



JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2021 ST. BRIGID'S G.N.S. GLASNEVIN



Dear Parents/Guardians,

First of all a very Happy New Year to you all and welcome back at the start of the second term. This newsletter contains important information regarding dates of School Holidays, so I would ask that you read it carefully and keep it for future reference.

Christmas Raffle and St. Vincent de Paul Collection

- Many, many thanks for all the support we got for the Christmas raffle. Altogether we raised **€1,382.00**. This amazing amount of money went to the school fund.

Values:

This month we are putting a whole-school focus on the value of **'Right Action'**. The related values that we will be working on each week for the month of January are *Good Manners, Healthy Eating, Healthy Living & Self-Control*

Well-Being Week

Our annual Well-being Week takes place from 18th January to 22nd January 2021. We will focus on ways in which we can increase our general physical & mental well-being.

Medical Issues:

We would ask parents to keep pupils at home if they are unwell. We would particularly ask that in accordance with HSE guidelines, children with a fever (temp. over 38), cough, breathing difficulty, loss of smell or taste, also please ensure that children with a sore throat, vomiting or diarrhoea are not sent to school.

Excellent Attendance

Since we started school on August 27th there are **83** pupils who have missed no days from school. Our whole school attendance is **91.6%** so far this school year. This number is amazing considering the year we are in. Let's keep up the great effort to be in school and on time every day!

Student Council Update

Our very enthusiastic student council have been busy getting set up and attending meetings over the last term. They helped with and organised the Jingle Bell Run last month as well as running and judging a Christmas art competition for all classes in the school. They are looking forward to collecting ideas from their fellow pupils and making some plans for this term. They are also hoping to avail of the wonderful opportunity to pay a visit to the Lord Mayor in the Mansion

Green Schools Committee

Meet our new Green Schools' committee! We had our first socially distanced meeting today. Watch this space for lots of fantastic ideas from these girls



All visitors/callers to the school should:

Only use the **Main Door** to knock, ring buzz and wait outside and someone will come out to you. This includes, parents, minders, grandparents & children, who arrive late for reason. There are very good reasons for this including the need to control the number of people in the school and also who is on the premises at all times.

Digital Learning

Focus:Term Two



Class Level	Digital Learning Focus
Junior and Senior Infants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SeeSaw (for online homework and AfL) • BeeBots (for computational thinking)
First and Second Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SeeSaw (for online homework and AfL) • Scratch Junior (for computational thinking)
Third to Sixth Class	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Google Classroom • 5th and 6th class are currently setting their online homework on Google Classroom • Within the month of January, 3rd and 4th class will begin transitioning from using SeeSaw to Google Classroom

collection of bagged clothing towards the end of January. The date will be confirmed soon and please note it may be on a **Saturday**. We encourage all families and their friends to clear out their wardrobes to raise money for the school



€75 payment & Voluntary Contribution

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Voluntary Contribution via Aladdin Connect". Thanks also to those who recently paid the €75 for Specialist Classes and Art & Craft materials to the school.

Basketball

Basketball continues for our 1st, 2nd & 3rd classes on Thursdays up until the 4th February 2021. Our Junior & Senior infant classes will begin basketball on the 11th February



Hip Hop Dancing

The Irish Dancing module has now finished and **Hip Hop Dancing** will start **Tuesday, 7th January 2020** for **Jnr Inf. to 2nd Class**. The classes will continue until 11th February. 3rd Class to 6th classes will begin Hip Hop on the 25th Feb.



Our second classes enjoyed a lovely winter walk around the Botanic Gardens in December. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful resource on our doorstep

Lots of classes in our school are very kindly taking part in the **carepack.ie** initiative this Christmas. The girls posted off their care packages to some lucky elderly recipients today.



Website

Please remember to check the school website for all the school news www.stbrigid.ie or follow us on twitter @stbrigids_gns

Darina Burke & all staff

January to June 2021

St. Brigid's Dates for your Diary for this term *(Please keep for your reference)*

Christmas Holidays:

School closes Tuesday, December 22nd at 12 noon
School re-opens on Wednesday, January 6th 2021

School closed for 2 weeks

February Closures:

School closed from Mon. 15th Feb, to Fri. 19th Feb.
School re-opens on Monday 22nd Feb 2021

School closed for 1 week

St. Patrick's Day Weekend

School closed on Wednesday 17th March

School closed for 1 day

Easter Holidays:

School closes Friday, 26th March at 12 noon
School re-opens on Monday, 12th April 2021

School closed for 2 weeks

May Bank Holiday W/end

School closed on Monday 3rd May to Friday 7th May
School re-opens on Monday 10th May 2021

School closed for 1 week

June Bank Holiday W/end

School closed on Monday 7th June

School closed for 1 day

SUMMER HOLIDAYS:

School closes on Wednesday 30th June at 12 noon

School Closes 12 noon