



The school will be installing CCTV cameras around the school grounds over midterm break.

STUDENT TEACHERS:

We welcome a number of student teachers from Marino teacher training college to our school from March 20th—April 7th. We also welcome a number of Transition Year students who are here on work placement.

Our Student Committees (Active, Green Teams and Student Council) all received a badge to wear to show that they belong to very valuable groups in our school community. Our committee members are now easily identifiable to all around the school! Thank you to these girls for their work and also to

School Choir

The choir are busy preparing for two upcoming competitions— Feis Ceoil (to be held in the RDS) and the Primary Schools Choir Competition (to be held in Cork). We wish the girls the very best of luck!

Green Schools: The Green team have recently registered with Innocents & Grow It Yourself to help kids learn to love healthy food by growing some of their own in class. They'll receive a growing pack containing 32 Sow & Grow cups, compost, a growing guide packed with fun activities and experiments, and a wallchart to celebrate your students' growing success.

Well done to Ms. Concannon who recently completed her probationary year in teaching!

Parents Association

The Parents Association are planning on holding a Quiz in March. More details to follow.

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SEACHTAIN NA GAEILGE TAKES PLACE FROM MARCH 1ST-17th.

The pupils will engage in different classroom activities to promote Gaeilge! On Wednesday March 15th, 'Airnean', a trad band will visit the school to deliver workshops to all the children. During this time, the pupils will have the opportunity to listen to traditional Irish music, talk about the instruments in the band, sing and dance along to the Irish Music. We are looking forward to this visit!
Is le gach duine an Ghaeilge, is le gach pobal Seachtain na Gaeilge – **Bain Triail Aisti – Surprise Yourself!**



ACTIVE SCHOOLS: Classes are busy doing the Operation Transformation 10 @10. Classes will learn the dance "Shout," for Drop Everything and Dance. Hercules is moving from class to class and having a great time being active. Well done to Ms. Delany's Class who completed their first marathon! A wonderful achievement! Active School Week is on from 24th-28th of April. **If parents have some active skills to offer to classes in the school during this week please get in touch with the school. We would really love to see parents involved!**

NUAIGHT-LITIR: FEB/MARCH 2017

February Mid-term: Junior & Senior Infant pupils will finish at 1.15pm on Friday 17th Feb. 1st—6th Classes will finish at 2.15pm on that day.

School will be closed from Monday 20th February —Friday 24th February. School reopens on Monday 27th February at 8.35am. We hope you all have an enjoyable mid-term break!

The school will also close for St. Patrick's Day on March 17th.

INTEL MINI SCIENTIST NATIONAL FINALS!



Three 6th class pupils, Lorena, Katie and Victoria represented the school at the recent Intel Mini Scientist National Finals in The Helix, DCU. The girls project was about the nasty effects of cigarettes. The girls had a great day at the finals and got to meet lots of other schools and see their entries. The girls also got interviewed by RTE News2day! Minister Richard Bruton was also in attendance and gave an inspiring speech to all. Well done to the girls who did themselves and the school so proud!

Member First CREDIT UNION

Some of our 5th & 6th class pupils participated in the Member First Credit Union School Quiz on Sunday Feb 5th. The quiz took place in Fingallians GAA Club and there were many schools in attendance. Well done to the two teams who represented the school on the day: Róisín McKay, Mia Challoner, Serena Foley and Sarah Corr, Róisín O'Connor, Zahra Callan Byrne, Moya Harrison and Abi Kelly.



After School Clubs
We are delighted that our range of after school clubs has been extended. Included is Irish Dancing, Athletics, Tin Whistle, Debating, Book Club and Homework/IPads club. The term will begin straight after mid-term break and will run for six weeks. We hope to run a new term of activities after Easter.



The staff and pupils celebrated Catholic Schools Week with many different activities. All of the classes sang Our Song to St. Brigid together while the music played over the intercom. Each class made their own St. Brigid's Cross from rushes. The crosses were all sent to Mass at 10am with our 2nd & 6th classes. At the end of mass, the blessed crosses were given to the local parishioners.



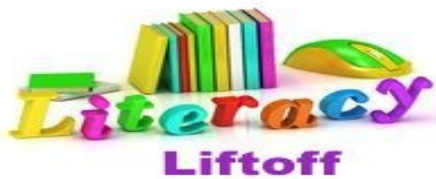
JANUARY SPLIT THE POT WINNERS:

1st: Megan Byrne (€50)
2nd: Zahra Callan Payne (€40)
3rd: Megan Byrne (€20)

Thank you to all who entered. Entries cost €2 and you can enter as many times as you like. As Feb is a short month, the next draw will take place at the end of March.

Check out www.stbrigidsgns.ie for the latest news!

St. Brigid's GNS, Killester, Dublin 5



Literacy Lift Off is an intervention that gives children lots of opportunities to read books at their own level of competency and gradually lift the complexity of what they can do in both reading and writing. The Board of Management has invested in a wide range of books suitable to use in this intervention. Literacy Lift off will be introduced in our Senior Infant Classes after mid-term break.

All of the classes will participate in an educational Music workshop this Thursday 9th Feb. Graffiti Classics' interactive workshop -style performance enables kids to enjoy and develop their own musicality with fantastic flair, finesse and frivolity. The Graffiti Classics educational show makes classical music fun for youngsters with its scintillating slap-stick, brilliant arrangements and mischievous humour. We look forward to their visit!



Our Junior and Senior football teams continue to train before the Fingal League commences. The teams will play against other schools in the Fingal area in this league in the hope of reaching Finals Day in Parnell Park.



We were very lucky to get a visit from Dublin player Davy Byrne and the Sam Maguire Cup! They visited all of the classrooms so that the children could see the cup and ask Davy questions. A very exciting day in the school! Thank you to Ronnie for organising the visit. Ronnie continues to take Senior Infant girls for GAA from 1.15-2.15pm every Friday.

The Student Council are now researching suitable educational workshops to add to the 'Learning Section' on our school website.



Following on from Ms. Farrell's 5th class entry into the One Good idea project 2016/17 we will welcome SEAI to our school on Friday 9th Feb to give workshops to some of the classes.

LOST PROPERTY:

There are a number of unclaimed items of clothing in lost property. On Wed 15th, each class will be called to the school hall to view these items and claim them if they own them.

Board of Management Meeting
The next Board of Management is due to take place on Wednesday March 15th



FAI/GARDA FAIRPLAY TOURNAMENT 2017:

Our 5th classes recently took part in a talk and skills session provided by the local community Gardaí and FAI Ireland. This year the Garda/FAI Fair Play tournament will take place at the DCC All Weather Sports pitches, Fairview, Dublin 3 on Thursday the 16th of February 2017.

FAI PRIMARY 5S PROGRAMME

The school has also entered a team in the FAI Primary Schools 5 Programme sponsored by Spar. The team will compete in local qualifiers in March and could be in with a chance of competing in the National Finals which will take place in the Aviva Stadium in May. Best of luck to all the girls and teachers involved.

World book day 2017 will take place on March 2nd.

World Book Day has become firmly established as Ireland's biggest annual event promoting the enjoyment of books and reading. The main aim is to encourage children to explore the pleasure of books and reading by providing them with an opportunity to have a book of their own. Each pupil will receive a Euro Book Token as part of this reading initiative.

Our Junior and Senior Infants have a very exciting trip coming up! For their school tour, they will visit Imaginosity in Dundrum. Each exhibit area has been designed to complement the curriculum bringing it to life in a fun engaging, interactive, learning environment. All programming at Imaginosity reinforces a commitment to children's education and learning. Junior Infants trip: Feb 28th Senior Infants trip: March 1st. We ask that infants are in school for 8.30am on the day of their trip.



Swimming Lessons!

Ms. Flynn's 1st class & Ms. McMullen's 4th class begin their swimming lessons at Westwood pool this week. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about water safety. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to assist teachers at the pool.

School library: We are in the process of updating our school library system. After mid-term break each pupil will have their own library card which they will use when borrowing books.



ANTI-BULLYING TALKS

Pat Courtney visited the school to give our 4th, 5th and 6th class pupils a talk on bullying. Included in this workshop was cyber-bullying, internet safety and strategies to deal with bullying. The teachers also had a two-hour information session which incorporated strategies on how to investigate and deal with bullying in the school.

Parents were also invited to an information evening on the same day. Here, parents got an insight into bullying, especially cyberbullying. Parents are asked to be vigilant of their own children's social media accounts and to monitor their activity.

www.webwise.ie is a valuable online resource for parents and teachers. Here, you can find lots of advice relating to your child's online activity.

Safer Internet day is on Tuesday 7th February. Go to www.saferinternetday.ie for more information and for activities!