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February 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Spring has definitely sprung in St. Brigid's. The first daffodils are in full bloom, thanks to Terry. We celebrated St. Brigid's Day, progressed our targets towards the Green Schools Travel Flag, welcomed members of the winning Na Fianna team and learned about respectful online communication. We are gearing up for a busy March and are looking forward to the Book Fair, Seachtain na Gaeilge and lots more.

Ms Burke

Values

The overriding value for the month of February is '**Love**'.

The related weekly values are "Showing Love", "Kindness", "Forgiveness" and "Sharing". 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.



Upcoming events

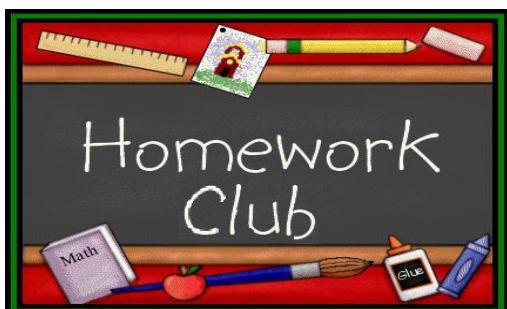
Book Fair March 6th & 7th

St. Patrick's Day – school closed March 14th – 18th inclusive

Clothing Collection March 20th & 21st



Places are still available in **Morning Club**. Check out our website www.stbrigid.ie for more information.



Homework Club will commence on Tuesday the 25th of February and run until Thursday the 10th of April. Pupils from 1st - 6th Class are welcome to attend. Please email Ms. Keogh, sinead.keogh@stbrigid.ie for further details or if you wish to enrol your daughter.

Things to note

1. Payments for Specialist Lessons and copies, folders and whiteboards are now overdue. 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.



This month the **Green Schools Committee** has been very busy as we created our own travel tree. We gathered data on how pupils travelled to school and recorded this data by creating and displaying a travel tree in the school hall.



Colour Code Key:

- Green: Walk/Scoot/Cycle
- Orange: Park and Stride
- Brown: Car

Some members of the committee also participated in a walkability audit this month around the local area noting safety points and hazards such as crossroads, traffic lights and crossing points which many pupils may encounter on their journeys to and from school.





This month the **Student Council** are inviting pupils to suggest Values songs for the 2025/2026 academic year. The Student Council will compile a list with all the songs. Suggestions can be given to Student Council committee members.

We look forward to hearing your ideas.

Also don't forget to dress as a character from your favourite book on Thursday 6th March for World Book Day.



ST. BRIGID'S

EASTER CAMP

ACTIVITIES

- ARTS & CRAFTS
- MUSIC & DANCE
- EASTER HUNT
- YOGA
- SPORTS

AGES
SENIOR INFANTS - 4TH CLASS

WHEN?
MONDAY - THURSDAY
14TH - 17TH APRIL
10AM - 2PM

COST
€80 PER CHILD
"DISCOUNT FOR SIBLINGS"



Easter Camp

We are hoping to offer an **Easter Camp** this year in St. Brigid's from **Monday 14th - Thursday 17th** of April. The camp will take place from **10-2pm** each day and is open to children from **Senior Infants to 4th class**. It will include a range of activities such as sports, art, dance, Easter themed fun, yoga and mindfulness.

If you've any queries, please contact nicola.edwards@stbrigid.ie

Hockey

This month girls from third class started their afterschool introduction to hockey programme. They have been training hard and learning new skills through fun games on the St Mary's astro turf pitch each Thursday.

Well done girls!



St. Brigid's Day

Ms. McShane's 3rd Class welcomed Clodagh's grandad to room 10 recently, their mystery reader and were delighted when he taught them how to create their own St. Brigid's crosses.



Champions



Staff & pupils welcomed All Ireland Hurling Champions Na Fianna to St. Brigid's this month. Oisín, Liam and Colin brought along the cup much to the delight of pupils. The players also answered some questions about the build up to match day, the game itself and the celebrations after.

Thank you to Na Fianna GPO Mark Cooper for organising this visit.





St. Brigid's Senior Book Club

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 1st in the computer room. It is open to everyone from 3rd to 6th class. It is in the Computer Room from 2.30pm to 3.15pm.

We will discuss the book *Supersleuth* by David Walliams. There should be copies in the library so if you don't see it, ask the librarian to order it for you. It's a new enough book and it's a long one so get your hands on a copy as soon as you can.

Ms. O'Reilly

Credit Union Quiz

Well done to all pupils who participated in the Credit Union Quiz. St. Brigid's was presented by pupils from 4th and 6th class. Pictured below are pupils from Ms. Fallon Griffin's 4th class who came 3rd in the U11 category.



Library

Ms. O'Connor's Junior Infants and their Reading Bubbies from Ms. Skelly's 4th Class visited Ballymun Library this month. The librarian gave the pupils a fun tour of the children's library and did a read-aloud of picture books for the two classes. The junior infants then chose some books from the library for their reading buddies to read to them.



Safer Internet Day 2025



Prepare • Protect • Thrive

Tuesday 11 February

Safer Internet Day

We had Zeeko in the school on February 11th and 12th to speak to pupils from 3rd to 6th class about cyber safety and promoting positive internet behaviour.

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 Síochána have also been in contact with the school after receiving several complaints. They will be monitoring the situation and issuing fines.**

