



Saint Brigid's School Newsletter
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Dates for
your Diary

- Tuesday, 18th June** - Portmarnock Beach trip - 2nd, 3rd, 4th class.
- Friday, 21st June** - Sports Day
- Sunday, 23rd June** - Hook a Duck
- Monday, 24th June** - 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th class school tour
- Wednesday, 26th June**- 6th class Graduation Mass and raising our Green Flag
- Friday, 28th June** -Summer Holidays at 12 noon.
- Monday 2nd September** - School re-opens at 9.00am

Welcome to our final newsletter of this school year! A busy month ahead as children head off on their school tour and prepare to finish another year's schoolwork & learning.

Academic School Year 2019/20

The class splits will be as the follows for the next school year.

Junior, Senior Infants & 1st class
2nd & 3rd class
4, 5th & 6th class

Drumming Workshop

On Friday the 7th of June all children took part in a drumming workshop with Eddie O'Neill and got the opportunity to play many different drums. The workshop was funded by The Parents Association.

Field trip.

Nuala Madigan from Irish Peatlands Conservation Council will visit our school on Friday 14th of June. All children will get the opportunity to complete hands on activities in the bog and they will learn about the flora and fauna of the habitat. Please ensure the children wear suitable footwear. The field trip will be funded by The Parents Association.

Active Schools Week

Active Schools Week will take place from the 17th to 21st June. Ensure children wear their school tracksuit and runners for the week. We are looking forward to an action packed week for all.

On Monday the 17th of June each class will take part in a Zumba Workshop.

Hook a Duck.

The annual Hook a Duck Day will take place on Sunday 23rd June from 2-5pm. Our sincere thanks to all those who are involved in organising or helping out on the day. Tickets have been sent home today with each family and we would appreciate any support. Volunteers are still required and your support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Parents Association if you are available. Please support this fun family day out.

Senior School Tour

3rd - 6th class will go to Bay Sports on Monday 24th of June. Details have been sent out to all families. Please note carefully the departure and arrival times of the bus.

Graduation Mass

The Graduation Mass for our 6th class pupils will take place on Wednesday the 26th of June at 12pm. A small presentation will also be made to the 2nd class children who received their First Holy Communion in May.

We will also proudly raise our Green Flag for Global Citizenship and the Marine Environment. All welcome to attend on the day!

Parents Association

The Parents Association held a successful church gate collection over the weekend. Many thanks to all the parents who helped over the weekend. We are extremely grateful to our wonderful Parents Association. Each member gives freely of their time and energy. Events are organised for the children at school and funds are raised to enhance the learning experiences of the children. This year the Parents Association has contributed to the cost of buses, and speakers that came to visit our school. As we approach the end of another school year we say a huge thank you to the Parents Association members for all they do to support St. Brigid's and your children, so

that we can provide the school with the resources your children deserve.

Gaelic Football

Well done to all the boys and girls who were part of the school's football teams this year. The senior team successfully reached the semi finals. Each team represented our school with pride. They showed great dedication and determination and should be very proud of their achievements.

Book Rental

The book lending scheme for children in 3rd - 6th class will go ahead for the next school year. This scheme covers all the books and workbooks that the children will require. The cost of 35 euro must be paid by Wednesday 19th June.

Sports Day

Our Annual Sports Day will take place on Friday the 21st June. (weather permitting). Details of team colours/t-shirt colour will be distributed to each family shortly. All are welcome to join in the fun at 11am. The Parents Association are kindly organising a treat for the children on the day.

End of Year Reports

School reports will be sent home with the oldest child in each family on the Thursday the 13th of June. You will also receive a copy of the school calendar for next year, your child's booklist/stationery list.

Please remember that report cards are for parents not children. They are information for you on how your child has progressed throughout the school year and the comments of their class teacher. Research indicates that undue stress is sometimes caused to some children, particularly with regards to STEN scores in English & Maths. Again be aware that these standardised tests are but a snapshot of reading and comprehension and mathematical skills. The most important information with regards to your child(ren)'s learning is what you receive from their class teacher who has worked with them over a long period of time. Please read report yourself only and discuss the contents of report (at an age appropriate level if you deem appropriate) with your child and praise their efforts.

Primary Science and Maths

We recently received the good news that we were successful in our application for the 'Science Foundation of Ireland' plaque for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). Well done to all the pupils and teachers

involved in co-ordinating the application.

SeaKeepers Project

The children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th have just completed the SeaKeepers Challenge in which we learned about 6 native Irish marine species. Assessments were completed at the start of the challenge and at the end of the challenge to measure learning. Based on this we were selected as the winners of a free Beach Exploration Workshop. The workshop will be delivered by Green-Schools Global Citizenship Marine Environment staff, who have considerable experience in marine ecology and environmental education. The Workshop will take place on Portmarnock Beach on Tuesday the 18th of June. Transport costs to and from the workshop will be covered by Green Schools. Further information and consent forms have been sent home by Ms. McCabe today. Huge congratulations to the children involved for their enthusiasm and hard work throughout the challenge.

Attendance

Parents are reminded that all absences from school must be excused with a written note stating reason for absence. Unexplained absences will be recorded and reported as 'unexplained'. All schools are legally obliged to make a report to the National Education Welfare Board when a pupil is absent for a cumulative 20 days or more.

Sixth Class

As our group of boys & girls in 6th class enter their last few weeks of Primary School, we take this opportunity to wish them well as they head on to their next phase of education. We hope they take with them all they have learnt in St. Brigid's NS - especially the values we promote and their many talents. We are very proud of you all!

Happy Holidays.

Our school will close at 12 noon on Friday the 28th of June for the summer holidays. With another school year nearly complete, we find ourselves looking back at the tremendous accomplishments of our children and staff over the past year, while we look ahead with excitement to the next school year. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our thanks to each and every one of you. To all the children we extend our thanks for the enthusiasm and effort you show every day. You have worked hard throughout the year. We hope the summer brings time for you to relax, have fun and recharge for a new school year. We thank our staff members, both in classrooms and behind the scenes. We appreciate the professionalism and dedication they demonstrate every day. When we return in September there will be plenty of challenges and we look forward with great excitement. We wish everybody a happy, safe & hopefully sunny summer break!

Le gach dea-ghuí,
N. Lynch.