

Welcome!
This term we will welcome a number of student teachers from Marino College to our school. They will carry out their teaching placement in a number of classes in the school.

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.



IPads are now being used very effectively in the learning support setting. A wide range of educational apps have been downloaded to benefit the teaching & learning taking place. The school hopes to purchase more IPads in the future.



The school hopes to expand the range of activities offered to pupils after school. Notes will be sent out in the coming weeks to relevant classes.

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.

Well done to the school choir who performed a beautiful Carol Service in the Church prior to the Christmas holidays. The girls are busy preparing for Féis Ceoil which takes place in March. Thanks to the teachers involved.

We are delighted that our school is chosen to be one of the local causes for the Tesco Community Fund Initiative in Artane Castle. The school will receive a share of €1,000 at the end of weeks. The more tokens we get in the collection point in store the bigger the share we receive!

The Artane School of Music provided a music programme to our 3rd class pupils in Term 1. On Mon Dec 19th @6.15pm the Artane School of Music hosted a finale concert. At this concert, students parents & teachers were introduced to the Artane Band who demonstrate their instruments & performed music from TV & Movies. As part of the grand finale, the girls were invited to perform the music they had come to learn during their lessons in school.
A lovely evening was had by all!

St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5

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Welcome back to all the pupils and teachers after a well deserved rest during the Christmas break. A massive thank you to the school community for supporting our school fundraising events and collections for charities. Your contribution will make a difference!

ENROLMENT

Enrolment for Junior Infants Class for September 2017 is NOW OPEN and will remain open up until and including Jan 31st 2017. Application forms and our enrolment policy are available to download from our school website (www.stbrigidsgns.ie) or from the school office.

ANTI-BULLYING TALK FOR PARENTS

An information talk for Parents is organised for **Wednesday February 1st @7pm in the school hall** with speaker Pat Courtney. Parents will be informed of what to watch out at home, co-operating with the school, internet safety & cyber bullying. **All parents are invited to attend.** As part of St. Brigid's Anti-Bullying Policy prevention programme a workshop will also be delivered to the 4th, 5th & 6th classes on that day during school and also to all teachers during the Croke Park Hour.

Catholic Schools Week 2017 will take place 29th January—4th February 2017. The theme for the week is 'Learning with Pope Francis to Care for our Common Home'. As part of this week, Grandparents of Junior Infants are invited to visit their grandchildren in their classrooms where they will participate in some fun activities (colouring, reading a story). This visit will highlight the important role grandparents play in the lives of our pupils. A note will be sent home detailing the visit and explaining the arrangements and specific time for the grandparents to visit.

'SPLIT THE POT' draw is open again for entries this month! Each entry cost €2 and you can enter as many times as you like! The draw will take place on Jan 31st. The prizemoney will depend on how much is in the pot! Best of luck to all who enter!

Mini-Scientists!
BEST OF LUCK to Victoria Leder, Lorena Tome & Katie Kent who will represent the school at up the upcoming Intel National Finals on Feb 3rd in The Helix, DCU.

The Annual Member First Credit Union Quiz is due to take place on Sun 5th Feb in Fingallians GAA club from 11am-1pm. Best of luck to our two teams, from 5th & 6th classes. Team 1: Roisin O'Connor, Zahra Callan Byrne, Moya Harrison, Abi Kelly. Team 2: Róisín McKay, Mia Challoner, Serena Foley, Sarah Corr.

Texaco Art Competition

Pupils are invited to enter the 2017 Texaco Art Competition. Entry to the competition can be anything that interests you!

You may use any type of paper, white, coloured, rough or smooth. The work that you submit may be drawn or painted in pencil, charcoal, pen and ink, crayon, pastel, water-colour, gouache, acrylics, oils, poster colour and collage. Alternatively, it may be submitted on canvas or in digital format in any artwork software (submit digital entries to texacochildrensart@valero.com). Prints

created from a lino block, wood blocks or any other methods may also be submitted.



Parent Association News

A huge THANK YOU to our PA who put so much time & effort into running fundraising events before the Christmas break. Included was the Christmas raffle, Class Calendars and Shake a Bucket at the Carol Service. In total, €4484 was raised! Our Christmas raffle winners were:

- 1st: Jade McCormack (iPod)
- 2nd: Sinead Mullen (Bike)
- 3rd: Maeve Moloney (Centra €100 voucher)

Our school football teams will commence training this week & will participate in the Fingal League later in the term. Junior training takes place on Tuesday's. Senior training takes place on Wednesday's.



Ronnie continues to teach GAA skills to all pupils on Fridays. A note will be sent home to infant pupils in the coming weeks about after-school GAA with him.

Book club with Ms.Kenny continues to run until midterm break on Mon, Tues & Thursdays.



Well done to the group of pupils in Ms.Farrell's 5th class who entered the One Good idea project 2016/17. The group was made up of Niamh Hannon, Aoife Boyle, Ciara McDonald, Sophie Ward, Poppy Robinson & Bree Shelley. They came up with the idea of making chargers that switch off once the device is charged, thus saving electricity! SEAI will visit the school to deliver workshops to some of our classes. We look

The school has entered the **FAI Primary School 5's competition** which will run in the near future! Thank you to Ms.Regan & Ms.Farrell who are taking the team.

Thank you to the Student Council for organising the 'Irene & Jackie Chart' (Keeping Classrooms Clean' competition which ran in the school in December. Well done to Ms.Concannon's class who were the winning class and won homework passes. The Student Council are now working on improving the 'Learning Section' of our school website—adding educational websites to each of the subject areas. Next Student Council meeting will take place on Wed Jan 18th.



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



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Well done to all pupils who entered our Christmas Art Competition in December. The standard of art work was very high and teachers had a very hard job in choosing the winners. Congratulations to the following winners who were presented with a small prize in the school hall:

Junior Infants: Grace Jordan, Madison Baitson, Dallas Martinez, Ruby Jones
Senior Infants: Megan Garret, Layla Rose Moloney, Clara Kiernan, Isobel Smith
1st Class: Layla Pierce, Millie O'Rourke Keane, Beau Brickley, Juliet O'Neill
2nd Class: Susie McAdam, Claire Petrie, Rosie Cudden, Juliet Daly
3rd Class: Caoimhe Ryan, Erin McGill, Fiona Rose, Freya Kelly
4th Class: Ella Clarke, Georgia Lynch Maguire, Erin McMenamy, Cara Corkery
5th Class: Ailbhe Madigan, Claire Brasil, Lana Nolan, Nina Hanvey
6th Class: Emily Clare, Nicole Cleary, Katie Kent, Angel Zhang

Important Notice for Parents
School starts at 8.35am. Well done to all of the pupils who are in their class line-up on time. Punctuality is an important life skill. Therefore, children should be encouraged to be on time for school. **Pupils who are consistently late are missing out on valuable learning time as well as disrupting the teacher and rest of the class.**

Reminder to 6th Class
Parents that Entrance Tests for incoming First Year Pupils to St. Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School, Manor House and Holy Faith Clontarf will take place on **Saturday January 28th.**



A six week set of swimming classes will begin on Wed Feb 8th for pupils in Ms.Flynn's First Class & Ms.McMullen's Fourth Class. Classes will be held in Westwood, Clontarf and pupils travel there by bus. Many thanks to those parents who volunteer to assist teachers with supervising the children on the bus and at the pool.



Ms. Howard invites 5th class pupils to train on the school's Athletics team this coming Thursday during lunchtime. The Athletics team will participate in competitions later in the school year.

December was a busy month here in the school. The teachers worked very hard with the pupils to decorate their classrooms, make lovely art & crafts, prepare them for performances in the school hall and the church for members of the school community. A lovely festive atmosphere filled the school in the lead up to the holidays. A special mention to Noel, our caretaker, and Mary, SNA, who put up Christmas decorations throughout the school.

WRITERS
in **SCHOOLS**

Thank you to Ms.Farrell for organising the recent writing workshop delivered to 5th & 6th class pupils by Poet Colm Keegan. The pupils really enjoyed his visit and learned lots of valuable writing tips.

International Share a Compliment Day takes place on **January 24th!**

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