



# St. Brigid's G.N.S.

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## January 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we begin a new year in St. Brigid's, there has been a wonderful sense of energy and positivity throughout the school. Our January value of *Right Action*, has guided much of our learning and reflection. We marked Catholic Schools Week and celebrated Wellbeing Week with yoga, mindfulness, journaling, and a focus on gratitude, reminding us all of the importance of balance and wellbeing. We enjoyed many enriching experiences this month, including nature weaving workshops at the Botanic Gardens, heritage talks through the *Wool in Schools* programme, Crazy Hair/Hat Day, and inspiring literacy moments – including a very special reply from an author to one of our pupils. We are delighted to see the success of the new hot school meals programme and the continued enthusiasm for clubs and activities such as Homework Club, Book Club and after-school Irish dancing and keyboard lessons. The construction of our 2 new special classes are almost complete and thankfully, normal arrival and dismissal procedures have resumed. We look forward to another busy and rewarding term ahead.

Ms Burke

### Values

The overriding value for the month of January is '**Right Action**'.

The related weekly values are, "Sacrifice", "Self-Control", "Dependability" and "Gratitude". 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 closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – St. Brigid's Day

School closed Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Mid-Term



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.



## Catholic Schools Week 2026

Catholic Schools Week took place from January 18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. As a catholic school, this was a lovely opportunity for us to pause and reflect. This year's theme focused on the call to holiness in our ordinary lives. We learned about saints and their call to holiness. We reflected on our call to holiness at home and in school, also recognising the important role of grandparents in our lives.



## Nature Weaving Workshops

4th Class B and 6th Class B recently enjoyed a visit to the Botanic Gardens where they learned about natural weaving. Pupils tried their hands at the weaving and produced some amazing work!



We are very excited to have an Easter Camp again this year in St. Brigid's school. It will run from **Monday 30th of March -Thursday 2nd of April** from **10am-2pm** daily.

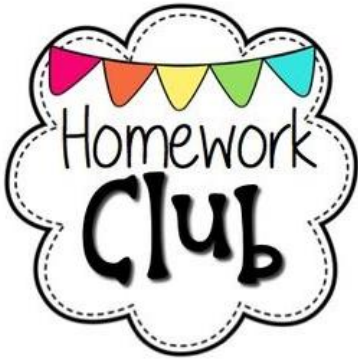
This camp is open to pupils from **Senior Infants-4th class**. The children will enjoy a range of activities including arts and crafts, sports, music, dance, yoga, mindfulness, baking and of course Easter themed fun! Forms will be sent out soon. If you've any queries, please contact [nicola.edwards@stbrigid.ie](mailto:nicola.edwards@stbrigid.ie)

Here's a snippet of what we got up to last year: [Easter Camp 2025](#)



The Student Council organised a **Crazy Hair/Hat Day** to coincide with Wellbeing Week. Students were asked to create a crazy hair style or wear a hat. As you'll see below we have lots of budding hair stylists and milliners (and very creative parents).





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).

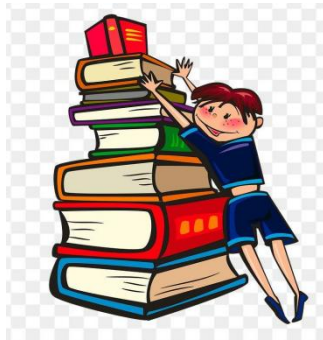
Heritage  
in Schools



An Chomhairle Oidhreachta  
The Heritage Council

We had a wonderful two days with Lorna from Wool in Schools. She visited all classes from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class to 6<sup>th</sup>. She spoke about the history of Irish wool, how it's use and all its benefits. The children compared different types of wool and fabrics. She also spoke about her involvement in the creation of beautiful St. Brigid's cloaks for a community project in Kildare. Visits from heritage specialists are facilitated and part funded by the Heritage Council through the Heritage in Schools programme.

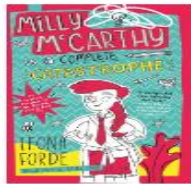




## Book Club

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 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)

## Wellbeing Week



We celebrated Wellbeing Week from January 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>. The wonderful Terry came in and took every class through a yoga lesson. Pupils also meditated and done some breathing exercises. There was also journaling and discussions around kindness.





Earlier this term Ms Fallon Griffin's 4th class wrote letters to their favourite authors. There was huge excitement when Sadie Farrell received a reply from the author she wrote to. Dave Pilkey sent a lovely fan pack to Sadie who really enjoyed reading his books.



Well done to Sophia from Ms. Skelly's 2<sup>nd</sup> Class who was awarded a special 'necker' (scarf) in her scouts for her commitment as well as a badge for demonstrating excellent caring skills.

## Hot School Meals



Hot school meals have landed in St. Brigid's!!

The Lunch Bag hosted two parent information sessions in St. Brigid's and Sacred Heart in advance of the launch of the hot school meals. I think you will agree from the smiles on the faces below the meals are going down well and the girls are enjoying the delicious lunch options.



### **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.**