

## #BeActive Sports Award/European Week of Sport

We are pleased to announce that we were nominated for the #BeActive Education Award by The Irish Sport Council. This award category identifies three educational establishments from across Europe that promote active educational settings in addition to sport/physical activity classes in the standard curriculum to encourage young people to #BeActive. St. Brigid's GNS was chosen to represent Ireland in this category. A massive well done to all of our teachers, pupils and parents for this nomination. Special mention to Ms. Howard, our active school co-ordinator. We look forward to the activities planned in the school during European Week of Sport which takes place Sept 25th—29th. *On Fri 29th (National Fitness day) we will have a Walk, Park & Stride and Scoot to School Day!*



The school choir has started and continue to practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Girls in the choir are asked to arrive for 8am. We look forward to hearing the choir perform at a later date! Thank you to Ms. Wickham, Ms. Flynn & Ms. Howard.

### ARRANGING A MEETING WITH TEACHER?

Parents who wish to meet their child's teacher are asked to put a request in writing, by letter (homework journal) or email (info@stbrigidsgns.ie) to the school office (for the attention of the Teacher. A very brief indication of the reason for meeting i.e. school-work, behavioural, social or home issues should be communicated. Your request will be forwarded to the teacher and we will contact you to arrange the meeting at a mutually suitable time before or after school hours.



Our Senior girls played in

Portmarnock on Tuesday last but were narrowly defeated—by a point! Hard luck to the girls. We wish both the Junior & Senior GAA teams, along with their mentor Ms. Farrell, Ms. Reilly & Noel, the very best of luck for the year ahead.

We also wish the Dublin Senior team the very best of luck this weekend in their clash against Mayo. **Up the Dubs!**



We are delighted to see the school Credit Union will start on Thurs Sept 21st.

It will run every Thursday morning.

On Monday September 11th, Lisa from the Road Safety Authority (RSA) visited our school to give a road safety talk to all of the classes. The talk was very useful and Lisa gave the pupils some very useful tips when using the roads. Our Junior Infants got some high visibility jackets to wear for their journey to and from school. The RSA advises that Parents/Guardians talk to their children about using the roads safely getting to and from school. *Road Safety Week takes place October 2nd - 8th*

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It is very important that all children attend school every day unless sick etc. In order to comply with the TULSA/NEWB guidelines, parents must give a written note to your child's teacher if your child is absent from school for any reason. All notes explaining pupil absences are kept on file by the school for inspection by Tusla (Child & Family Agency). Furthermore all schools are obliged to report on pupil attendance to the National Education Welfare Board throughout the year.

St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5

## NUACHT—LITIR: SEPTEMBER 2017



**Welcome Back** to school to all our pupils, parents and school staff. We hope everyone will have a great year in school. We extend a special welcome to all our new junior infants!

**Reminder to all parents** to please put your child's name on jumpers + coats so that they can be returned if lost. All children must wear the school uniform to school each day with the school tracksuit to be worn on PE days.

**Road Safety:** All pupils and parents should follow the directions of the Lollipop Lady, Deirdre, when crossing the road coming to school and at home-time. Any pupils who take the bus should ensure to line up while awaiting collection by Con the bus driver.



A reminder that school opens at 8.35am each morning. It is very important that all pupils are in school on time each day. Pupils are asked to form orderly lines in the Senior & Junior yards to await collection by the class teacher at 8:35am. The entrance doors in the junior and Senior yards will close at 8.45am. After this time, please enter through the main door at the secretary's office. **The BOM does not accept responsibility for pupils before 8:35am starting time.**

A copy of this year's school calendar was emailed to all parents/guardians earlier this month.

### Summer Works:

A number of jobs were completed in the school over the summer: new gutters, re-rendering and painting of the school building. Inside, we now have new noticeboards and wall designs



### Our Parents Association hosted our "Tissues and Tears Tea party"

in the school hall on the junior infants first day of school. It was a lovely morning where parents got the opportunity to chat and share their experiences of the big day! On Thursday Sept 14th the parents of Junior Infants are also invited to come to their child's classroom to meet teacher and to hear about the Junior Infant curriculum for the coming year.





The **Aistear Infant Education** programme will continue this year for Junior Infant & Senior Infant pupils. Aistear is a programme which allows the children to develop many important skills and achieve learning targets through structured play activities. It requires a lot of specialised play based equipment. St. Brigid's GNS has invested a lot of money from school fundraising etc. to ensure that all our junior infant classes are well equipped to implement this aspect of the Primary

School Infant Curriculum.



Please note the dates:

**Communion: 28th April 2018**

**Confirmation: 17th May 2018**

### Halloween Mid-term

School will be closed for the week

**Monday Oct 30th to**

**Fri Nov 3rd.** School

will re-open at 8.35 on

**Monday 6th Nov.**



### IMPORTANT NOTICE

#### PARKING NEAR THE SCHOOL

**Please do not obstruct the school entrance gates at any time when dropping and collecting children.**

**Do not park on yellow Stay Clear Lines.** Parking restrictions at the school gates ensure the safety of all parents and children entering and leaving the school.

Note: Please do not enter the staff carpark. The carpark needs to be kept clear of unauthorised cars and pedestrians in case of emergencies.



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.

### 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.

After  
School  
Activities

Term 1 of after-school activities is now up and running. Among the activities offered between now and Christmas are yoga, tin whistle, athletics, book club, speech & drama, homework club. Thank you to the teachers involved.

Artwork created by the pupils from one of the 6th classes who just graduated from St. Brigid's in June can now be seen in an Irish movie. While these girls were in 5th class, with Ms. Farrell as their teacher, they designed Space drawings. These pictures are now featured in a film, a documentary called *The Farthest* (directed by Ellen Halpins). The film (GA rated) was in cinemas in August and aired on RTE last week. It is available to view on RTE player until October 5th. What a great achievement for our past pupils!



### Recent Staff Appointments:

We welcome the following teachers to St. Brigid's GNS this year: Ms. Malone (J.Inf), Ms. Nagle (S. Infants) and also Ms. Concannon who has returned to the staff.

We would like to bid Ms. Thompson a fond farewell & wish her the best of luck in her new teaching position in Sligo. We also wish Ms. Kearney the very best on her retirement.

A Big Thank You to school staff who worked very hard during the holidays to make sure that the school was ready for the children and staff coming back. To our caretaker, Noel, who looked after the school so well undertaking many jobs as well as maintaining our school gardens and other necessary DIY jobs. Cleaning staff, Irene and Jacqueline, ensured that the school was spik and span for the return of the pupils and staff. Thanks also to Paula, Mary and Joanne, who helped with back to school preparations.



### SCHOOL BOOK RENTAL

Thank you to Paula who worked hard organising the book rental scheme before the school re-opened. The school has a wide range of school books that are rented to pupils under our book rental scheme. Parents and pupils are reminded that all rental books must be kept in good condition during the school year.

Go to our school web-site  
**[www.stbrigidsgns.ie](http://www.stbrigidsgns.ie)** to find out the latest news, access school policies, calendar etc.



Follow us on Twitter: **StBrigidsGNS**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of St. Brigid's GNS Parents' Association will be held on **Wednesday 4th Oct @8pm in the school hall.**

Parents are invited to attend and become actively involved in supporting the school and your child's education.

**Swimming for 1st Classes & 4th Classes is currently being organised. Term One will commence on October 4th for a six week period. Term two will take place in the New Year.**



Swimming lessons form part of the aquatics programme of PE curriculum. All 1st & 4th class children are expected to participate in the lessons which take place in Westwood, Clontarf. **The fee for swimming this year is €40 per child and this covers bus transport, pool and instructors fees.** Letters will be sent home soon to the parents/guardians of the children attending in Term One. Please return payment to your teacher by Friday September 29th.

**We are looking for Parent Volunteers from the classes involved to assist teachers in supervision at the pool so please let the school know if you can help on some /all of the swim days.**

St. Brigid's GNS Parent-Teacher Meetings have been scheduled for **Wed Nov 22nd & Thurs Nov 23rd 2017.** More details to follow next month.

We are excited the book fair will visit the school again this year during the week of the P/T meetings so you will get the opportunity to purchase books!