



St. Brigid's B.N.S. Killester



FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL CLOSURES TO NOTE:

St. Patrick's Day – Friday 17th March

A Primary Language Curriculum Inservice Workshop will take place for teachers on Wednesday 22nd March.

As a result, school will close for pupils on that day.



Enrolment



Offer letters to new applicants for the school year 2023-2024 have been posted.

To determine the number on roll for September 2023 we would like to be advised in writing as soon as possible if for any reason your son will not be returning to St. Brigid's B.N.S. this coming September.

First Penance will take place on

Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm.

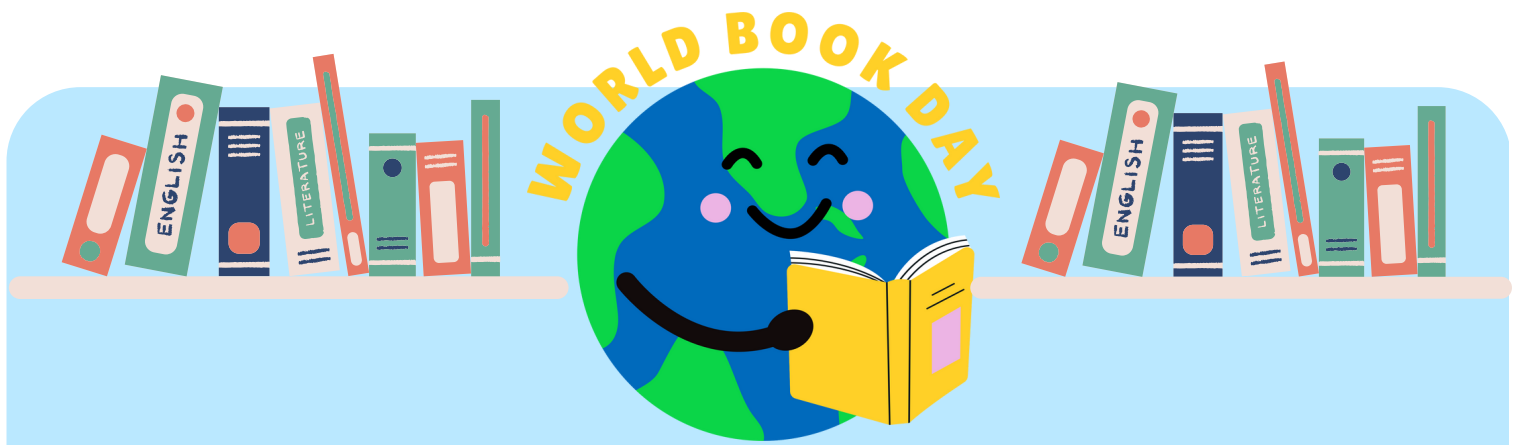
First Holy Communion is on Saturday 13th May at 11am.

The children continue their preparation for Communion with their class teachers and the parish 'Do This in Memory' preparation team.



The date for Confirmation is Thursday 18th May @ 11am.

Service of Light takes place on Thursday 9th March at 7.30pm.



We are looking forward to celebrating **World Book Day** this year which takes place next **Thursday 2nd March**.

We are inviting all boys to come to school dressed as their favourite character on the day to celebrate all things books!

Boys are also welcome to bring in a copy of their favourite book as classes will be busy with literary related activities such as paired reading, reader's theatre and class discussions.

We are lucky here in St. Brigid's to have a lovely school library and have built up a great collection of books across all genres over the years. Keep an eye out in your local library for other World Book Day events.

AMBER FLAG DISCO



In St. Brigid's B.N.S. we are dedicated to improving our pupils' mental health and teaching strategies that promote positive thinking. We know that teachers are well placed to contribute to students' positive mental health. In our school we teach the Weaving Wellbeing programme, Friends for Life programme and the Alert programme and we have regular circle time. We engage in SPHE activities and lots more.

In recognition of all the work we do, we are hoping to be awarded an **Amber Flag**. The Amber Flag is a yellow flag given by Pieta House. Pieta House helps lots of people who need mental health support. As part of the application process in obtaining an Amber Flag, we need to raise some money for Pieta House.

We have set up an Amber Flag Committee which is made up of teachers and students. Together we have decided that we would like to hold **An Amber Flag Disco** in the hall this **Friday, 24th February**. We will have lights, balloons and music! Ms. Moran will be teaching some dance moves to classes in the hall before the Disco Day! We would like our older classes to help our younger dancers to move to the music.

This **Friday 24th February** will be a **non-uniform day** and children have been asked to wear something orange/yellow (e.g. a t-shirt, or even a pair of socks!). If you don't have anything yellow or orange please don't worry! There will be a collection of **€2 per child**.

Please keep up to date on our website and Instagram to see photos of this charity event.

CREDIT UNION QUIZ

Congratulations to the two teams from 5th and 6th classes who represented the school in the recent Member First Credit Union Quiz.

The first round, which took place in Craobh Chiaráin GAA Club house was supported by approx. 20 teams from local schools. Both of our teams performed excellently, with one of our teams advancing to the Regional Final.

Well done to all the boys concerned. We are all very proud of your achievements.

The Regional Final was held in Craobh Chiaráin on Wednesday 15th February and our school team worked really hard to achieve a very respectable 5th place in the final. Unfortunately only the top three teams progress to the National final but we are extremely proud of our boys for their dedication and impeccable behaviour. A big thank you also to Ms. Emerson for all her work coaching the teams.



Contact Details



It is essential that we have the correct address and contact details (e.g. parents' mobile numbers & email) for your son on our database in case of emergency. If your details have changed, please update on Aladdin and ensure there is an emergency contact listed. You may also email the office on info@stbrigidbns.ie with your updated details.



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Ná dean dearmad ar Sheachtain na Gaeilge 1ú – 17ú Marta.
Labhair 'cúpla focal' Gaeilge

St. Brigid's B.N.S. will celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge
between **Friday 10th – Thursday 16th March** with lots of events organised
by Mr. O'Gorman as follows:

During Seachtain na Gaeilge we will all be making an extra special effort
to speak Gaeilge during the week. There will be spot prizes for boys who
try hard to speak 'as Gaeilge' to pupils and other school staff.

Pupils are invited to take part in a Comórtas Ealaíne (art competition) on
the theme of Seachtain na Gaeilge and samples of pupils' art work from all
class levels will be displayed throughout the school.

Raidió Naomh Bríd will take place each morning from the Principal's
Office where boys will recite poetry, sing songs, tell jokes etc. – all 'as
Gaeilge'.

On Thursday 16th March there will be a Céili in the school hall where all
classes will join in traditional Irish céili dances. We will also be entertained
by musicians from Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann on Wednesday 15th March.



Lent

Every Lent is a new beginning.



Lent gives us the opportunity to refresh our faith.

Like the springtime, it is a time of growth and renewal. It is
time to take stock, and to reflect on our lives as followers of
Jesus and to prepare our hearts for renewing our Baptismal
promises at Easter.

Ash Wednesday 22nd February marks the beginning of Lent.
We receive ashes as a reminder that we are beginning our
Lenten journey. Fr. Joseph will visit all classes tomorrow to
distribute ashes. Please let the teacher know if you do not wish
your son to receive ashes.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Catholic Schools Week took place in our school from 23rd January until 27th January. Many thanks to Msgr. Stenson who facilitated visits to the church for all classes.

As part of our celebration of Catholic Schools Week we were delighted to welcome the boys' grandparents into the school on Wednesday 1st February for 'Grandparents' Day'.

A great effort was made by all and the day was enjoyed by both young and old alike! The boys were enthralled by tales and stories from long ago while the grandparents also got to see what life in the classroom is like today. After Mass in St. Brigid's Church the customary cuppa and refreshments were provided for our visitors in the hall. Many thanks to our Parents' Association for all their hard work and ensuring everyone was welcomed with a hot cup of tea!

Mile buíochas to Fr. Joseph, all the boys and staff for all their great work on this wonderful day.



St. Brigid's B.N.S. Fundraiser Lotto

Your support makes a real difference

Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

Play

Pick 4 numbers

The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

1 line for €2.00, 2 lines for €4
or 3 Lines for €5

Maximum 3 lines per person

Win

Match 4 numbers to win
the Jackpot

Welcome to the St. Brigid's B.N.S. fundraiser lotto.
This is a fundraising initiative and the money raised
will be used to directly support your children's
education and purchase resources for our school
including an outdoor classroom, a sensory path and
upgrading our ICT equipment.

We hope that the weekly option of 1 line for €2 will
allow everybody to contribute. Please pass the word
on and invite friends and family.

If you can contribute €5 for 3 lines it
would be hugely appreciated and you never
know you might just win.

Thank you so much.

Nuala Cullen, Principal and the Parents' Association

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