



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



OCTOBER 2024 NEWSLETTER



Hallowe'en Midterm: School will be closed for the week from **Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November**.

School reopens on Monday 4th November. We wish all our families an enjoyable and safe Hallowe'en

Hallowe'en Non-Uniform Day

To mark the end of our first half term and to add a little fun and excitement, boys may dress up on **Friday 25th October** in a Hallowe'en costume or they may wear their favourite jersey.

We ask that costumes are kept simple with no accessories. Please ensure boys are able to use the bathroom and wash their hands (no gloves) independently in their costume. No donation required this year, as a **THANK YOU** for all of your fundraising efforts to date.



THANK YOU!

Well done to all the boys who participated in our Sponsored Walk.

Thank you to all who contributed, a fantastic amount of **€8253** has been raised to fund all Sports activities in our school, STEM resources, Aistear resources (structured play activities for infants) and Special Educational Needs (SEN) resources.

Our Bicycle Raffle will take place on Thursday!

Check out our Instagram page for a video of our Sponsored Walk.

CROKE PARK FINAL

A big congratulations to our Senior Football Team on making the final of Corn Michéal Ó Muircheartaigh. The team and squad made the whole school proud with their brilliant performance on Monday 21st October in Croke Park.

The boys were leading at half time and kept up the hard work but unfortunately the end result was not in their favour when the final whistle blew.

We are so proud of their efforts and sportsmanship, and they set a great example to all of the younger boys who came to Croke Park to support them!

Our supporters were of course, fantastic and a big thank you to all who came to cheer on our team.

A special thank you to Mr. O'Gorman for coaching our Senior Football Team.

Well done also to our Junior Football Team and their mentors Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Spillane and Mr. Mooney. The future of sport in St. Brigid's is certainly bright!



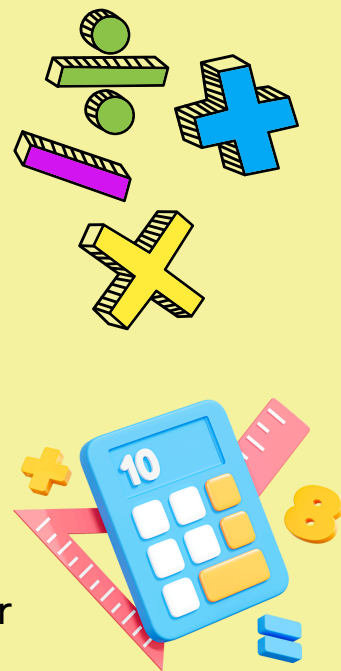
MATHS WEEK

Last week was MATHS WEEK. We had a fantastic week filled with lots of fun activities for our pupils.

We focused on "Maths Talk", encouraging the boys to work collaboratively, talk about possible strategies they could use to solve fun problems, and to have fun exploring various maths concepts!

During the week the boys enjoyed maths scavenger hunts, daily fun challenges and lots of teamwork! There was lots of great pair and teamwork going on throughout the week. A

highlight of the week was our incredible "Maths Carnival" where the boys were treated to a selection of fun maths games and challenges. A special thank you to Mr. Caulfield for all of his hard work on Maths Week and also to the boys from Mr. McNamara's and Mr. Mooney's classes for working with our younger pupils at the Maths Carnival. Well done to all our pupils for participating in Maths Week! Check our our instagram page for more photos.



SAVE THE DATE



Grandparents Day will
take place on
Thursday 23rd January

2025.

Class Updates



Please visit our new
website
www.stbrigidsbns.ie
to see regular updates
from each class.

WISHLIST



Many families may be contemplating a yearly clear out of toys and games which your child has grown out of before the Festive Season. We are currently looking for resources for our Aistear (thematic play based learning) in our Infant classes and would love to provide a happy new home for some of your unwanted items!

After the midterm break we will send a Google Doc link to parents. If you have any of the items on the list that are in good condition and you would like to pass on, we will very gratefully accept them. Please note, due to storage restrictions we will only be able to accept items on the list.

Student Council

Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council. The boys recently received their St. Brigid's Student Council badges which they wear with pride.



Attendance and Punctuality



Our top priority again this year is everyone's health. We thank you all for continuing to err on the side of caution with regards to keeping children home if unwell.

Please let us know the details of all absences through Aladdin.

The school continues to be obliged by law to inform Tusla when a pupil is absent for a total of 20 school days in one school year. Parents will receive a letter of reminder when 18 days have been missed. Obviously, the whole idea is to miss as little as possible. As we have to fill in the category of absence when informing Tusla it is essential that each absence is explained.

Thank you for following these protocols.

The Student Council have some great ideas and plans and we look forward to working with them throughout the year.

**P.A. AGM
RESCHEDULED**

Please note the Parents' Association AGM takes place on Monday 4th November @ 7.30pm

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GREEN SCHOOLS



This year as our plan for our Green Schools initiative is to revisit the Green Schools themes of **1. Litter and Waste, 2. Energy and 3. Water.**

This will enable us to consolidate our practice and routines in these areas as a school. The messages, ideas and school guidelines relating to these themes will be communicated to our pupils at assemblies and through our Green School Committee and Student Council representatives.

In relation to our first theme of Litter and Waste, we would like to share the following message regarding School Lunches:

- After eating their lunch, pupils should keep their rubbish in their lunch box and bring it home.
- Pupils must drink milk cartons in school and any remaining milk in cartons can be emptied at the sink and carton flattened. These are then returned to their lunch boxes and brought home.
- Full milk cartons cannot be sent home in bags.

Review of Anti-Bullying Policy



The Board of Management wishes to inform parents and guardians that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 29th May 2024.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in Appendix 4 of the Department's Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools.

Review of Child Safeguarding Statement

The Board of Management wishes to inform parents and guardians that:

- The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement was completed at the Board meeting of 29th May 2024.
- This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" published on the gov.ie website.

Both policies are available to view on our school website.

Parent/Teacher Meetings



Parent/Teacher Meetings will take place on **Thursday 21st November from 2.30pm - 5pm.**

A limited number of appointments may be available before and after school hours from 18th to 22nd November.

An appointment time with your son's teacher may be selected through the Aladdin Connect App. These appointment times will be released to parents after the midterm break.