



## Saint Brigid's School Newsletter February 2020

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### Dates for your Diary

**Ceremony of Light:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>  
February at 7.30pm.

**School Closed** on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of  
February for mid-term break.

Hello & welcome to our February newsletter. We look forward to longer and brighter days and the spring flowers blooming this month.

We would like to welcome Ms. Corcoran to our staff. She is teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class.

Please remember to read all communication that comes home. Please visit our school website ([www.ticknevinns.ie](http://www.ticknevinns.ie)) to keep yourself updated on all current school information. Our Twitter account on our website is updated weekly.

We would like to remind all parents that the teacher's duty of care to your children is from 9am to 2:40pm. Children who are on the school grounds before 8.55am or after school are not supervised by the teaching staff. No responsibilities are accepted for pupils outside of these times.

### **Ceremony of Light**

The Ceremony of Light will take place on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> of February at 7:30pm. This is an important ceremony for the children preparing for their Confirmation.

### **Confirmation Retreat**

The children in 6<sup>th</sup> class will attend a retreat in preparation for their Confirmation on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **Confirmation**

The children in 6<sup>th</sup> class will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March at 11am.

### **Swimming**

As part of our PE curriculum the children in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class will commence swimming lessons on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of February. The lessons will run for six weeks.

### **Aldi Play Rugby Competition**

We have registered with Aldi to take part in their sponsorship project, where we will be in with a chance to win a €50,000 upgrade to our sports facilities just by collecting tokens while shopping at Aldi. For every €30 or more spent in one transaction you will receive an Aldi Play Rugby sticker in store. You then give sticker(s) to your child to bring to school, where we have a GIANT Aldi Play Rugby poster on display. Once we have 300 stickers we can submit an entry into the draw. The competition runs until 24<sup>th</sup> April. Thanks in advance for your support.

### **Parents Association**

A lovely spiritual mass was held on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January to celebrate St. Brigid's Day and Grandparents Day.

We thank Fr. Murphy for officiating at our mass.

We would like to express our thanks to all the children, past pupils, parents, The Parents Association and teachers who helped in any way to collect rushes or make crosses for St Brigid's Day. We would also like to thank the parents who gave up their time to sell crosses after parish masses. A massive €1,227 has been raised from the sales of crosses for school's funds!! On your children's behalf our very proactive PA have been working hard to ensure monies are available to our school. The PA will use funds to subsidise the cost of buses for swimming and the confirmation retreat.

### **Greenschools**

As part of our quest to become a greener school we wish to cut down on our paper usage. If you would like to have the newsletter e-mailed to you, please send your email address into your child's class teacher.

### **Primary Language Curriculum**

As you may be aware, a new primary language curriculum for English and Irish has been developed by the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) for all primary schools. Teachers and children from junior infants to sixth class are now engaging and experiencing this new curriculum. The NCCA has published an information leaflet for parents <https://www.ncca.ie/media/4054/info-sheetfor-parents-english.pdf>

### **HSE**

The HSE 'under the weather' website has been updated recently with information for parents and schools on managing common illnesses

<https://www2.hse.ie/underthe-weather/>

### **Full School Uniform**

All pupils must wear the full and proper school uniform each and every day. The school uniform is a fundamental part of the school identity and underscores all areas of school life. Thank you to all families who comply every day with the school's policy helping therefore to give their child a sense of belonging to our school community, a sense of pride of appearance, learning to be organized and a great grounding for what lies ahead in secondary school and in work life.

### **School Uniform Reminder**

The uniform offers a range of choice while trying to minimise cost. The school uniform consists of a combination of the following:

Navy tracksuit bottoms (no markings or stripes)/Navy trousers

Navy jumper (with school crest)

White shirt/polo shirt

Navy pinafore

Appropriate footwear

On Physical Education days tracksuit and runners to be worn by all pupils.

### **Helping Parents with the Transition to Post Primary School**

An online advice booklet is available for parents to help prepare themselves and their children for the move to post-primary education. The booklet includes advice on several different topics including the practicalities of adapting to a new timetable, screen time etc. The booklet is available to download from [www.folens.ie](http://www.folens.ie).

### **Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday the 11th of February. The theme is "Together for a Better Internet." Webwise is a very useful & invaluable website where all the latest apps are explained, how they work, what the risks are, settings within apps and age limit etc. The content on the website is kept up to date with all the latest apps explained. See [www.webwise.ie](http://www.webwise.ie) and under the Parents tab, you can find Apps Explained.

### **Day World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th of March. All pupils will receive a World Book Day Book Token worth €1.50 to use towards a book at participating bookshops. The book token can be swapped for one of a choice of 12 books (list of this year's books is available on [www.worldbookday.com/books](http://www.worldbookday.com/books)) or the book token can be used to get €1.50 off a full price book.

### **Communication with teachers**

We would like to remind all parents that teachers begin their classroom teaching at 9am. Please do not delay a teacher getting to their classroom in the morning. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher you can make an appointment or write a note. Please encourage your child to line up independently in the morning and walk into school with their class.

### **Early Collections**

Early collections need to be communicated in writing in advance. In order for smooth running of the school day we remind parents that early collections are only for essential matters such as urgent family reasons and specific medical issues. We are required to record all early collections on our attendance system.

Please remember to check that all children have the required items for school each day to avoid any unnecessary interruptions to teaching and learning. Any forgotten items can be left in the drop off box, which will be located at the school door from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February. Please ensure your child's name is labelled on any items and it will be checked at break time. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

Le gach dea-ghuí  
N. Lynch