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## October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are already approaching our mid-term break! As always, school life has been full and busy. This month, our pupils have been putting their problem-solving skills to the test during Maths Week, tackling puzzles and estimating the size of our giant pumpkin. We've also enjoyed a number of school trips, and our Student Council has been busy tasting and reviewing meals as part of the Hot School Lunches scheme.

Over the weekend, we were excited to see the arrival of our new modular buildings, which were airlifted over the school railings—a spectacular sight for anyone who saw it!

As we look forward to Halloween and a well-deserved rest, we want to thank everyone for their hard work and support throughout this busy term.

Stay safe and enjoy the break!

Ms Burke

### Values

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

The related weekly values are, "Joy", "Sharing", "Showing Love" and "Non-Judgement". 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

Parents Association Clothing Collection - November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>

Parent Teacher Meetings – November 18<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>



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.



Pupils have been guessing the weight of the enormous pumpkin Terry grew in our school garden this year. Last year's pumpkin weighed in at 11.9kg however that has been topped with a monstrous pumpkin weighing 21kg 350g, the biggest ever!



There were hundreds of guesses but the lucky winner is Rebecca from Ms. Hickey's 5<sup>th</sup> Class who had the closest guess with 22kg. Well done Rebecca.



## School Marathon Relay



Our amazing Parents Association along with Ciaran from Fitter Younger organised a School Marathon Relay which took place on October 6th. Each pupil participated in a relay which once completed covered the distance of a marathon. Money raised from this event will go towards Heritage events, school activities, Teas & Tissues, Santa Visit and much more.



Our youngest pupil Penny and our oldest pupil Leah completing the final lap of the relay.



Hello from the Green Schools Committee!

The Green Schools committee would like to welcome our two new committee members from First Class this year. We would also like to welcome Ms. Skelly to the committee.

This month the Green Schools committee has been very busy creating a new travel tree as part of Walk to School Week. We gathered and recorded data on how pupils travelled to school through a survey and we then displayed this data through creating a new and updated travel tree in the school hall.



**Colour Code Key:**

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



We celebrated Lámh Day in St. Brigid's on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Reddy's 3<sup>rd</sup> Class celebrated Lámh Day by learning how to sign "Happy Lámh Day". They also coloured and sang 'Perfect' by Ed Sheeran using lámh signs.





The Student Council had a great day on their recent trip to Leinster House, where they got a brilliant tour of the Dáil from Paul McAuliffe. The students asked loads of great questions and really enjoyed getting a behind the scenes look at how things work. Huge thanks to Paul for making the visit such an enjoyable and interesting experience!

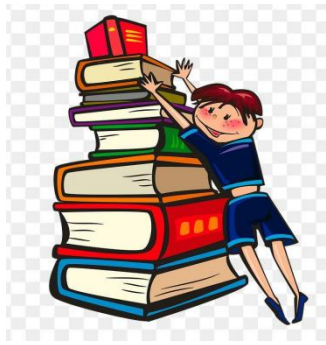




Hard luck to our football team who did very well to get to a quarter final this month but didn't make it through after a very tough battle against Mount Anville. Their effort, teamwork, determination and their refusal to give up was an absolute credit to them in that game and their group games too.

We're very proud of the girls and thank them for their effort, and great attitude throughout.

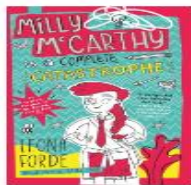




## Book Club

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 Nov 11th**

**Tuesday Jan 6th**

**Tuesday Feb 24th**

**Tuesday March 24th**

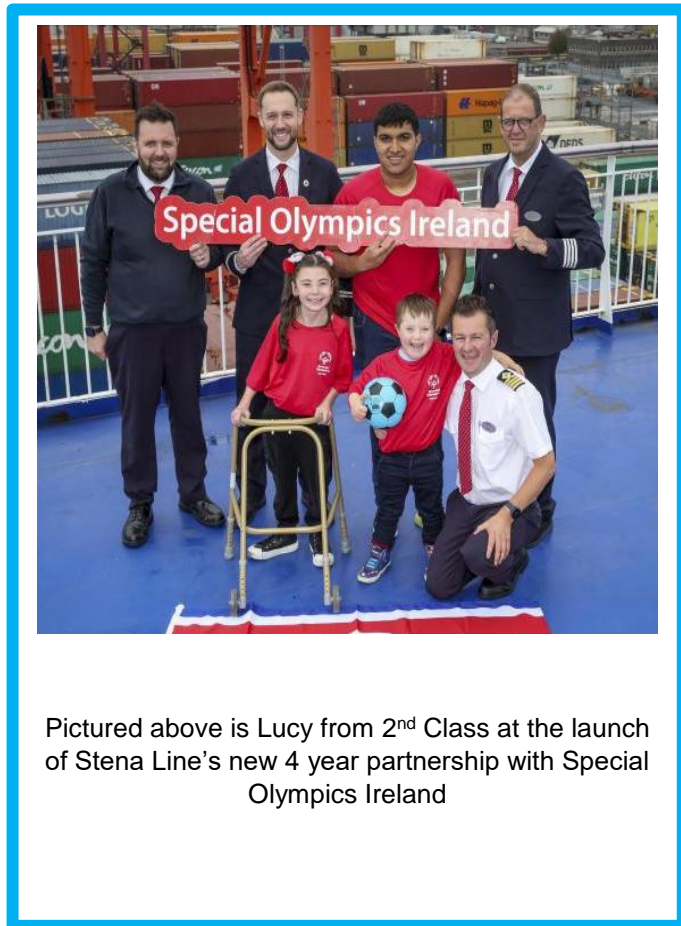
**Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup>**

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)



Pictured above is Senior Infant Cali and her pet pooch Zula who came 2<sup>nd</sup> in a recent dog show. Well done Zula and Cali.



Pictured above is Lucy from 2<sup>nd</sup> Class at the launch of Stena Line's new 4 year partnership with Special Olympics Ireland



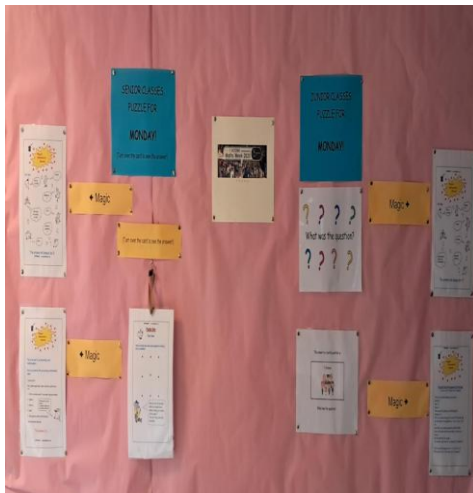
## Sunflower Harvest

Pupils ventured down to the school garden this month and were greeted with vibrant yellow sunflowers. Thanks to the dedication of Terry, the school has a beautiful garden full of plants, flowers and some delicious vegetables. Pupils were delighted to learn that Terry had grown a sunflower for each pupil to bring home.





We all had great fun here in St. Brigid's from 13th - 17th October celebrating Maths Week 2025! The girls in every classroom were very busy solving puzzles, taking part in Maths quizzes, trying out Maths magic and even measuring the giant courgette from our school garden using bananas!



**Homework Club** will commence on Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> of November and run until Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of December. Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class are welcome to attend. Please email Ms. Keogh, [sinead.keogh@stbrigid.ie](mailto:sinead.keogh@stbrigid.ie) for further details or if you wish to enrol your daughter.

## Na Fianna



Best of luck to **Na Fianna** who are taking part in not one but two finals! Wishing the footballers and hurlers all the best as they take to the pitch in Parnell Park.

## School Meals

Our Student Council along with members of the Parents Association have turned judges recently sampling some of the hot school meals available on the market. We have hosted several suppliers and sampled a variety of delicious meals including vegetarian and meals that allow for dietary requirements.

The review process is ongoing with further updates expected in due course.



## Viking Workshop



Ms. Fallon Griffin's 4th Class visited the Kildare Street Archaeology Museum this month and attended a very interesting Viking workshop.





## 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.**

