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June 2019

ST. BRIDE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome to the latest issue of The Bridge Newsletter, packed with photos and stories!

A Word from Mrs Quinn

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Bridge Magazine. Another busy term for the St Bride's community, with pupils enjoying a range of activities and lessons both in school and further afield. There are plenty of articles by the children, with photographs to enjoy in this edition. These will give you a flavour of what's been going on in St Bride's this term. Once again, the school teams and individual pupils have achieved highly in sporting, dramatic and artistic endeavours.

Many thanks to parents who have supported the school in many ways over the year. In particular, the PTA who have raised approximately £21,724 through their fund raising events this year. This money helps purchase additional resources for the pupils, in particular, it has helped towards the extension of the playground which is used by classes for play & outdoor learning.

Mary Poppins was a musical triumph and the children were amazing. Good bye and good luck to our year 7 children as they head off to their new schools. Finally, a special thanks goes to all the boys and girls. You have all worked so hard this year, you are ready for some fun.

Stay safe and see you on Thursday 29th August.

Mary Rose Quinn

Grace; Our Irish International

From Friday 5th of April to Sunday the 7th of April Ireland hosted the 2019 International Primary Schools tournament for Table Tennis. I was picked as one in a team of four to represent Ireland and face the best primary school players across England, Scotland, Wales, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands. Over the first few days we played well, winning our first four matches to set up a final against England, the title holders. In a tight, tense encounter we finally won 6/4 and Ireland was inscribed on the plate for 2019.

Table Tennis is something I really enjoy and it gives me the opportunity to travel. I am due to travel to Belgium to participate in the International Table Tennis Tournament at the end of June.

Maybe you should give Table Tennis a go!

By Grace Looney, Yr6 Mc M



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Yr. 1 Merron Summer Prayer Service



We had our class prayer service this term. It was all about Summer. We learnt a summer song and preformed a summer poem. We all thought about things we are thankful for in summer. We thanked god for the sunshine, our families, our friends and even the rain. We drew lots of summer pictures and talked about our favourite things in summer, eating ice cream, playing in the paddling pool and going on holidays!

Yr.1 M

Prayer Service - Yr1

On Thursday 6th June we had our Summer time prayer service. We prepared so well by saying our prayers and singing our song "Summer Time." Mums and Dads came along to listen and sing. Niamh's mum lit a candle and all the parents said a poem. We all thanked God for Summer Time by saying prayers and talking about our beautiful summer paintings. We told our Mums and Dads how much we loved them and thanked them for all the love and all the hugs they have given us from the day we were born. We offered our special prayer service as a gift to God and as a gift to our parents to show our appreciation and all our love. Yr 1 O'D /G



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Yr. 1 Sport's Day

On Tuesday 11th June, Mrs Shankelton's Yr.1 class had a brilliant time at Sports Day. We had lots of fun at the different stations, we liked crawling through the tunnel and throwing bean bags. The boys and girls really enjoyed the potato and spoon race. We worked well in our teams for our relay race. We ran really fast in our sprint races. We all tried our best, we are all winners! **Yr 1 S**



Yr. 1 W Enjoy the Sunshine!

In Year 1 we love getting outdoors to learn. We go to the Nursery Playground and the Outdoor Playground once a week. We love exploring and climbing and learning about the world around us! We have been practising our cycling and even using bicycles without stabilisers! Have a look at the construction areas and the fabulous building we have been doing!



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Yr. 2 Seaside Creatures

This week the children did a project. They made seaside creatures and objects. Everyone had loads of fun using their imagination to turn junk materials into a sea creature. Rory B made an Orca, David made a crab and Bilal use a bottle to make a shark. Lucas and Sarnjay made the beach in a shoe box! Wow! Greta made a light house from a box and cardboard. Well done everyone!



Anyone for Mud Pie?

Yr. 2 Meehan love being in the outdoor playground. We have a team of well trained and qualified chefs who can make the best mud pie you have ever tasted. We also have a group of trainee chefs who are learning all about mud pies, pancakes and mud rolls. Our kitchen staff are on hand to clear up and clean all the pots and pans. As our café is so popular

we are currently building a new one. Work is at an early stage but we will let you know when it is finished. There is also an hourly taxi service which are operated by fully qualified drivers.



Transition in Nursery

The children have had a very busy year in the nursery. They have learned many new things and have become very independent.

As the year comes to an end the children are preparing to move to Year 1. To aid this transition the children have been visiting and playing in their new Year 1 classrooms and have also been excited to welcome their teacher into their own classroom. They have enjoyed playing and chatting as well as showing off some of their creations.

The children are ready and looking forward to becoming "Big Year 1's"



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Ice Lollies

Yr.2 Mc Dermott had a great time making their very own ice lollies last week. We mixed fruit squash and water and carefully poured them into little moulds. We added lolly sticks and then put them into the freezer. The next day we took them out of the freezer and got to enjoy them. They were very tasty! After this, we were able to write our own procedure on how to make ice lollies. It was very fun!



Yr. 2T Out and About

Yr.2 Toal love eating their break in the picnic area on a sunny day. We hope the sun shines for the rest of June. We also visited St. Brigid's Church. We looked at the altar, the crucifix, the baptismal font, the paschal candle, the tabernacle and the stained glass windows. We enjoyed our visit to the church.



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Poems from Yr. 3 G - H

I am Special by Elina

Sometimes, I am very kind.
Polite to all my friends.
Every day, I try my best.
Caring and sharing is what my
friends say.
I will always be happy.
Always nice to my friends.
Looking out for everyone I see. I am
special, I am me!

I am Special by Mohamed

To my mum, I am full of fun.
To my dad, I am sporty.
To my friends, I am kind.
To my sister, I am annoying but
to me, I am as special as can be !



May is the Month of Mary

We celebrated the month of May by remembering Mary our Mother. We brought in flowers for our class altar and also our school altar. We learned about the rosary as a



way to pray. We know that some people carry the Rosary bead with them every day. As we pray the Rosary, we think of things that happened in the life of Jesus and Mary. In class we said a decade of the Rosary for our families and for all people who are sick or ill. We know Mary is always taking care of us in Yr3.

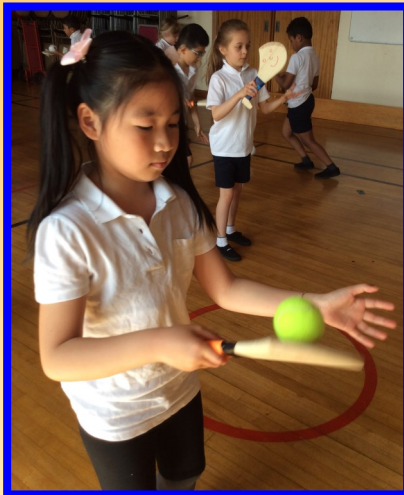
Yr. 3Y



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Gaelic Skills in Yr3 McNamee

This Term we have had so much fun with our coach Niall! He has been teaching us how to control, balance and catch. This week we were using tiny hurls to develop our skills of co-ordination. It's really tricky but Niall helped us and gave us lots of tips on how to hold the hurl, where to point it and where we should be looking when we were moving around the hall. Maybe someday one of us will play for County Antrim.



Minibeast Clay Models in Yr. 4 Montague

During this term, we have been learning all about minibeasts - particularly how to classify and identify them. To make our clay models, we had to focus on the different parts of our chosen invertebrate such as the head, thorax and abdomen. Miss Montague showed us how to shape the clay and how to use the slip and score method for joining the different parts. Some of us used sticks for the antennae. It took a whole week for them to dry but finally we were ready to paint! We mixed the paint with PVA glue to give it a glossy finish. We're sure you'll agree; they look very life-like!



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I love Bugs

Insects can be big or small,
But Ladybirds are the best of all.
Some of them are big and hairy,
And some of them are very scary.
Some can paddle, some can fly,
In the water or in the sky.
Insects are too small for hugs,
But a I don't care I still like bugs.
by Anna P4McI

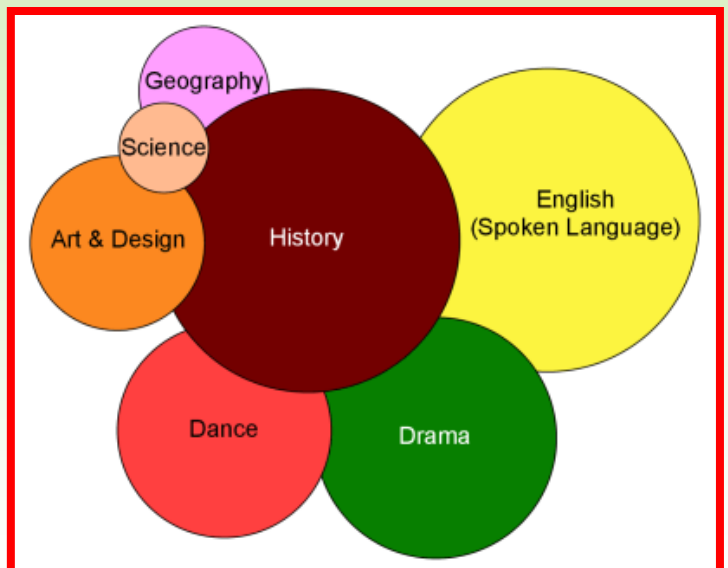
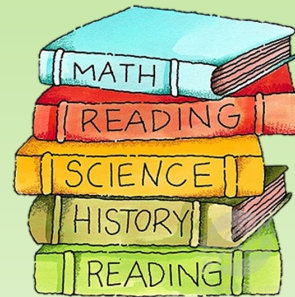
Bees

I really like my friend the bee,
He lives in a hive on the tree.
He makes me some nice honey,
He flies around me, it's so funny.
His colour is black and yellow,
He is a very good fellow.
He makes a buzzy noise,
He also plays with my toys.
If you said a mean thing,
He will give you a sting!
by Tom P.4McI



Our Time in Yr 4 Mc K

We did lots of tricky times tables
We learned so much we had to have labels
M C K have four reading groups
And we the award of Hoops Hoola
On our Sports Day Thomas ran so fast
In every race he did not come last
Most Fridays we earn Golden Time
Mrs Mac says we are her prime
We all learned facts about minibeasts
Those wee bugs sure have lots of feasts
4 M C K is so hard working
It's all as easy as wind surfing
Our whole class is so amazing
Playground kids just can't stop gazing
4 M C K are so, so smart
That's because we learn from our heart.



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My School Year

We started school in September
We found out Mrs Gray was a fan of number!
Our topic was Celebrations
And we did Hallowe'en invitations.
When we do ICT
Everybody is filled with glee.
World War Two-Oh how I loved studying you!
Hitler and Churchill-who were you?
Out came The War Memorial
To give us a tutorial.
Castle Ward, Castle Ward
There was a lot of information on the board.
Captain Ball, Captain Ball
We practised in the hall.
We won it on Sport's Day
Then we all shouted 'Yay!'
In May we did a test
And we didn't know who was best!
On the minibeast hunt
Why did an ant do a stunt?
Term 3, last one of the year
We need to get in the right gear.
It's nearly time to say Goodbye!
Oh why? Oh why? Oh why?

Eoin and Matthew Yr4 Gray

Our Yr.4 Year

In our new rooms
A new life blooms.
Our new teacher is nice
But she wants us like mice!

We started ICT
As you can see.
We had our Hallowe'en parties
We ate lots of Smarties!
We learnt about the Second World War
But then we wanted to learn more!

Mrs Harrigan was amazing
But there's more still awaiting!
Sport's Day was lots of fun
Lots of people having to run!
For the Egg and Spoon, we were a team
But it's harder than it may seem.

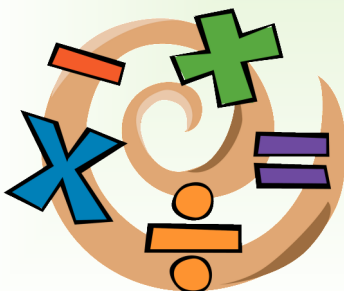
At the beginning we were shy
But we worked up very high.
I wish we never had to leave
But there's more for us to achieve!

Aqeelah and Ali Yr4 Gray

Mathletic's Champion - Aashrith Dangeti P.5



Aashrith Dangeti completed his Mathletic's work this year when he was a pupil at St. Matthew's Primary School, Short Strand. He is now a pupil at St. Bride's Primary School. Aashrith's teachers at St. Matthew's are very proud of him, especially Miss Mc Crory, who personally delivered a beautiful trophy award to Aashrith. This award normally goes to Primary 7 pupils! Congratulations, Aashrith from your teacher, Mrs McAllister and all your classmates at St. Bride's! What an achievement!



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Let's Make a Change

Yr5 Mrs McAllister's class performed a class assembly all about climate change and the importance of looking after our planet. The plot of the story is about the Zenians coming to earth their mission is to discover new plants with life forms and to warn inhabitants of the dangers of what can happen if a planet is abused. They pick three pupils from St



Bride's P.S. taking them to different parts of the world to show how climate change effects people in different ways. They travel to the Arctic Circle, the rainforest, Kenya and Australia. Teaching our class and the audience that we all must take responsibility to look after our world, that nature must be protected and it's up to each one of us to protect our beautiful Earth, our home!

Bianca & Danny

Yr5 Mc A



Landmarks - Being & Belonging

This year Yr5 Fee made models of famous landmarks in Belfast as part of our Being and Belonging WAU topic. Some of the great models that we made included - Harland and Wolff's famous Samson and Goliath, The Titanic boat, The Beacon of Hope, The Albert Clock, Salmon of Knowledge, Casement Park, Custom House, Grand Opera House and even Stormont Parliament Buildings. Everyone was very creative with their models. We used materials like cardboard, paper, Lego, straws, old plastic, polystyrene, pipe cleaners, tinfoil, wire and glitter. This activity was very fun and we all tried our best!

By Elizabeth and Lillie
Yr5F



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Water Treatment Works

Our class recently went on a school trip to the Water Treatment Works in Duncrue Industrial Estate. We met two of the staff, Michael and Anna who gave us a guided tour of the facility.

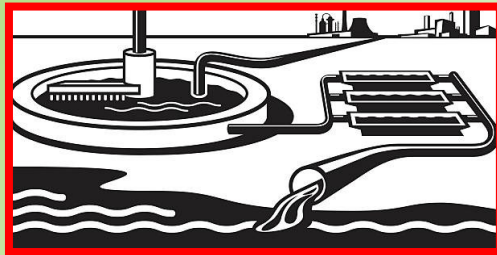
We all felt very official in our hard hats, high vis jackets and gloves. Anna, one of the workers there showed us around and gave us all a history of the water works.

Anna showed us where all of the water comes in and where they keep all of the rubbish that's flushed away. This can be very problematic for the machinery. Some of it dated back to Victorian Times. Belfast's population is growing quickly so they are going to build a new and bigger treatment works nearby.

So no more throwing phones, wedding rings and bouncy balls down the toilet!

Everyone enjoyed seeing how the water that we use every day is processed, it was a great day out.

Luca Yr. 5 Mc C



The Best Things About Year 5!

Year 5 was pretty great,

We must say, it was definitely worth the wait!

But here are a few of our favourite things,

Before we discover what next year brings.

We got to move to the Ashleigh site,

And meet Mrs Kennedy with her warmth and smile so bright!

We had great fun programming our Lego Challenge and even a pro-bot,

As well as Art, ICT and other subjects that we enjoyed a lot!

Assemblies, swimming and school trips, we had it all,

This is why this year we had a ball!



Yr. 5 K

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Our Trip to Colin Glen

On the 7th June, our class went on a school trip to Colin Glen Forest Park. Colin Glen is a wooded glen in the southwest of Belfast. Our class participated in the high ropes, wall climbing, archery, team games and the Leap of Faith! When we arrived at Colin Glen, we first had our break, then we did some wall climbing, next we did the high ropes. After that we did the dreaded Leap of Faith that we all had a go at.

After lunch, we did some archery, it was quite fun! Then we did some team games like the floor is lava. We really enjoyed our trip to Colin Glen and we would go back if we had an opportunity to.

By Clíodhna and Katie
Yr. 6D



Titanic



In class, within our World Around Us topic, we have been learning about the Titanic. Through our research, we have learned about the many passengers on board. The children collected a lot of information about the passengers, wrote some questions and answers that they would like to ask those

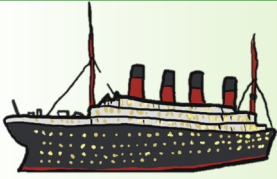


passengers and took the 'Hot-Seat' in which they were grilled by Mr McAuley, who interviewed them. Needless to say, the children were fantastic, really staying in character throughout.

Yr. 6 Mc A



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Titanic Hot Seating



In Yr.6 McMahon we have been doing a communication task called 'Hot Seating.' Hot Seating is a strategy in which a character who is played by a student, is interviewed by the teacher. This activity invites students to recount a specific event, theme or topic. The questions are usually open questions [questions which have a LONG answer!]. The person in the hot seat needs to determine who they are in the interview; where they are; and, why they are in the hot seat. Our topic/theme/event was Titanic and its passengers. We made up 10 open questions which we could ask our chosen character. Then we chose 5 out of our 10 best questions. The character I chose was Molly Brown. Other characters people chose were: Eva Hart, Captain Smith, Bruce Ismay, Thomas Andrews and John Jacob Astor. Mrs McMahon interviewed everyone in the class. They spoke very clearly and gave very detailed answers. Some people even wore costumes!! A couple of girls wore black suits, and Rionach even wore pyjamas [Eva Hart]! Overall it was a very thrilling experience and I hope our teacher next year does more hot seating tasks with us.

Andy Ning — Yr. 6 Mc M



FIONN EARNS HIS ULSTER SQUAD ID BACK PATCH

On 2nd of June, after two years of intensive 3-hour Strength and Conditioning and Randori (fighting rounds) training sessions at Ulster Judo Squad Training, I was presented with my Ulster Judo Squad ID Back Patch, which I now wear on my Judo Gi with great pride. This training is in addition to my weekly Judo class with my club. To earn this, you must have 100% attendance and reach a suitable level of fitness and standard of Judo. I am the first St Bride's Pupil to have earned this award.

The following week I earned my green belt in Judo with Eamon at St Bride's/Ward School of Judo. I have been training in Judo since I was 6 years old. I train with St Bride's/Yamakwai Judo Club and Judo Academy/Ulster Squad. The training has really helped my fitness and skills in Gaelic football, Hurling, Soccer and Basketball as well as my focus and self-discipline. I am very grateful to all my coaches, especially Eamon. I am aiming to have my Black belt by age 14 - so lots more training to do!

Fionn Yr. 6



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My Part in Mary Poppins

This year, the Yr.7 classes performed Mary Poppins. Everyone that wanted a part had to audition and there was very good competition. I got the part of Mrs Banks in the musical and I felt overjoyed! I felt really nervous auditioning but I knew that I had to try my best so I practiced and when I got a call back I knew my hard work had paid off.

The first thing I had to do was learn my song and lines. I already knew the song, Sister Suffragette, because I had previously watched the movie Mary Poppins. I tried to memorise my lines over the Easter break and practiced them in my free time. Within a few weeks I had my lines learnt.

The part I enjoyed the most was rehearsing the Sister Suffragette scene because it was really fun learning the dance moves and doing all the acting.

The first time performing in front of an audience I felt quite nervous but I was more excited to sing and act in front of people and it was so much fun. I have had the best time acting in the musical and it is definitely one of the best things I have done in primary school.

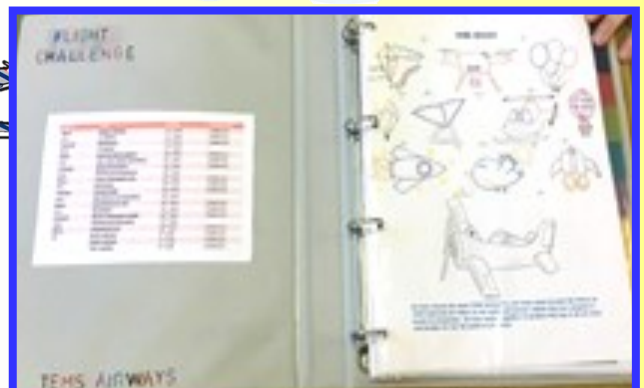
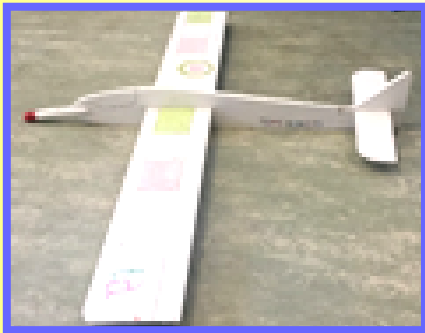
By Mae Yr. 7G

Our Flight Project

In Yr.7 we have been learning about Flight. Over the past few weeks we have been working on our Flight project that includes research, design, planning and building a model of our plane. There are three members of our group and our team name is TEMS Airways which stands for Tallulah, Erin and Mark. We were all assigned different homework each night and

that means that our folder is now full with design pages and research that help us make our plane as aerodynamic as possible. Like real aeroplane companies we have our signature colours of pink and green and the main skeleton of our plane was all made of Balsa wood that was carefully cut so that we were able to easily slot the pieces together and then paint it.

By Erin, Tallulah and Mark Yr. 7 MK



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Year 7 - GIFT Programme



Mary Carson and Briege Kinney from 'GIFT' (Growing in Faith Together) visited our class to inform us about this fun filled, faith based programme which takes place during February. At present, there are about 160 young people involved in the programme from Years 8 to 12. The programme aims to show young people that their Faith relates to all parts of their lives and hopes to build strong connections in the group; to one another, to the Parish and ultimately

to God. Today in class, we experienced what 'Day One' would involve and most of our class would like to attend this programme next year.

Yr. 7 M



Yr7 Cunningham have a Super Time at Share!

Yr. 7 Cunningham had a wonderful time at Share along with the other Yr7 classes. We took part in banana boating, kayaking, wind surfing, sailing, foosball and t-shirt printing. We even made use of the Share Centre indoor pool. We polished up on our chores and all helped do the dishes after each and every meal. After cleaning up for sixty people, dishes at our house will be easy! Many of us braved the various levels of the banana boat and loved the inflatable park. The week was topped off when Isabella beat Mr Cunningham in a swimming race to claim the title of Share Swimming Champion. We had great fun!

Yr. 7 C



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