



Saint Brigid's School Newsletter March 2019



Dates for your Diary

- First Confession:** Wednesday 13th of March at 7pm
- Lá Glas:** Friday 15th of March.
Non-uniform day and Seachtaine na Gaeilge Ceolchoirm 1.10pm-1.40pm.
- School Closed** on Monday 18th of March for St. Patrick's Day bank holiday
- Daffodil Day Fundraiser:** Tuesday the 19th of March.
- Green Schools:** Marine inspired dress up day on Friday 22nd of March

Confirmation

We would like to congratulate all the children from 6th class who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday the 27th of February.

First Confession

The children in 2nd class will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday the 13th of March at 7pm.

Seachtain Na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge begins on Monday 11th of March. We have planned lots of activities for the

children to take part in. We would ask parents to help their children at home with the following.

-Encourage your child to use Irish phrases they have learned in school at home.

-Ask your child about the activities they are doing for Seachtain na Gaeilge.

Lá Glas

To celebrate Seachtaine Na Gaeilge, we are holding a non-uniform day on Friday 15th of March. Children should wear at least one green item of clothing; we encourage the children to be as creative as possible. The cost of the non-uniform day is €2 per child or €5 per family.

As part of our Lá Glas celebrations we will be holding a ceolchoirm, where each class will have the opportunity to showcase our culture through a performance they have worked on throughout Seachtaine na Gaeilge. The ceolchoirm will begin at 1:10pm and finish at 1:40pm and all parents are welcome.

Primary Science and Maths Award

All children continue to work hard on their science activities. The senior

classes are currently working on activities to celebrate Engineers Week.

Science Workshop

Scott Ziglinski will visit our school on Friday the 5th of April to complete science workshops with each class.

Science Week

Science week will begin on Monday the 8th of April. The children in 4th and 5th class will visit Mountlucas Windfarm on Tuesday the 9th of April. All classes will take part in a Science Showcase on Wednesday the 10th of April.

Green Schools

We would like to say a huge well done to all the children who entered our poster and slogan competition. The entries showed creativity and an excellent understanding of the importance of caring for our marine environment. The winners were as follows:

Michael in Ms. Maher's room, Nathan in Ms. McCabe's room and Emma in Ms. Barry's room. The following slogan was created by Leah, Abbie, Clodagh Mc, Megan, Jack, Joe and Kyle in the senior classes **"We can win the Biggest Battles with the Smallest of Actions. Less Plastic is Fantastic, more Plastic is Drastic"**

This slogan will represent our Green Schools Mission and will be proudly displayed on our Green Schools Notice Board.

On Tuesday the 12th of March, the children in 6th class will take part in a canal clean up as part of our application for our green flag. Spring Clean Ireland have provided hi-vis vests and protective gloves.

On Thursday the 14th of March the whole school will take part in our Annual Spring Clean. Children are asked to bring a cloth/sponge to school.

On Tuesday the 19th of March Dara Wyer from Kildare County Council will call to the school to interview the Green Schools Committee about all the activities we have undertaken throughout the year.

On Friday the 22nd of March we will host a marine inspired dress up day to further raise awareness about our marine environment. Children are asked to dress up in a way that represents the marine environment, which includes our oceans and beaches. Ideas could include dressing up as a sea creature, in marine inspired colours, as a pirate, a sailor, representing a marine activity etc. We encourage you to be as creative as you wish and to most of all have fun.

The children in 2nd, 3rd and 4th have been chosen to take part in a pilot project called the SeaKeepers Challenge which aims to enhance children's knowledge and

understanding of marine biodiversity. Throughout this project the children will study six native Irish marine species.

The Green Schools Committee would like to remind children of our efforts to reduce single use plastics in the school and encourage everyone to use reusable bottles and lunchboxes to reduce lunchtime plastic waste.

Gaelic Football

Football training will begin for the schools U10 and senior teams next Monday at 12.30pm. The senior team will play their first game before the end of term. Further details to follow on the up-coming games. All support is very welcome. Best of luck to all involved.

Daffodil Day

Bernie and Paula have organised a fundraiser for Daffodil Day on Tuesday the 19th of March. Each child who donates €2 will receive hot chocolate, a treat and a daffodil pin. All donations received on the day will go towards the Irish Cancer Society.

Sponsored Walk

The Parents Association Sponsored Walk will take place on Sunday the 7th of April. Further details and sponsor cards will follow. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Board of Management News Code of Behaviour

The Board of Management would like to inform all parents that a review of the Code of Behaviour policy has taken place.

Child Safeguarding Statement

In accordance with the requirements of Children First Act 2015 and Child Protection Guidelines 2017 the Board of Management of St. Brigid's NS has reviewed the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. A copy of the statement will be available to view on our website www.ticknevin.ie. The designated liaison person for St. Brigid's NS on all child protection issues is Ms. Lynch and the deputy designated liaison person is Ms. McCabe.

March is a very busy month for our school. We thank you for your continued support.