



December Newsletter 2021

Admissions

Our annual Admissions Notice will be published on the school website on Thursday 6th January and we will commence accepting applications for admissions for September 2022 on Thursday 13th January. Application forms will be distributed to all local pre-schools and will be available on request from the school office from this date.

Primary Language Curriculum

As per Department of Education guidelines, St. Brigid's N.S. will implement a **half day school closure at 12pm on Friday 3rd December 2021**, in order to facilitate staff training for the new Primary Language Curriculum.

Ken Smollen Food Appeal

Sixth class, in preparation for their Confirmation, are organising a food appeal for the homeless. They would be very grateful for all donations of non-perishable foods on or before Friday, 17th December.

Green-Schools Flag Raising Ceremony

We will hold a short flag raising ceremony on **Friday 3rd December** to raise our Green-Schools Travel Flag. We ask all pupils wear **GREEN** on this day to celebrate this achievement.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Second to Sixth Class will tune into mass in Kilshanroe at 9am Wednesday, 8th December, to mark the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Festivities Day

We are holding a non-uniform 'Festivities Day' on **Friday 17th of December**. All classes will get the opportunity to take part in our annual 'Santa Dash Run' and many more activities on the day. Each class will perform a song/poem and this will be uploaded on our website for parents to view. All children can wear their Christmas Jumpers/festive hats and we ask all pupils for bring in €2, which will go towards school resources.



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Parents' Association Christmas Bumper Raffle

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 our Annual Christmas Carol Service cannot take place this year. This is one of our biggest fundraisers each year. So, today we are announcing our **Bumper Christmas Raffle**, which will take place online through the school's e-payment facility - Aladdin. We will have some amazing prizes to be won. The funds raised by the Parents' Association are vital to the running of the school and will contribute to the ongoing enhancement of facilities and learning opportunities for our children.

Every family will receive an e-payment request via Aladdin on Monday, which allows you to 10 entries to the raffle (€2 per entry). Please try to encourage your extended family, work colleagues and neighbours as best you can. Additional entries can be purchased if required by contacting the school directly on secretary@ticknevinns.ie. The last date for purchasing entries will be Friday, December 17th and the Raffle Draw will take place on Monday, December 20th, in the school.

We would be grateful if you could tap into any contacts you may have through work/business/family etc. who would perhaps consider making a donation or contribute to a Christmas hamper. All donations would be greatly appreciated (vouchers/hamper/wine/chocolates etc.). If you are in a position to donate, please send any items in with the pupils and the Parents Association will collect. Thanking you in advance for all your support.

Sadly, No Christmas cards this year between pupils due to Covid-19

In previous years our pupils have enjoyed sharing Christmas cards with their peers, and on occasion very generously shared cards and presents with school staff. **This year we ask that these traditions do not take place.** In our efforts to minimise Covid-19 in our school community we feel this is warranted and thank you for your cooperation.



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Return to School Declaration Form

Many thanks to all families who complete the return to school declaration form when necessary. You are reminded that this form, should be completed for all absences prior to your child returning to school. This, like many other measures, has been put in place to better ensure everyone's health and safety at this time. Your cooperation is both necessary and appreciated.





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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Ticknevin and some of the pupils got the opportunity to help decorate our Christmas tree. All classes will take part in our 'Twelve Days of Fitmast' next week as part of our Active Schools initiative.

Our pupils have enjoyed another productive and busy month in school. Within each classroom, our pupils continue to work extremely hard and have shown great enthusiasm and interest in their learning. As Christmas approaches we must be mindful that many of our Christmas school events and celebrations cannot take place this year. However, we will aim to ensure that the build up to Christmas in school is still as exciting as ever for our pupils!

Wishing you all good health in the coming weeks and thank you for your continued support.

Le gach dea-ghuí
Nóra Lynch
Principal St. Brigid's N.S.

Dates for Diary

- 3rd December: Green-School Flag Raising Ceremony.
- 3rd December: Half-Day School Closure 12pm (staff training).
- 17th December: Festivities Day.
- 20th December: Christmas Bumper Raffle.
- 22nd December: School Closes at 12pm for Christmas Holidays.
- 6th January: School Re-opens at 9am.