



St. Brigid's National School

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Reminders: Child Safeguarding

The school plays an important role in Child Protection/Safeguarding and all staff members are trained in this responsibility. Should you have any concern please note that the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) is Nóra Lynch and the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDL) is Grace Conneally.

Late Arrivals/Early Collections

For health and safety reasons, should a pupil need to leave the school during the day for any reason, e.g. medical appointments, dental appointments or should a pupil arrive late to school, this needs to be recorded on Aladdin. We ask that parents inform us one day in advance of any early collection via the Aladdin Connect app. Pupils leaving early will be brought to the main gate where they will need to be signed out. All pupils arriving after 9.00am must be signed in by an adult. **We ask that children are only taken out of school early if absolutely necessary.** We appreciate your cooperation with this matter.

Morning Supervision

Our school starts at 9.00am. The school provides supervision from 8.50am-9.00am, where the pupils can make their way to their classrooms. **Pupils must not be on the school grounds prior to 8.50am.**

Communication with teachers

Staff members can be contacted by making an appointment through the school office only. Please email secretary@ticknevinns.ie if you wish to make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher. If you need to contact the school during the day the most effective method is by emailing the office. We do not have full time office hours; therefore, please email any messages to the school office. The drop off and collection time is very busy and staff are needed for supervision to ensure the safety of the children so please try not to use this time to deliver messages or ask questions.

Secondary School Visit

Pupils from 6th class visited Oaklands Community College recently and got the opportunity to see the school and the different classrooms. Sixth class pupils were also invited to St. Mary's Secondary School last week for STEM Week, where they got to see the school and got the opportunity to sample some STEM subjects (such as Tech Graphics).

Maths Week 2023

Maths Week took place last week and all classes got the opportunity to engage in different mathematical activities to mark it. We had a busy, fun-filled week with challenges, maths activities, a maths trail and daily maths problems. Please keep an eye on our Twitter/X page for pictures of maths activities during the week. Many thanks to Ms. McCabe for organising the activities for the week.



Tag Rugby Blitz

Pupils from 4th-6th classes will take part in a Tag Rugby Blitz in Edenderry Rugby Club on Tuesday, 24th October. Further detail to follow with permission forms and bus details.

Green-Schools Committee

Our new Green-Schools Committee is now in place. They will be working together to make our school cleaner, greener and more environmentally friendly. This year we are working towards our Green-Schools Flag in Global Citizenship: Litter and Waste. Our Green-Schools Committee consists of Ben (Junior Infants), Ryan (Senior Infants), Tom (1st class), Cassie (2nd class), Tommy (3rd class), Billy (4th class), Cara (4th class), Isabella (5th class), Orla (5th class), Charlie (6th class) and Niamh (6th class).

Students Council

St. Brigid's N.S. held an election process for a Student Council in the senior classes. Congratulations to Billy (4th class), Michael (4th class), Orla (5th class), Lauren (5th class), Niamh (6th class) and Fionn (6th class) who were elected by their classmates. We believe that pupils have a vital role to play in creating a positive and welcoming school environment conducive to learning and happiness. Our Student Council will play a significant role in achieving this.

Halloween Fancy Dress/Non-Uniform Day

As part of our active school activities we will hold a 'Spooky Walk' on Friday, 27th October. This will be a non-uniform day and children are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes, if they wish. Each class will get the opportunity to take part in the walk around our Active School Walkway. Opening and closing will be as normal on Friday, 27th October. (Please do not allow children to bring in any items such as replica guns, swords, accessories etc.) Each family is asked to support this event and bring €2 per child. All funds will go towards school resources. Many thanks for your support.

Clothes Collection

A clothes collection is organised for Wednesday, 15th of November as a fundraiser. This will give you the opportunity to clear out the wardrobes during the midterm break. Please have clothes dropped to the school on that morning before 10am. All clothing must be placed in black bags. Clothing must be in a reusable and wearable state.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher Meetings for all classes will take place face-to-face/by phone during the week of **November 20th to 24th**. Parents will book their chosen time-slots for their PT meetings via the Aladdin Connect app. The booking system will open on the week of Monday, 6th November.

It is very important to communicate with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. Please ensure you arrive promptly at your appointment time. Meetings will be **10 minutes** in duration and we ask that parents knock on the classroom door at their appointment time for face-to-face meetings. Please be mindful not to delay, parents will be waiting as meeting times are scheduled back to back. If you require a longer meeting, an alternative meeting will have to be arranged at a later date. This will ensure that any concern can be discussed properly and without encroaching on another parent's allocated time.

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Team Hope's Christmas Shoebox Appeal is an annual campaign that delivers gifts straight into the hands of children affected by poverty. Every year we are proud to support the Team Hope Shoebox appeal. We are asking families to put together a shoebox of gifts that will be given to a child affected by poverty across Africa and Eastern Europe. Please include €5 with each shoebox in the envelope provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach the children about the importance of giving to those less fortunate so we hope that as many people as possible will get involved. All shoeboxes must be returned to the school by **Monday, 6th November**. We also accept filled shoeboxes from friends and neighbours. Additional leaflets are available from the school if required. Please see <http://teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/> for more information.



Food Dudes Phase 2

Our Food Dudes Week for phase 2 will commence on Monday, 4th December. Each pupil will receive 5 days of complementary fresh fruit and vegetable delivered in fully compostable packaging with exciting optional ideas to celebrate healthy eating.

Peace Proms 2024

We are very excited to say that our choir will be taking part in Peace Proms again this year. The concert will take place in **The RDS on Sunday, 4th February at 1pm**. There will be a pre-performance rehearsal on this day and we will be operating drop-off/collection at the RDS. The choir are also asked to attend a Peace Proms rehearsal. This will take place in **The National Indoor Arena in Blanchardstown on Thursday 7th, December at 12.30pm**. A bus will be organised from the school for this workshop. Tickets for the concert will go on sale on Wednesday 1st November (please make a note of this as it is over midterm break).

New Board of Management 2023-2027

The process of electing two new parent nominees to the new Board of Management has begun and all parents received information from the school last week. Further information and updates about the process will be circulated this week.

Parents' Association Weekly Raffle

The Parents' Association Weekly Raffle commenced on Friday, 20th October. A link has been sent out to all families. The raffle costs €2 per week, per family (€10 for five weeks (€2 x 5 weeks/€10)). Many thanks to all the families for their support.

Christmas Card Fundraiser

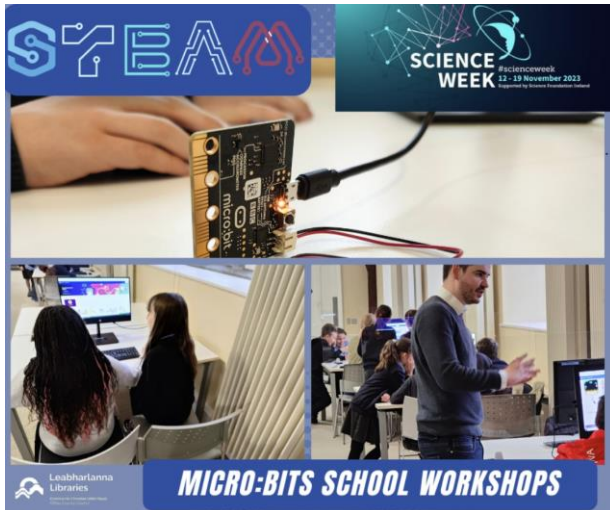
The pupils will design their own Christmas cards, which will be printed with their name, class and school name on the back. Parents will be able to order these in due course. Further detail to follow.

Setanta Book Club

Setanta Book Club brochures have gone home with all pupils. If you would like to purchase any of the books you can order through the school. Please return the order forms and the payment required in a sealed envelope before Friday, 27th October.

Parent Survey

Parent Surveys for our DEIS (Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools) plans will be circulated to parent in the coming week. We appreciate your feedback and cooperation with this matter.



Micro:Bits School Workshop

Science Week takes place from 13th-17th November. To celebrate Science Week pupils from 4th-6th classes will attend Edenderry Library on Friday, 17th November to take part in a Micro:Bits School Workshop. Pupils will get the opportunity to work on basic coding. They will work in groups to design characters and use Micro:Bits on PCs to create their own games.

Date for Sacraments

The parish office wishes to inform you that The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on **Thursday, 7th March** in Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn at 11am.

The First Holy Communion will take place on Friday, **10th May** in Holy Trinity Church, Derrinturn at 11am.

Aladdin Connect-Calendar Section

All upcoming events for the remainder of the school year, as they become known to us, will be recorded on the Aladdin Connect app, in the 'Calendar' section. Please check the Aladdin Connect app regularly for notifications.

Midterm Break

St. Brigid's N.S. will close for midterm break on Friday, 27th October and will reopen on **Monday, November 6th at 9am**. We trust everyone will enjoy the well-deserved break after such busy half-term.

Le gach dea-ghuí

Nóra Lynch

Principal St. Brigid's N.S.

