

EASTER NEWSLETTER



St. Brigid's Primary, Nursery School and Special Classes
April 2019

Dear Parents

We had a successful Spring Term and I would like to share some of our achievements with you.

The year 7 pupils received the Sacrament of Confirmation, it was administered by Bishop McKeown on Wednesday 27th February 2019 in St Brigid's Church. I would like to thank Mrs Maureen Maher and Miss Eileen McMaster for the preparation of the pupils, Rev Michael McCaughey and Rev Gerard Mongan for their ongoing support and preparation for the service, Ms Charlotte Logue and Mrs Tina Ruddy for their preparation of the choir hymns and music.

First confession took place on Monday 8th April 2019 for the year 4 classes. I would like to thank Mrs Martina Bonner and Mrs Tina Ruddy for the preparation of the pupils, Rev Michael McCaughey, Rev Gerard Mongan and their fellow Priests for the Prayerful Penitential Service.

Year 4 Grandparents' Day took place on Thursday 31 January. Year 4 grandparents were invited to attend morning mass with their grandchildren. Whole school Grandparents' Day took place on Monday 15th April. Grandparents were invited to join their Grandchildren for the Stations Of The Cross Service in St Brigid's Church. It was a well-attended event, three hundred joined us for the service. All classes were involved in dramatizing this event. My thanks to all of the teachers for their hard work in preparing their classes for the service and to Miss Logue for accompaniment on this occasion.

Our annual charity Lenten appeal for Trócaire has raised £600 so far. Fund raising events included a cake sale and Trócaire boxes in each classroom. Thank you to Mrs Maher and Miss McMaster for arranging the cake sale and to everyone who contributed in any way.

The Easter holidays for pupils begins on Wednesday 17 April at 12.15 pm and pupils return to school on Monday 29 April.

The staff and I wish you a happy, holy and peaceful holiday. We look forward to seeing all of our pupils back in school after the Easter break on Monday 29 April.

Best Wishes
Ms M McCallion



Dates to remember - Summer Term

- Monday 29 April - Term begins for pupils and staff.
- Thursday 2 May – **school is closed for local elections**
- May Day Bank Holiday - school closed on Monday 6 May.
- GL Online test timetable begins on **Wednesday 8 May** and will run for approximately two weeks. Please ensure **your child is in school** each day to **take the tests with their class**. Your child's teacher will give you the dates when **your child is involved**.
- First Communion - Saturday 25 May.
- Bank Holiday - Monday 27 May.
- Staff Development Day - Friday 14 June - **School closed to pupils**.
- Leavers Mass Monday 24 June at 2pm.
- End of Year Mass Wednesday 26 June at 9.30am.
- End of Term - Friday 29 June.

End of Term for all pupils on Wednesday 17 April at 12:15p.m. If your child goes to the canteen they will get lunch and should be collected by 12.30p.m. If they do not go to the canteen they should be collected at 12.15p.m. from their classroom, their usual exit door.

The school has had a new central heating boiler installed this term at a cost of £120,000. This was funded by the Department of Education and managed by the EA. The heat output is fantastic. We are both pleased and hopeful that this long term solution will resolve the heating breakdowns experienced over the previous years.

STEM- SCIENCE WEEK AT ST BRIGID'S.



All classes were busy investigating during March. Year 2 took part in a Science experiment where they had to test the PH of different liquids. As part of their hospital theme, they wanted to find out which liquids were neutral and suitable for washing our hands. Year 7 made hydrometers to test the density of the water and to find out how the Plimsoll Line works.



Year 6 pupils designed their own scone product with packaging. Then they baked the scones and made a radio/tv advert using GarageBand to promote their product. Pupils used their sound production skills with support from the Nerve Centre.



St Patrick's Day Concert



We celebrated St Patrick's day with a very entertaining concert in the hall. Each class performed a drama, song, danced or played Irish music. We had a selection of Irish dancers to accompany the music and our special guest was Fr Gerard Mongan who played the accordion for the dancers and accompanied Ms O'Donnell on the flute. This was a great cultural event!

JUNIOR DOCTORS MEET NURSE KATE



This term Year 2 were learning all about hospitals. Jenny - Rose from Year 2 invited her mum to come and visit us. The pupils had great fun learning all about 'The Hospital' from a real nurse! Nurse Kate even left us some equipment for our role play area. The pupils learned so much about medical care and helping sick people. Thank you to Jenny-Rose's mum!



This March, the Year 7 pupils went on an educational visit to the Ulster American Folk Park as part of their Victorian history topic. They had a fun day out with Mrs Maher, Miss McMaster, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Carruthers and Mrs McClean. They visited Shipbuoy Street with all its authentic shops and houses, as well as having lessons in the old Victorian school- learning 'The Three Rs.' The pupils entered into the spirit of the event by dressing up as Victorians for the day! A fun day was had by all!



WORLD BOOK DAY 2019



World Book Day on Thursday 7 March was a great success this year. Pupils engaged in some peer reading sessions, with the older pupils reading to the younger children. This is another strand in promoting Literacy at St Brigid's Primary School. Pupils came dressed as a book character and completed a range of creative book activities in their classes. Thank you to all parents and guardians for supporting the event and sending the children to school in such weird and wonderful costumes!

CONFIRMATION 2019



YEAR 7 PUPILS MAKE THEIR CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to all our Year 7 pupils who made their Confirmation on February 27 at 4pm. The ceremony was celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Thanks to Mrs Ruddy and Ms Logue for the beautiful singing with the school choir. Well done to all the children who were a credit to their families on the day and thanks to Mrs Maher and Miss McMaster for preparing the children so well.



Miss McDaid's Year 6 class were asked to participate in the 'Bright Sparks' project with a group of talented teenagers at Northside Hub on March 29. The themes of inclusion and respecting differences were developed through drumming, dancing and singing workshops.



Well done to all the boys and girls who represented the school so well at the IFA Spring Into Futsal Tournament. Both teams competed well and enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Mr Ryan, Mr Doherty and Mr Divin for their dedication.



NEW SCHOOL NETBALL TEAM

Well done to the new St Brigid's Netball Team who performed so well at the Netball Blitz at St Therese's Primary School. The girls really enjoyed the occasion and performed to a high standard. We hope to have more games in the near future and lots of fun at the new netball club.



This lent, we have been supporting Trocaire by having our annual cake sale, a great Lego count and Trocaire boxes in all classes. Thank you for all your support. The total raised to be announced at Easter.

Happy Easter
Trócaire

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WILL BE PERFORMED BY ST. BRIGID'S PUPILS - MONDAY 15 APRIL 11:00AM - ALL WELCOME

*** SCHOOL TERM ENDS WEDNESDAY 17 APRIL LUNCHTIME ***

**BACK TO
SCHOOL FOR
ALL PUPILS ON
MONDAY 29
APRIL**