 8.35am. We hope you all have a safe enjoyable mid-term! break! School will close on Nov 27th to facilitate staff training in the new Primary Languages Curriculum.

### European Week of Sport

The last week of September was a very active week for all! All classes took part in the #Runaroundeurope challenge and ran to Paris! We had our 'Wake Up Shake Up's' in the yard with parents/grandparents on Mon & Fri. 4th-6th classes participated in Tag Rugby training and were paid a visit by Irish Rugby player Sophie Spence! They got the opportunity to ask her lots of questions & find out about the life of a professional sports star! Everyone came together in the senior yard for the Student Teacher Penalty Shootout. Noel, our caretaker, was goalkeeper! A representative from each class, along with a number of teachers, took a penalty each. Tensions were high as some goals were scored, and some not! Ms. Concannon and Chloe from 4th class ended up in the final with Chloe scoring the winning penalty! Each of the girls who participated received a medal. What an exciting week of physical activity! #beactive Thank you to all the teachers, and active school co-ordinator Ms. Howard for their active participation in the week!

A new Green School Committee has been setup for the year ahead. The team are working on achieving our 5th Green

Flag for Biodiversity. The girls have the exciting task of helping to develop our new school garden which Noel has been busy preparing the garden and has done a great job setting up our compost bin area. National Tree Day was on October 5th. Ms. Devilly, Green School co-ordinator and some pupils planted a tree!

In mid-October the Green team will help plant a number of trees around the school grounds which have been kindly donated to the school through a local business, Experian.



Our student Council for 2017/18 held their first

meeting last week. A representative from classes met with Ms. Wickham & Ms. Diffley to discuss aspects of school life & made some suggestions for improvements. Watch this space!



St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5

## Active Schools Skeleton Dance

As part of our Active School Plan, the children are all learning the dance moves to 'The Skeleton Dance' this month. The children will perform it as a whole school dance on Friday 27th October dressed in their Halloween costumes!



We continue to develop the area of literacy in the school with the continuation of Literacy Lift-off this year for Senior Infants & 1st classes. The girls have incorporated ICT into the literacy stations and listen to enjoyable audio stories as part of lessons! We have also introduced guided reading through team teaching in 2nd-4th classes which the children are really enjoying!

### 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. We are also having an issue with dog excrement also so we ask that no dogs are brought inside the school grounds.

## HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING!

*We are delighted to announce that we raised € 255 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 17th May 2018.*

### SCHOOL POLICIES

A number of our school policies can be accessed on the school website.  
[www.stbrigidsgns.ie](http://www.stbrigidsgns.ie).

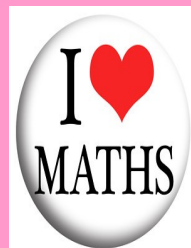
### Board of Management News

**The next Board of Management is due to take place on Nov 8th 2017. Orla Woods has been elected as the new parent representative has been elected to the BOM. The school would like to thank previous parent rep, Paula Byrne, for her work with the BOM over the past few years.**



The two 4th classes were paid a visit to their classes by a wonderful storyteller in September. Geraldine Meade grabbed the children's attention and imaginations with her excellent storytelling techniques. She gave the girls a great talk about the importance of writing and reading and continued by giving them a taste of her new book that is yet to be released. The girls were all very involved and engaged in the workshop. They even had time to get into character and participate in a short role-play. The girls had a lovely morning with Geraldine and we hope to see her to the school again!

**Maths week** takes place between October 16th and 20th. The classes will focus lots on Maths during this week and Maths activities are planned around the school including outdoor Maths games, puzzles and online Maths activities!



### Swimming Lessons!

Ms.Flynn's 1st class & Ms. McMul-len's 4th class are enjoying their swimming lessons at Westwood pool! Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist teachers at the pool. Ms. Concannon's 4th class & Ms. Shiel's 1st class will attend swimming lessons in the New Year.

Find out all the latest news on our school website [www.stbrigidsgns.ie](http://www.stbrigidsgns.ie)  
Twitter: BrigidsGNSKillester

**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.



We are very excited about the 6th class annual bake sale which will take place on Friday 27th October FOR ALL THE CLASSES. Pupils will have the opportunity to buy treats. All monies raised from the Bake Sale will go a children's charity. A massive thank you to Ms.Delany, Ms. Kenny& their classes for all their hard work preparing for this SPOOK-tacular event!

