



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



## **FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER**



### **SCHOOL CLOSURES TO NOTE:**

**February Midterm: 12th – 16th February (inclusive)**

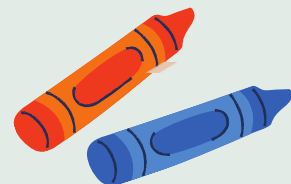
**Referendum Day: Friday 8th March**

**St. Patrick's Day: Monday 18th March**



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## **Enrolment**



**Offer letters to new applicants for the school year 2024-2025 have been posted.**

**To determine the number on roll for September 2024 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 12th March at 6.30pm.**

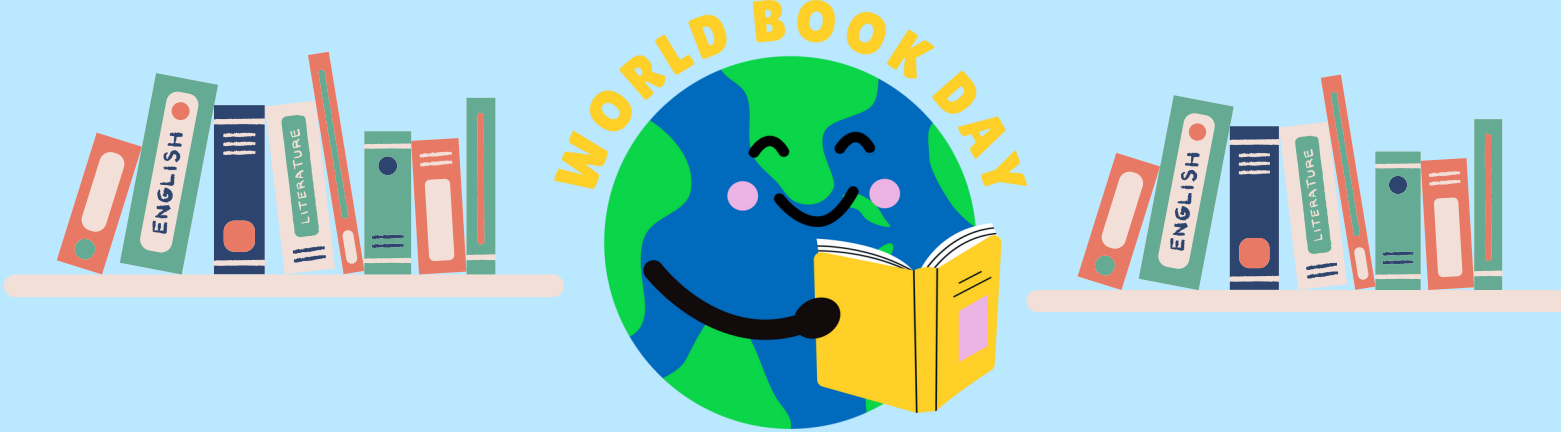
**First Holy Communion is on Saturday 11th May at 11am.**

**The children continue their preparation for Communion with their class teacher and the parish.**



**Service of Light takes place on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm.**

**The date for Confirmation is Thursday 9th May @ 11am.**



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day this year on **7th March 2024**.

We are inviting all boys to come to school dressed as their favourite book 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.

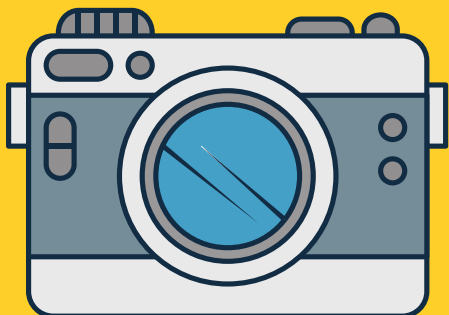
We have recently updated our school library and have a great collection of books of all genres. New cushions have been purchased and our seating areas have been updated to make the most of our space and encourage lots of reading! All classes will be invited to visit our school library and enjoy some quiet reading time in the lead up to World Book Day.

Keep an eye out in your local library for other World Book Day events.



## Reminder

Junior Infant photographs (individual and class) will be taken tomorrow Thursday 8th February. Please ensure that boys are wearing their full school uniform for the photographs. Information on purchasing the photographs will follow.



## Book Fair

In celebration of World Book Day, we are delighted to announce that we will be running a **Scholastic Book Fair** in the school from **February 21st to 27th**.

All classes will be invited to visit the book fair and will have an opportunity to purchase a book of their choice during the week. Every book sold at the fair helps to earn free books for our school! Boys will be able to use their €1.50 World Book Day token at the Book Fair.

You can take a look at the many books that will be available at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/bookcases>, but please note that not all titles may be available at the time of the fair.

We would like to thank the Parents' Association for helping us run this event. We are not in a position to take online payments and ask that all payments be made in cash. More details to follow.

# 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 22 teams from local schools. Both of our teams performed excellently, and had a great time!**

**Unfortunately only the top six teams progress to the next round, and we narrowly missed out on this. However 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@stbrigidsbns.ie](mailto:info@stbrigidsbns.ie) with your updated details.**



# 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 14th February marks the beginning of Lent. We receive ashes as a reminder that we are beginning our Lenten journey.

# St. Brigid's Day

Last week we celebrated St. Brigid's Day and our school's patron saint, St. Brigid. We shared our class work on St. Brigid and listened to stories about St. Brigid's life and her kind acts at two lovely assemblies. Monsignor Alex visited us for our assemblies. It was a wonderful celebration and a great start to spring!



## 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 **Monday 11th – Friday 15th 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 **Friday 15th 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 during the week.



# GRANDPARENTS DAY

Catholic Schools Week took place in our school from 22nd January until 26th 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 Thursday 25th January 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.





# Credit Union Savings Scheme

We are delighted to announce that due to popular demand, the Member First Credit Union Savings Scheme is returning to St. Brigid's B.N.S. All pupils have received an application form for this scheme and a notice has been shared with all parents on Aladdin.

Thank you to our Parents' Association and volunteers who help us to run this scheme.



# Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on Tuesday, 6th February 2024 with the theme "Tech in our World".

Each class have engaged in age appropriate lessons supporting online safety and responsible use of technology.

[www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) is a fantastic website which offers resources for children, parents and schools to support online safety.

We would like to highlight the following webinars which may be of interest to parents:

<https://www.webwise.ie/trending/free-online-safety-webinar-for-parents/>

**SERVICE OF LIGHT TAKES PLACE ON THURSDAY 7TH MARCH AT 7.30PM.**



# Reminder

**Any boys who cycle to school must ensure that they bring and use an appropriate lock, to ensure their bike is kept secure during the school day.**



# Maths for Fun!

We are planning to re-commence "Maths for Fun Hour" in our school in the coming weeks. This is a fantastic initiative, which was very popular in our school in previous years prior to the pandemic. 'Maths for Fun' consists of the children playing a variety of maths games and activities at different stations in the class for one hour.

It will take place one morning a week in a chosen class or classes, and will run for a number of weeks, usually 4-6 weeks. We are looking for parents to volunteer their time to help the teacher facilitate and supervise the different maths stations. Three / four parents can be involved per class on any given day for one hour.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Maths for Fun' volunteer, please contact Maeve as Garda Vetting is a requirement for parent volunteers.

