October 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

There is a real sense of excitement in St. Brigid's as we look ahead to another important chapter in our school's story, with enrolment now underway for September 2027. We are preparing to welcome boys to our school for the very first time next school year! October has been a busy and enjoyable month, with Maths Week bringing learning to life through fun, hands-on activities, our sixth class Careers Day and our Student Council enjoying a memorable trip to Leinster House. We also embraced the spooky season with great enthusiasm, as our pupils arrived in fantastic Halloween costumes while raising money for the Stephen Moylan Foundation. As we head into the mid-term break, I would like to thank our staff and pupils for all their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the month. I wish all our families a wonderful break and a safe and spooky Halloween!

Ms Burke

Values

The overriding value for the month of October is **'Truth'.**
The related weekly values are, "Curiosity", "Honesty" and "Spirit of Inquiry". 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

October 26th – 30th // Mid-Term // school closed

November 17th & 19th // Parent-Teacher Meetings

November 27th // School Closure Day

Things to note

1. Payments for Specialist Lessons and whiteboards, homework zippys 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.

Enrolment 2027

We will commence accepting applications for Junior Infants 2027 for ***girls and boys*** from October 1st 2026.

Please visit our website, www.stbrigid.ie to review the Annual Admissions Notice and for an application form or contact the school on 01 8376653 or at info@stbrigid.ie.

We shall cease accepting applications at 4.30pm on October 23rd 2026.

All completed applications can be returned to St. Brigid's N.S., Old Finglas Road, Glasnevin, Dublin 11 D11 VF95 or dropped into the office.

Application forms must be accompanied by the child's birth certificate.

Homework Club

Homework Club will commence on Tuesday 1st September and run until Thursday 22nd October.

Homework Club is for pupils from 1st to 6th 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.**

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

Careers Talk

Careers Day

By Antonia Perta

6th Class welcomed 13 parents this month to discuss their careers.

We were split into groups of 5 and 6 and were going clockwise around a circle interviewing each parent.

Two examples of the parents are…

1. Jordan. He works in cyber security. Some people call him to try and hack into their website. If he can, the website is not protected.
2. Mel. She's a personal fitness trainer. She helps people exercise and be fit.

Thank you so much to all of the parents who came on the day and very generously gave up their time and provided an insight into their working day.

Spooky season is upon us and here in St. Brigid's for one day only we welcomed ghosts, dead cheerleaders, superhero's and princesses to name a few.

Pupils dressed up and raised money for the Stephen Moylan Foundation.

The charity provides free counselling and support to children (aged 5-18) bereaved of one or both parents.

Stephen Moylan Foundation
Hope Lives Here

Thank you to all the pupils and parents for supporting this very worthy cause.

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As well as dressing up pupils have also been guessing the weight of the enormous pumpkin Terry grew in our school garden.

The pumpkin weighed a whopping 21.1kg.

Congratulations to Ava from Ms. Skelly's 5th Class who's guess was closest to 21.1kg.

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Congratulations to Cali from Ms. Higgins 1st Class who recently won her dancing and was awarded this spectacular trophy. Well done Cali keep up the great work.

Congratulations to Cambrie from Ms. King's 4th Class who had a successful trip to Birmingham and brought home a trophy after winning at her competition unique.

Maths Week

During Maths Week, the children engaged in a wide range of fun, practical and interactive activities that brought Maths to life and demonstrated its relevance to everyday life.

The children completed the online digital task **Maths Eyes**, where they developed their ability to recognise and identify Maths in their surroundings. They explored their environment to find real-life examples of Maths, taking part in creative Maths art activities, Maths trails around the school, solving problems and applying their mathematical skills in real-world contexts. Other activities include Maths puzzles and brainteasers, problem-solving challenges, Maths games, estimation activities, shape hunts, measuring challenges, pattern investigations and Maths quizzes.

Through these engaging activities, the children developed their mathematical thinking, reasoning, creativity and problem-solving skills while building confidence and fostering a positive attitude towards Maths.

Hello from the Green Schools Committee!

Green Schools would like to say a big welcome to the new committee members this year. We would also like to welcome back Ms. O'Connor to the committee.

Our previous committee has worked very hard throughout the last two academic years on the Global Citizenship Travel theme and we are very proud to have achieved our new flag which was presented by An Taisce at the Helix back in May.

We look forward to another exciting year ahead with the new committee as we continue to do our part in looking after the environment!

Student Council

Student Council's Trip

By Rebecca Haughton

When we parked infront of Leinster House we were all really excited. When we walked in we were greeted by TD Paul McAuliffe. He took us into a special room to get lanyards with our names on them. We were then shown to the Seanad. Mr. McAuliffe told us abit about the history of Leinster House. There were some many artefacts in nearly every room! When we were in the Dail it felt surreal seeing it in real life after seeing it some many times on tv. Overall it was such a brilliant experience.

We want to say a huge thank you to Paul Mc Auliffe for facilitating this trip and taking time to bring the girls around and answer their questions. He went above and beyond and we really appreciate it.

It was a lovely end to their term on the Student Council and we would like to thank them for being such wonderful representatives for the students. They were a pleasure to work with.

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.**