



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

## APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



### SCHOOL CLOSURES TO NOTE:

**MAY BANK HOLIDAY – MONDAY 1ST MAY**

***Closed***

**A PRIMARY LANGUAGE CURRICULUM AND PRIMARY CURRICULUM  
FRAMEWORK PLANNING DAY WILL TAKE PLACE FOR TEACHERS ON**

**TUESDAY 30TH MAY**

**SCHOOL WILL CLOSE FOR PUPILS ON THIS DAY.**

# SPORT



### Hurling

The hurling season has begun in St. Brigid's B.N.S. with games coming thick and fast. Our Senior hurlers narrowly lost to a very strong Ballygall team by a single point in a brilliant battle. This end-to-end game saw the lead swap hands on numerous occasions throughout. Unfortunately, it was not to be our day but the boys haven't long to wait for their next game against Scoil Thomáis in the coming days.

Our Junior Hurlers got their season underway with a game against Gaelscoil Bharra, Cabra on Tuesday, 25th April. The final score was Cabra 2-08, Brigid's 2-06.



### Athletics

This year's School's Athletics meet takes place in UCD rather than the familiar surrounds of Morton Stadium in Santry. The 31st May will see athletes from all over Dublin compete in Track and Field events. Trials and training will get up and running very shortly in St. Brigid's B.N.S. with many young hopefuls partaking in these events.

# Standardised Testing



Standardised testing will take place the week beginning 8th May. We ask all boys to make every effort to be in school while testing takes place.

We use the New Drumcondra Primary Tests in Mathematics and English Reading.

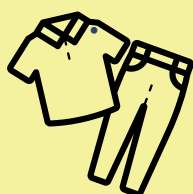
Test scores act only as an estimate of a child's true achievement, based on a specific set of test questions administered on a particular day.

When reflecting on your son's progress, it is important to consider other sources of evidence as well as standardised test scores. For example, you might think about feedback from your son and his class teacher, and performance on other tests during the year. If you need more specific information about your son's performance in reading and/or mathematics, you may wish to contact your son's teacher.

## School Uniform

**ALL BOYS FROM JUNIOR INFANTS TO 6TH CLASS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM.**

During the months of May, June and September grey school shorts may replace school trousers/tracksuit bottoms. Shorts are available to buy/order from our school uniform supplier, Lynch's of Marino.  
[www.lynchschoolluniformal.com](http://www.lynchschoolluniformal.com)



## Substitute Teachers

There continues to be a shortage of substitute teachers available to cover teacher absence. While we cannot always secure the same substitute teacher, we will endeavour to ensure that classes are covered at all times.



# Outdoor Classroom

We are delighted to unveil our beautiful new Outdoor Classroom. There was much excitement after the Easter break when the boys saw this completed space. We are excited to use this space to offer a variety of outdoor, experiential learning opportunities to our pupils.



## Parents' Association

The First Holy Communion is taking place on Saturday 13th May at 11am. The Parents' Association are looking for volunteers to help make the day a huge celebration for the boys. If you are able to help at any time from 10am to 1.15pm please get in touch with Ann-Marie on 0868916486. The P.A. are also looking for donations of food (cakes/buns/sandwiches made or bought) that can be served on the day. These donations can be left in the school reception from Wednesday 10th May or dropped directly into the hall on the Saturday morning from 9am.

The Confirmation is taking place on Thursday 18th May. We are also looking for volunteers to serve refreshments in the Parish Resource Centre on this day, to make this a memorable celebration for the 6th class boys and their families. If you are available to help at any stage between 9.30am-1pm please text Rachel on 0863571388.

Thank you as always for the continued support for the boys on their special occasions!





# 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

## Join Now

Scan the QR code  
or go to our website



<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stbrigidsbrnskillester>

Powered by Our Fundraiser – fundraising made easy

For more information email [info@ourfundraiser.ie](mailto:info@ourfundraiser.ie)

SAVE THE DATE

6th Class Graduation will take  
place on  
**Tuesday 20th June.**



# TROCAIRE

Thank you to the pupils of St. Brigid's B.N.S. and their families for your incredibly kind Lenten donation of €985.51. This money is being used to bring emergency food, medical care and water to those in need in Somalia.

# SCHOOL TOURS

School Tours are being organised at the moment and will take place during the **week beginning 19th June** for classes from **Junior Infants - 5th Class**. Our **6th Class** trip to Carlingford is on **Wednesday 14th June**.

You will receive a communication through Aladdin next week with information about the trips. We will open a payment link for one week on Aladdin Connect to facilitate tour payment.

The school aims to keep the cost of trips to a minimum but the cost of bus transport must be factored into the overall tour cost.

School uniform will normally be worn on tour days.



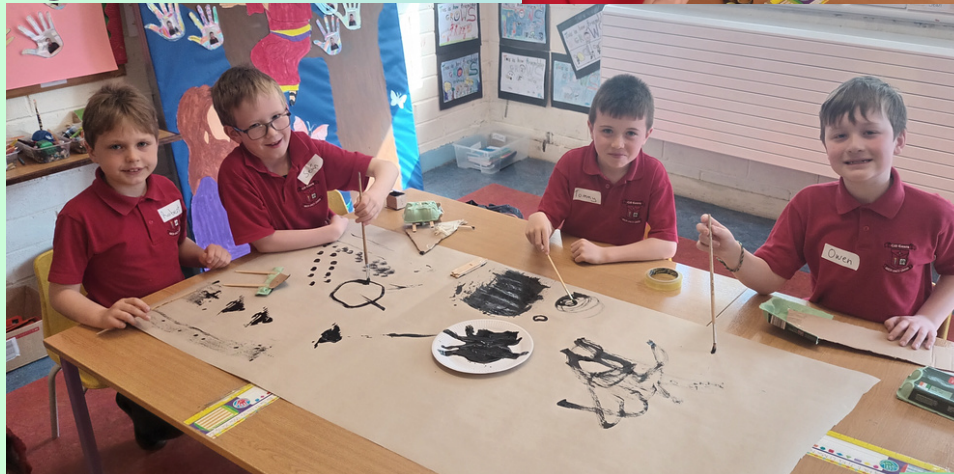




Our school has been chosen to take part in the BLAST Arts in Education Programme.

The aim of this scheme is to give students in selected schools the opportunity to work with a professional artist on unique projects to be planned and developed between the artist, the teacher and the school.

Mr. O'Brien's 2nd Class will work with artist Maria Atanackovic for the next two months. They are really looking forward to it.



## Enrolment



**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.**

# THANK YOU

**The Parents' Association would like to thank you for the money raised in the recent Easter Raffle. €615.21 was raised to fund the many celebrations organised by the P.A. in our school. Special thank you to the P.A. for organising 😊.**