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## December 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

December has certainly been a very eventful and festive month for us! We've enjoyed so many wonderful activities, including a very special visit from Santa, delightful Christmas shows, a fun-filled Christmas jumper fashion show, and lots more seasonal celebrations that have brought smiles to everyone's faces. As we come to the end of term, we would like to thank all our families for their continued support. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy, joyful New Year.

Ms Burke

### Values

The overriding value for the month of December is '**Non-Violence**'.

The related weekly values are, "Concern for the Environment", "Forgiveness" and "Appreciation". To watch the short photo slideshow summaries of each month's values-related activities around the school, have a look at the 'Values' tab on [www.stbrigid.ie/values.html](http://www.stbrigid.ie/values.html).



### Upcoming events

School reopens Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January



Places are still available in **Morning Club**. Check out our website [www.stbrigid.ie](http://www.stbrigid.ie) for more information.

## Things to note

1. Payments for Specialist Lessons and whiteboards, homework zippys, folder and supplementary stationery are now due. Payments can be made via the Aladdin app either in full or by instalments.
2. Please note that the Board of Management cannot take responsibility for children who arrive at the school gate and are left unsupervised before 08:40am.
3. The morning arrival window is between 8:40 and 8:50 am, after which time all exit doors are closed, with the exception of the main reception door. Please ensure your child goes to the main reception door if they arrive after 8:50 am.
4. Park & Stride To School: An alternative to dropping your children to the school gate. Use available parking at Griffith Avenue Extension and walk the last part of your journey.



Congratulations to our Christmas raffle winners Amelia from Ms. Hassett's Senior Infants, Alison from Ms. Reddy's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and Summer from Ms. Ryan's 6<sup>th</sup> Class.

Thank you to our wonderful SNA Joan for the fantastic hampers.

A massive **€2070** was raised for St. Vincent De Paul, UNICEF and the school fund.





St. Brigid's has been sprinkled with some real festive cheer thanks to our amazing pupils and teachers. We have had a fashion show with 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils showcasing their designs, carols, nativities and an appearance from The Grinch. Some classes also held pyjama days in aid of the Toy Show Appeal. Below is just a snap shot of the festivities.





### Merry Christmas from the Green Schools Committee!

This month we have been refocusing ourselves on the theme of energy. Each classroom now has an energy monitor whose job it is to remind the class teacher to turn off classroom lights when not in use and to turn off Christmas lights and whiteboards at the end of the day to save electricity.

Here are some ways in which you can help to look after the environment during the Christmas break:

- Recycle wrapping paper, cards, envelopes and packaging correctly.
- Use leftover wrapping paper to make your own Christmas cards and gift tags.
- Use reusable gift bags to help to reduce waste.
- Switch off Christmas lights and decorations when not in use.
- Switch off the television and radio when not in use.
- Recycle old batteries and electrical items correctly.
- Walk/ scoot/ cycle/ use public transport for journeys where possible over the holidays.





The Student Council organised a Christmas themed Art Competition for December. Below are the winners chosen by the Student Council member's.

Well done all.



Homework Club will commence on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January and run until Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

Homework Club is for pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class. Club runs on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's from 2.30-3.30pm.

If you wish to avail of this service please contact Ms. Keogh via email, [sinead.keogh@stbrigid.ie](mailto:sinead.keogh@stbrigid.ie).

## Christmas Puddings



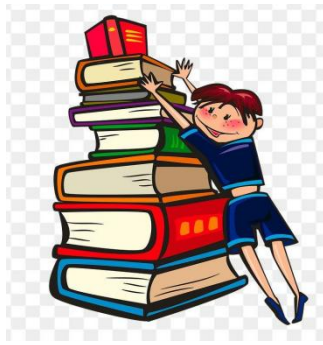
The corridors were filled with the smell of nutmeg and cinnamon as Ms. Brady's 5<sup>th</sup> Class pupils baked and decorated delicious Christmas puddings.



## Carol Service

Well done to Ms. Skelly's and Ms. Murphy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pupils. Ms. Skelly's pupils performed the nativity at the Carol Service and both classes led the carols and sang beautifully.





## Book Club

The first meeting of **St Brigid's Senior Book Club 2025-2026** will take place after school on Tuesday November 11th in Room 15 from 2.35pm to 3.15pm. Book Club is open to all children from 4th to 6th classes.

The first book we will discuss is my choice: *Millie McCarthy is a Complete Catastrophe* by Leona Forde.



Feel free to bring a snack to munch on. Below are the dates for the Book Club meetings for this year:

**Tuesday Jan 6th**

**Tuesday Feb 24th**

**Tuesday March 24th**

**Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a prize for the best scoring book so choose wisely!

Any questions can be directed to me: [imelda.oreilly@stbrigid.ie](mailto:imelda.oreilly@stbrigid.ie)



Well done to Aoife from Ms. Hassett's Senior Infants who won a medal for Taekwondo.



Congratulations to Cali from Ms. Hassett's Senior Infants who won a trophy for dancing.





Congratulations to Clodagh from Ms. McShane's 4<sup>th</sup> Class who was awarded U10's Clonliffe Harriers Athlete of the Year.



Well done to Alanna from Ms. Higgin's 1<sup>st</sup> Class who won the Clonliffe Harriers U9's annual cake.





Well done to Anna from Ms. Reddy's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class who has been performing in the Helix Panto, "The Snow Queen".



Well done to Abigail from Ms. Brady's and Meghan from Ms. Skelly's who have been performing in the Gaiety Panto, "Beauty and the Beast".





Ms. Young's Junior Infants



Some of the members of our Parents Association with Santa.



Ms. McGuigan's Junior Infants

Thanks to our wonderful Parents Association we had a very special visitor pop into the school, Santa! Santa spent time with each class and listened to some Christmas carols. We were all very happy to hear that the pupils of St. Brigid's are on his "Nice List".



## Children's Mass

Our Lady of Dolours Church will host a Children's Mass

on

**Christmas Eve @ 5pm**



Earlier this term Ms Fallon Griffin's 4th class wrote letters to their favourite authors. There was huge excitement when Ciara's favourite author Chris Smyth wrote back to her answering her questions and including two signed copies of his books!



## **Parking in Addison Park and on the Old Finglas Road**

The Management of Addison Hall wish to remind our parents/minders that they should not park in the grounds of Addison Hall. Also, our neighbours on the Old Finglas Road would like to remind parents/minders to refrain from parking across driveways. **An Garda Siochana have also been in contact with the school after receiving several complaints. They will be monitoring the situation and issuing fines.**

