

Welcome!  
 Welcome to the student teachers, Mr. Sheehan, Ms. Barry, Ms. Garry and Ms. Gilboy who are on placement from Marino Institute of Education. Also, a special welcome to student teachers Ms. Pearson and Ms. Holstein who have travelled all the way from Bridgewater university, Massachusetts! We wish you all the very best of luck on your placement!

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.



We are delighted to have our new iPads up and running in the school. They will be of great benefit to the teaching and learning taking place!



Congratulations to Ms. Concannon who recently received an award from

Mary Immaculate College, Limerick for achieving the highest mark in Special Education, a specialism as part of her degree. Well done!

**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.

Our Christmas Jumper day was a huge success! It was lovely to see the pupils and staff full of festive cheer! We had RTE NEWS2Day record some of the day and this was broadcast on TV the same day! Well done to the choir and all those who donated their coppers!

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**SWIMMING LESSONS**  
 LESSONS FOR PUPILS IN MS MCMULLEN'S 4TH CLASS AND MS.FLYNN'S 1ST CLASS WILL BEGIN IN FEBRUARY 2017. A LETTER WILL BE SENT TO PARENTS IN THE NEW YEAR WITH DETAILS.

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Over the past 3 months, the Artane School of Music have been providing a music programme to our 3rd class pupils. **On Mon Dec 19th**

**@6.15pm**, the Artane School of Music will be hosting a finale concert. At this concert, students parents & teachers will be introduced to the Artane Band who will demonstrate their instruments & perform music from TV & Movies. As part of the grand finale, the girls will be invited to perform the music they have learned over the past ten weeks with the Artane Band.



St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5

## NUAIGHT-LITIR: NOLLAIG 2016



School will close for Christmas Holidays on Thursday December 22nd at 12 noon and will re-open on Monday January 9th 2017 at 8.35am. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

### ENROLMENT

Enrolment for Junior Infants Class for September 2017 take place between Jan 9th and Jan 31st 2017. Application forms and our enrolment policy are available to download from our school website ([www.stbrigidsgns.ie](http://www.stbrigidsgns.ie)) or from the school office. Applications for September's Junior Infants will be dealt with in accordance with the criteria laid down in the 2017 St. Brigid's Enrolment Policy.

#### Parents Association

The PA have been working very hard organising school fundraising events. A note was sent home last week with details of these. Please note the collection days for the non-perishable food items (to make up hampers for the residents of St. Brigid's Court), the unwanted uniforms & raffle money will take place on **Dec 12th/14th & 19th**. We kindly ask you to send items in on these dates only. Parents are welcome to drop them to the office or send them in with your child. The Xmas raffle will take place in the school on **Tues Dec 20th**. We thank you all for your support in raising funds for a new computer room!



Our school choir will perform a carol service in St. Brigid's Church, Killester on Tues Dec 20th @7pm. All are welcome to attend.



Second & Sixth Classes attended mass on December 8th—the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

#### 'SPLIT THE POT'

November winners 1st. Ciara Sexton (€100). 2nd Juno Sadlier (€50) 3rd Aibigeal O'Brien (€25). **No** Split the Pot for December. Entries for the next draw will be taken from Jan 9th.

Ms. Wickham has been appointed Deputy Principal of St. Brigid's GNS. We would like to wish her every success in her new role. Special mention to Ms. Devilly who has been Acting Deputy since September.

### Christmas Art Competition

**Pupils in all classes from Infants to Sixth are invited to take part in our school Art Competition organised by Ms. McDonald. Entries can be completed on A3 paper using either crayons, pencils, paint, pastels, chalk, markers etc. the theme is based on Christmas. Winning entries will be displayed in the school hall from Friday Dec 16th. Winners will each receive a small prize! Best of luck to you all!**



### Parent-Teacher Meetings 2016

Thank you to all those parents who attended Parent-Teacher Meetings which were held in our school last month. Teachers put in a lot of time and work into preparing comprehensive reports for each pupil and so, we appreciate the positive feedback from so many parents during the P/T meetings again this year.

**Folens Christmas Annuals** are currently on sale from the school office. These popular books are ideal for children to enjoy reading and art activities at their class level. **Annuals cost €4 each.**

*Sugradh* for Junior & Senior Infants  
*Spraoi* for 1st/2nd classes  
*Siamsa* for 3rd/4th classes  
*Sonas* for 5th/6th class

**Board of Management Meeting**  
The next Board of Management is due to take place on Wednesday January 18th 2017.

### Infant Christmas Plays

Parents of Junior Infant Pupils are invited to attend a singalong on Wed Dec 20th @9am. Parents of Senior Infant pupils are invited to attend the 'Wriggly Nativity' on Wed 20th Dec @11am. Parents of Ms. Concannon's 2nd class are invited to attend their play on Wed Dec 20th @1pm. All Parents/Guardians attending please enter at the main office. Parents and Guardians coming to the school are reminded that any photos or recordings taken at these Christmas events are for your personal remembrance of the event and not for distribution. Photos/recordings etc taken at school **must not** be uploaded onto social media for online distribution. Please respect the privacy of all our pupils and staff.

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a way of preparing ourselves for God coming into our lives each day, a way in which we can prepare for the birth of Jesus. It extends over four Sundays before Christmas. The word Advent comes from the Latin ad-venio, 'to come to', and refers to the coming of Jesus. A symbol of Advent is the Advent Wreath with four candles (3 purple and 1 pink) arranged in a circle with greenery. We have a beautiful Advent Wreath and a Crib displayed in our school!

# Ho Ho Ho!



Have you been naughty or nice? A very special visitor might be coming to our school very soon! He has a white beard. He wears a red hat and a red coat. He wears big black boots. He has a white beard He carries a big sack. Can you guess who he might be....?!

### Important Notice for Parents

**School doors open 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. Please try to ensure that your daughter is lined up with her classmates.

**Pupils who are consistently late are missing out on valuable learning time as well as disrupting the teacher and rest of the class.**

Our recent Book Fair was a hug success! The school have received €1740 worth of children's books for free from the book fair, based on the amount of sales made. These books will be kept in the school library and the children will have the opportunity to borrow these in the New Year. Thank you so much to all of you who bought books at the fair! Special mention to the parents who helped organise the fair!

### Helping Others!

Recent events held in the school really highlight the spirit of good-will among our school community. Well done to all of you who have made a difference to the lives of many. What we donated to charities:

- 282 shoeboxes donated to TeamHope
- €1193 donated to Laura Lynn's Children's Hospice
- €2075 presented to the school in CRC
- 5th classes raised €671 as part of their Readathon in aid of M S Ireland.



Well done to the girls in 5th & 6th classes who recently participated in our school's first Science exhibition! We had judges from Intel Ireland come out to look at each of the projects and to choose an overall winner. The winning group (**Victoria Leder, Lorena Tome & Katie Kent**) represented our school at the regionals and WON! They will now go onto to the NATIONAL finals in the Helix in February! **WELL DONE GIRLS, WHAT AN ACHIEVEMENT!!**

### School Website

Our new look school website is now up and running! The website also has a link to our school's twitter account. In the 'Parents' section you will find a link to the Parent's Associations webpage where you can read about their work!

[www.stbrigidsgns.ie](http://www.stbrigidsgns.ie)