



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

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER:

St. Patrick's Day (Bank Holiday)- Monday 18th March

Easter Holidays - Friday 22nd March.

School will finish at 12 noon on this day. Rang Réalta and Seomra Spraoi will finish at 11:30am.

A Primary Maths Curriculum Inservice Workshop will take place for teachers on Friday 3rd May. School will close for pupils on this day.



Jumpstart Summer Camp



**JULY
1ST-5TH**



**St. Brigid's B.N.S.
9:30 am - 1:30pm**



**A SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS STARTING JUNIOR
INFANTS IN ST. BRIGID'S B.N.S. IN SEPTEMBER 2024**

**Outdoor games, treasure hunt, story telling,
dress up day, music, art and more!**

Further details and registration form will be available after Easter.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Is féile idirnáisiúnta Ghaeilge í Seachtain na Gaeilge, atá ar an gceiliúradh is mó dár dteanga agus dár gcultúr dúchais a bhíonn ar siúl in Éirinn agus i go leor tíortha eile gach bliain.

Cinnte bíonn a lán spraoi agus Gaeilge le cloistéail i Scoil Naomh Bhríde i rith Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Is iomaí na himeachtaí Gaelacha a bhíonn á reáchtáil againn sa scoil. Gach rud ó Raidió Naomh Bríd agus Comórtas Ealaíne go Tráth na gCeist, ó Siúlóid Dúlra agus Céilí go Lá Glas. Déanann na daltaí sár iarracht Gaeilge a labhairt agus táimid go léir an-bhródúil astu.

Tá súil againn go bhfuil na daltaí go léir ag baint taitneamh as Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024. Bí cinnte go mbaineann tú triail as píosa beag Ghaeilge a labhairt sa bhaile freisin. Mar a deirtear “Is fearr Gaeilge briste ná Béarla cliste”.

Seachtain na Gaeilge is an international event in which we celebrate our Irish language and culture, both in Ireland and across the world.

We certainly have a lot of fun celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in St. Brigid’s and it is amazing hearing all the boys speaking our native language.

There are all types of activities organised in each class. We have everything from Raidió Naomh Bríd and art competitions to table quizzes, from nature walks and Céilí to our very own Green Day. On Friday 15th March the boys may come to school dressed in green! The boys always make an amazing effort to speak in Irish and we are extremely proud of them all.

We hope the boys are enjoying Seachtain na Gaeilge 2024. Give a go speaking a little Irish at home. Don’t worry if you make mistakes because as the “seanfhocal” says, “Broken Irish is better than clever English”.



SCHOOL TWINNING PROGRAMME- UGANDA

This year, Lá Glas is in aid of Uganda. We are establishing a School Twinning Programme with Juliana Memorial School for the Deaf in Mityana. Over the coming months, Ms. Sheeran will be consulting with the boys in 4th class to find out what aspects of life in Uganda they would like to learn about. She will also develop a photo pack on St. Brigid's to bring over there in July. Juliana is a primary school which also provides vocational training. It is a mixed boarding school with an enrolment of 97 students, ranging in age from 4 to 20 years.

Ms. Sheeran has spent a lot of time working in Juliana over the years and will be returning there to work for the summer. She will develop a photo pack on Juliana to bring back to St. Brigid's and will consult with students there on what they would like to learn about Ireland.

The students, from both schools, will begin to exchange letters, cards, photos and stories in September. Money raised through Lá Glas will pay for the resources and postage required by both schools. Any additional funds will be spent on books for Juliana. At present, they only have text books but nothing for the children to read for pleasure. We are hoping to change that and to introduce paired reading into the school. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Please bring in a €2 donation on Lá Glas- Friday 15th March.



SCIENCE BLAST

On Wednesday 6th March our 5th and 6th Class boys attended SCIENCE BLAST in the RDS.

Over a number of weeks, the boys had identified research questions, planned and carried out scientific investigations, and created a presentation of their scientific findings.

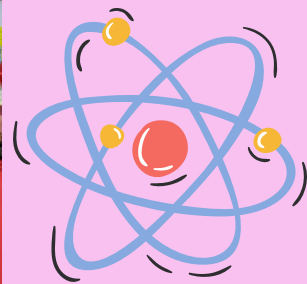
At SCIENCE BLAST, the boys presented their work to judges and pupils from many other schools.

The quality of the investigations from our boys was excellent, with extremely positive feedback given by the judges.

During the day at SCIENCE BLAST, the boys attended various science shows and exhibits, and got to visit the presentations from other schools.

A huge thank you to Mr. Doyle, Mr. Noone and Mr. McNamara for supporting the boys to participate in this event.

It was a fantastic day, full of fun and scientific learning!



WORLD BOOK DAY



We had a fantastic week of events to celebrate World Book Day which took place on 7th March. All classes were invited to visit our newly updated library where they enjoyed listening to their teachers reading some stories and extracts. The new cushions, reading mat and brightly painted seating have been a great addition to our library. There was even a basket of teddies in waiting for boys who chose to read with a teddy during their reading time! The reading elves in Ms. Treanor's class were also very busy preparing gift-wrapped surprise book bundles for every class that visited the library.

Our paired reading initiative also took place this week and senior classes were paired with our younger classes to do some buddy reading together. This was a great hit with the younger boys in our school and a big well done to the boys in the senior classes who were great role models and encouraged the boys to keep reading.

In the run up to World Book Day we held a very successful Scholastic school book fair. There was great excitement throughout the school and lots and lots of books were bought! We are very grateful for all of the support for this event as every book purchased helped us to earn free books for our school. We would also like to thank the Parents' Association for all their help.

The week culminated in a fantastic dress up day last Thursday and we were treated to some unbelievable costumes celebrating all of our favourite book characters. It was great to see so many boys and teachers dress up and bring in their favourite books on the day. The day ended with some of our boys taking part in a character parade through the school. Well done to everybody who got involved!



NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN



Next month we will participate in the annual 'An Taisce' National Spring Clean event. This is a great initiative that promotes environmental awareness and encourages all of us to take greater pride and care of our local communities. We will be going out with our litter pickers and rubbish bags and doing a clean-up of some of the roads in the vicinity of the school. The boys in the junior end of the school will focus on cleaning up our own school and yard. Gloves and bags will be provided on the day and we hope everybody will get involved.

LIBRARY

Library Volunteers



We are looking for parent volunteers to assist in running our school library. This would involve two hours of your time on Tuesdays. If you are interested in volunteering, please email info@stbrigidsbns.ie to organise Garda Vetting.

Sacraments

Congratulations to our boys in 2nd Class who celebrated their First Penance last night. The boys were a credit to their families and school. A special thank you to their teacher Ms. Treanor.



The Service of Light took place on Thursday 7th March for our 6th Class boys. The boys are working hard in preparation for their Confirmation. Míle Buíochas to Mr. Noone and Mr. McNamara for all their hard work.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

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/stbrigidsbnskillester>

Congratulations to our latest winners of the €25 weekly draw, Angelo Pantelides (08/03), Ann Delahunty (01/03), Rachel O'Neill (23/02) and Annemarie Ward (16/02).

Volunteers needed

Any parents available to help with the Communion Reception on Saturday 11th May or Confirmation Reception on Thursday 9th May- please email stbrigidsbnsipa@gmail.com or text 0868916486.

P.A. Easter RAFFLE

1 Easter Egg to be won per class.

Plus 2 Junior Hampers and 2 Senior Hampers!

€1 per ticket. Tickets on sale through Aladdin from 13th-20th March.

Draw takes place Thursday 21st March.

YOU COULD WIN!



Smart Devices



A reminder that as per our Acceptable Use Policy, the use of any recording devices or Smart devices are forbidden in school. This includes the wearing of Smart watches or wearables.

REMHINDER


It is vital that your son's teacher is informed of school pick up arrangements. Your child should be aware of these arrangements and any changes must be communicated to the class teacher/school secretary. Teachers are not allowed to hand over pupils to another adult without prior knowledge and consent.

TRÓCAIRE

Trócaire boxes have been distributed to all classes and should be returned to the school no later than Tuesday 19th March.

ATTENTION

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.



Happy
EASTER

Wishing all of our school community a very Happy Easter! I hope you all have a lovely restful break, and I look forward to welcoming the boys back for our final term of this academic year.

*Le gach dea-ghuí,
Ms. Cullen*

