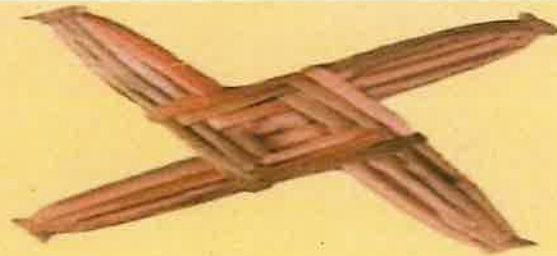




*“Learning is Fun ...
Together as One.”*



February 2025



ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

MAY BRIGID BLESS THE HOUSE
WHERE IN YOU DWELL.
BLESS EVERY FIRESIDE,
EVERY WALL AND DOOR.
BLESS EVERY HEART
THAT BEATS BENEATH ITS ROOF.
BLESS EVERY HAND
THAT TOILS TO BRING IT JOY.
BLESS EVERY FOOT
THAT WALKS ITS PORTALS
THROUGH.
MAY BRIGID BLESS THE HOUSE
THAT SHELTERS YOU.

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5th Feb 2025

'Learning is Fun... Together as One'

Dear Parent/s

I'm delighted to say that we have had a very busy January and despite the disruption caused by Storm Eowyn we have been able to take part in lots of engaging and fun learning experiences. I sincerely thank you for your patience and co-operation during our period of Exceptional Closure.

Please keep this newsletter safe as a means of keeping you up to date with what's going on in school. Please also refer to our school website for menus, events and celebrations www.stpeterscollegeland.com

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Policies

Our main Safeguarding Policies have just been updated and can be found on our school website under "Safeguarding".

- Please make yourself familiar with these. There will be a meeting for parents who wish to contribute to these policies on Thursday 27th February @ 3pm in the school assembly hall.

Safeguarding Team

Principal	Mrs Farrell
Designated Teacher for Child Protection	Mrs Bradshaw
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection	Mrs Vallely

*Chairperson of our Board of Governors is Mr Pat Brannigan

*Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Mr Thomas O'Hanlon

SUPERVISION – NEW SAFETY RULE

Pupils / parents are not permitted inside classrooms before 9am. Children will be led by their class teacher / classroom assistant after morning prayers.

School bags and lunch boxes should be left in class cloakroom.

ROAD SAFETY

REMINDER:

- ✓ Pupils and parents are not permitted to walk through the school car park.
- ✓ Pupils in P1-P4 **MUST** be held by the hand as they exit the pedestrian gate or return to car.
- ✓ Please ensure that children do not enter / exit cars on the road side.

NO NUTS POLICY

Due to pupils with severe allergies we have a strict **NO NUTS / nut products** policy.

Please ensure birthday cakes are nut free / have no traces of nut.

Please also check all wrappers of lunch items and check that all spreads / toppings are nut free.

PARENT PAY

We are delighted that 91% of our parents have now activated ParentPay. Please ensure that you are specific in selecting the **actual** day for dinner, breakfast/ after school etc

Do not hesitate to contact Mrs Campbell if you would like any more assistance or information regarding ParentPay.

MARY'S MEALS

Our wonderful Mary's Meals Committee continue to promote giving to those well off than ourselves. Please support our Mary's Meals Blue Cup collection by sending in loose change to your child's class for Mary's Meals Blue Cup.

Just £19.15 will feed a child for a whole year!



“ If you cannot feed a hundred people, then feed just one.”

Saint Teresa of Calcutta

- Mary's Meals sets up school feeding programmes in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.
- Each meal, served in a place of education, costs just 10p.

PUPIL VOICE

At the beginning of January we appointed our Pupil Leadership Teams. These consist mainly of P7 pupils. Our Pupil Council members include pupils from P4-7.

Our Pupil Leadership Teams are led by our staff members. This ensures that we have a good cross section of interests and experiences and that our children are given opportunities to develop their interests and contribute in a meaningful way to school life. Our Pupil Leadership Teams wear their badges with pride 😊

OUR PUPIL COUNCIL



OUR DIGITAL LEADERS



OUR ECO COUNCIL



OUR OUTDOOR LEARNING TEAM



OUR SCHOOL AMBASSADORS



OUR SCHOOL LIBRARIANS



RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

ICT SUITE

We are increasingly aware of the necessity to improve ICT provision in our school.

Work has begun on re-purposing our former P7 Classroom / Lunch room to create a space where our pupils can come together to maximise their learning through use of our available ICT resources.



NEW SIGN

One of our key priorities is to replace our existing school sign. Our Pupil Council were delighted to liase with Carl, Graphic Designer, and were able to create a fantastic design. **If any parent / local business would like to sponsor / contribute to the cost of this initiative, please get in touch 😊**



ECO COUNCIL

Along with Mrs Bradshaw, our Eco Council met with Ben Ryan from Eco Schools to commence achieving Green Flag status. They are very excited to build upon the excellent ongoing environmental work in our school and are looking forward to progressing this.



AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION

In order to provide the best possible After School care, our Classroom Assistants have relocated their provision to the school Assembly Hall.

This has proved to be a very popular decision, allowing for a greater range of activities in a much bigger space.



LINKS WITH OUR COMMUNITY

Catholic Schools Week

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week on week beginning 20th January, the theme for this was ALIVE IN CHRIST.

Fr Garrett kindly celebrated a beautiful Mass for Grandparents Day. We invited Grandparents to attend and remembered in a special way deceased Grandparents.

Afterwards we welcomed our visitors back to the school hall for refreshments.



ST BRIGID CROSS MAKING WORKSHOP

We sincerely thank Mr Frank Donnelly for hosting our traditional St Brigid's Cross Making Workshop. Frank supplied all the rushes and took the time to explain the story of St Brigid and the symbolism surrounding the St Brigid's Cross. Thanks also to Fr Garrett for calling in to school to bless our crosses



MARY POPPINS

Our Primary 6 class will attend the Integrated College in Dungannon for their production of Mary Poppins, on Thursday 6th February. Pupils are asked for a voluntary £4 towards the cost of the bus and towards a donation from our school towards production costs.

SCHOOL CHOIR

On Friday 7th February Mrs McKenna will accompany some members of our School Choir to Collegelands Nursing Home to showcase their musical talents.

PRIMARY TWO ASSEMBLY

Primary Two will perform their St Brigid Assembly on Tuesday 11th February at 9:30am in the school hall. Parents, Grandparents and family members are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served immediately after.

ROSARY GROUP

Our Rosary Group led by Mrs Bradshaw and Mrs Lennon continues each Tuesday and Wednesday morning in Mrs Bradshaw's classroom.

Please free to join us any Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 8:45 – 9am.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

- There will be a short meeting for parents of P6 pupils who are considering preparing for the transfer exam in P7 on Thursday 27th February @ 3:30pm in the school dining hall.
- Parent Teacher meetings for Primary One Pupils will take place on Friday 28th February with Miss Gorman. These meetings will last approximately ten minutes. An appointment time will be sent home with P1 pupils over the next few days.

HEALTH AND WELL- BEING

Staff and pupils alike enjoyed our very first **High Five Friday** on Friday 10th January. The Winter Welly Walk was very popular and we were all more than delighted to get back into our cosy classrooms!



We will have our second **High Five Friday** this Friday 7th February. On this day pupils can:

- Watch a movie & have hot chocolate.
- Wear their own comfy clothes / clothes to express themselves.
- Take a “treat snack” for break

CHILDRENS' MENTAL HEALTH WEEK:

We are having Relaxation Workshop for all pupils this Thursday 6th February. Children should bring a small cushion to school for this activity.

Pupils will have a range of in class Mental Health activities during the week.

We will have a fun "FOCUS ON FEELINGS" whole school activity on Friday 7th February.

DAILY MILE

We also will be commencing our **Nature Daily Mile** for pupils P3 – P7 week beginning 17th February. Pupils will have a designated day and should bring wellies / old trainers to school.

Monday	P3
Tuesday	P4
Thursday	P5
Friday	P6 and P7

ARMAGH INTERNATIONAL ROAD RACE

We are delighted to have such a huge number of entries for Armagh International Road Race on Thursday 13th February. In total 45 of our pupils have entered!

We wish these pupils lots of luck and look forward to cheering them on 😊

GAA

Cumann na mBunscol

Well done to these boys and girls who represented our school at the Cumann na mBunscol half time games at the Armagh v Tyrone game @ BOX-IT Athletic Grounds.

An amazing experience to showcase their skill in front of such a huge crowd!



HURLING FINAL

We wish our boys Hurling Team lots of luck for Wednesday 19th February as they compete in the Cumann na mBunscol County Finals @ Armagh Harps Club.

MID-TERM BREAK

School will close on 13th and 14th February for Mid Term.

Thank you for your continued support and co-operation,

Brenda Farrell

B Farrell

Principal

Prayer to Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid,

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

Amen