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November 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had a wonderfully eventful November, packed with learning, creativity, and exciting activities throughout the school. From Science Week explorations and Green Schools initiatives to the fantastic efforts of our Student Council, and all the pupils who took part in fundraising and the Christmas shoebox appeal, it has truly been a month to remember. As we turn the page to December, we are looking forward to the festive fun and frolics ahead as the school begins its preparations for Santa's much-anticipated arrival.

Ms Burke

Values

The overriding value for the month of November is **'Truth'**.

The related weekly values are, "Truthfulness", "Wisdom", "Self-Awareness" and "Determination". 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.



Upcoming events

School closes at 12 noon on December 19th for Christmas Holidays



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

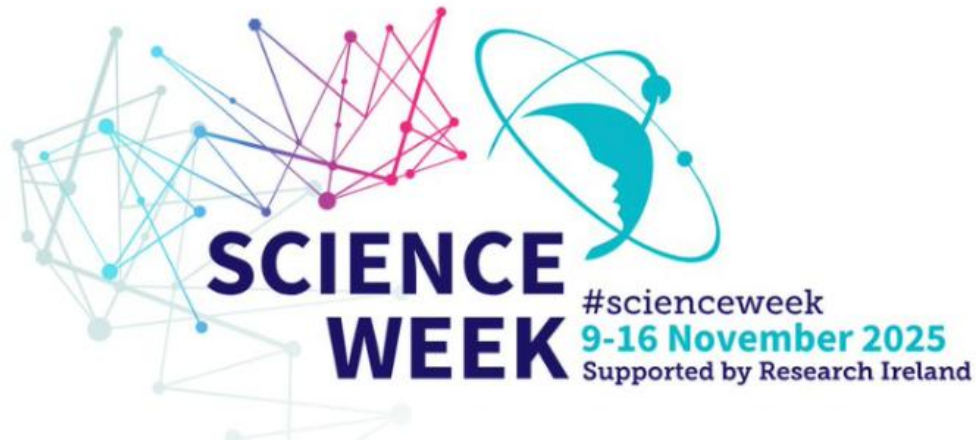
Things to note

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.



Well done to the pupils of St. Brigid's who raised **€356.40** for sick children with their Halloween fancy dress and were awarded the below Certificate of Appreciation from Children's Health Ireland.





The girls in St. Brigid's had great fun during Science week - exploring, questioning, experimenting and solving. We set up microscopes in the hall. Pupils examined parts of plants, animals and objects. In class, girls explored materials and artificial intelligence, and they used their Seesaw and Google Classroom accounts to show off their projects and investigations.

The theme for this year was then, now and the future - exploring how technology has changed over time. Who knows what the future will bring! Well done to all!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Tickets will be going home next week for our Christmas raffle. Our wonderful SNA Joan has put together 3 fabulous festive hampers. Three tickets cost €5 with more tickets available from the office. Money raised will go to St. Vincent De Paul, UNICEF and the school fund.





Hello from the Green Schools Committee!

This month the Green Schools committee has been focusing on engine idling. Engine idling is any time when the car engine is running but the car is not moving eg. waiting at a red light (usually for more than 10-20 seconds). The committee members have raised awareness about engine idling and why we should try to stop engine idling where possible among the school community. The committee also completed an engine idling survey outside the school as well as completing a workshop with our Green Schools Travel Officer this month.





The Student Council welcomed the below new members this month.

Tara & Mia Lillie

Aoibhinn & Katie

Sadie & Sarah

Cara & Evie

Hazel & Rebecca

Posie & Eve

The new members are excited to announce they will run a Christmas Art Competition in December. Pupils will have the opportunity to colour a Christmas themed picture or create their own Christmas scene. Winning pictures will be displayed in the schools Art Gallery.



Homework Club will commence on Tuesday the 4th of November and run until Thursday the 18th of December. 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.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Ms. Brady's 5th Class very generously donated to the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. The gift filled shoeboxes will be gifted to children affected by poverty in Eastern Europe and Africa.

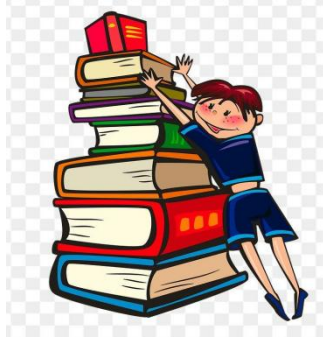
Parents Association

The recent School Marathon and Clothing Collection organised by our Parents Association raised €5500 and €227 respectively. These funds will go towards hosting future events like a visit from Santa and the Communion reception.

Thank you to all who supported.

If you are interested in joining the St. Brigid's Parents Association or just helping out at events please contact the school office.

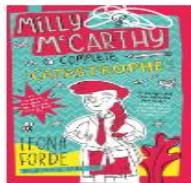




Book Club

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 5th

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

Any questions can be directed to me: imelda.oreilly@stbrigid.ie

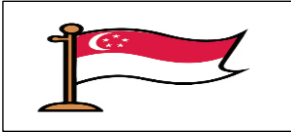


Well done to Agnes from Ms. O'Reilly's and Ms. Mannion's 3rd Class who won two medals in Taekwondo All Ireland sparring.

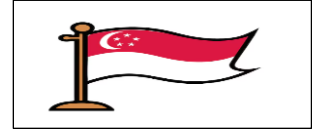


Congratulations to Lottie from Ms. Higgin's 1st Class who was awarded a Certificate of Achievement from Grange Gymnastics for successfully completing Level A.





Special Visitors



Earlier this month we were delighted to host a delegation of Education Officers from Singapore's Ministry of Education, led by the Chief Executive of the Singapore Examinations and Assessment Board. The purpose of their visit was to conduct a comprehensive study of Ireland's education system, with a particular focus on developing future-ready competencies and student agency. We were delighted to have been asked by the NCCA to be a hosting school, as a representative example of these future-ready competencies in practice.



Toy Donations for Special Education Classes



As we approach the Christmas season, many families begin clearing out toys to make room for new ones. This is an ideal time of year for us to kindly ask for donations of **pre-loved toys in good condition** to support play-based learning in our Special Education classes. *Children learn best through play. It allows them to make sense of the world through their own eyes, develop oral language and social skills, practise problem-solving, build confidence and wellbeing.*

We are currently seeking the following items:

- **Small world play resources** (mini houses, farms, schools, toy figures, mini cars)
 - **Toy cash register**, play money, food items
- **Dress-up clothes** linked to "People at Work" (doctor, nurse, fireperson, etc.)
 - **Lego or bricks**
- **Jigsaws** (based on theme of food, animals, people who help us)
 - **Maths or literacy games** such as orchard toys

Any items we are unable to use will be donated to a children's charity for Christmas.

If you have suitable toys to contribute, please send them to **Ms. Edwards in Room 14A**, or place them in the **collection box in the hall/ siopa**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at **setr14a@stbrigid.ie**.



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.**