



CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2018  
ST. BRIGID'S PRIMARY, NURSERY SCHOOL,  
FS/KS1 AUTISTIC & KS2 LEARNING SUPPORT CLASSES



*Dear Parents,*

*December 2018*

The autumn term and the 2018 calendar year are coming to an end. This term has been exiting, successful, and enjoyable for both pupils and staff.

We launched our new website on 16 November. We hope you enjoy sharing in the news and events. Beginning in January we are going paperless so in future the Newsletter and letters to parents will be available online only. We wish to be an eco-friendly school. The Open Day on Thursday 29 November, Big Bedtime Read on Tuesday 20 November and the Book Fair on the same week were a great success. We sold £2238 of books and all profit was used to enhance the Reading Resources for each class.

A special thank you to Miss Orla McNamara for organising the event, Mr M Doherty, Mr A Ryan and Miss E McMaster who read and to all those who helped at the Book Fair.

Years 3 to 7 performed the Nativity Story in St Brigid's Church on Monday 17 December, many thanks to all the staff for their good work in sharing the Nativity Story with the Whole School Community.

The Nativity plays in Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 took place in school on Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 December.

Santa Claus came to visit all pupils on to celebrate Christmas.

I would like to thank you for your commitment to St. Brigid's Primary, Nursery School and Special Classes.

Best wishes

Mary McCallion

**Nursery and Year One digital applications** are to be completed online for the EA this year. We will run an admission online support group in the Computer Suite in January 2019 to assist parents. The closing date for Nursery and Year 1 applications is **Thursday 31 January 2019 at 12 midnight**.

Prospectus and other information is available from the school office. We will take copies of the required documents eg Birth Certificates and proof of residence at the school office.

If for any reason you or your friends could not attend the Open Day held on Thursday 29 November but would like to meet the Nursery or Year 1 class teachers, please telephone the office to make arrangements to visit, we will be happy to see you.

We ask you to share your views about St Brigid's Primary school with all of your friends and family.



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

New term begins Monday 7 January for pupils.

Nursery and Year 1 digital applications closing date is Thursday 31 January at 12 midnight.  
(We will offer technical support to anyone requiring it in school)

Staff Day: Friday 15 February Day No Pupils

Mid Term: Monday 18, Tuesday 19 and Wednesday 20 February inclusive

Tuesday 5 March Pupils/Parents Show and Tell Afternoon

Monday 18 March – St Patrick's Day Bank Holiday

Thursday 18 April Staff Day No Pupils

Term ends: Friday 19 April – 26 April for Easter holidays

New term begins Monday 29 April 2019



The Breakfast Club will resume on Monday 7 January at 8.30 a.m.

Year 1, 2 and 3 reading clubs will also resume on this day.

All other After School Clubs will begin later in January weather permitting.  
You will receive notification of the dates and times.



# That Christmas Feeling 2018!

Dear Santa,

I hope you have a good Christmas. I will leave milk and cookies for you. I will also leave you carrots for your reindeers. All I need is a good Christmas.

Lots of love from Ava Y3



Dear Santa,

I hope you are feeling good with your reindeers too. I am leaving you coke and cookies and carrots for them. How do you deliver all those presents around the world? I have been good at school and the house. Can I have Man Utd gloves and goalkeeper kit and Stretch Vac Man?

Your friend, Matthew Y3



Each class helped to celebrate the Nativity story in the Church on Monday 17 December. They retold the story and sang hymns and carols. In addition, pupils from Nursery, Year 1 and 2 performed the Christmas story for all their families and other classes.



## Friendship Ingredients

A dollop of love  
A cup full of kindness  
Three packets of trust  
A jar of loyalty  
2 spoonfuls of smiles  
A sprinkle of honesty  
A teaspoon of patience  
2 tablespoons of fun



Thank you to Mrs McGowan's class for their lovely assembly on creating a friendship recipe!

## Method

- 1 First mix the ingredients together.
- 2 Put in some time and effort.
- 3 Bake well in a warm heart
- 4 And finally enjoy a perfect friendship.





# NEWS AROUND THE SCHOOL



The Year 4 pupils had a great time investigating colour by doing chromatography experiments for their STEM work this term.

Year 6 pupils enjoyed dressing up for the annual fancy dress fashion show at Hallowe'en.



Year 7 pupils visited some of the post Primary schools this term. The boys attended a Minecraft workshop at St Joseph's while the girls attended St Cecelia's College and St Mary's for creative Christmas activities.



The Year 7 pupils have completed their Volcano STEM project by investigating acids and alkalines to create a chemical reaction which makes the volcano explode!



## Duathlon – 29.11.18

Well done to all those Year 6 and 7 pupils who performed so well in this year's St Mary's College Primary School Duathlon. The Duathlon involved two 400 metre runs and a 400 metre cycle. All children showed great stamina and endurance to complete the event. A big thank you goes to St Mary's College for hosting us. It really was a great day for all!



Thanks to Mrs Thompson for organising a great variety of after-school clubs for all of our pupils this term. Thank you to all staff and community members for running the clubs. We look forward to Spring Term 2019!

MONDAY	Y1/2/3 Lego/Games Thinking Skills	Y1 Football Club	Y4-7 Homework Computers	Y5-7 Gaelic club	Y3-5 UIC T Scratch Coding Club	TIME Y1,2,3 = 2:30-3:15 Y4,5,6,7 = 3:15-4:15
TUESDAY	Y1 Art/Craft Club	Y2 Football Club	Y4-7 Cross Country	Y4-7 Homework	Y4 Football Club	Y1,2,3 = 2:30-3:15 Y4,5,6,7 = 3:15-4:15
WEDNESDAY	Y2 Art/Craft	Y3 Football	Y4-7 Homework Computers	Y4-7 Mathletics Club	Y4-7 Art /Craft Club Y7 Study Skills	Y1,2,3 = 2:30-3:15 Y4,5,6,7 = 3:15-4:15
THURSDAY	Y3 Art/Craft Club	Y2/3 Mathletics	Y4-7 Lego and Games	Y4-7 Drama Club		Y1,2,3 = 2:30-3:15 Y4,5,6,7 = 3:15-4:15





#### NERVE CENTRE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Nerve Centre staff have been supporting pupils across the school with sound recording and editing skills using Garage Band and iMovie. Pupils are creating Podcasts, radio plays, voiceovers for animations and audio biographies.

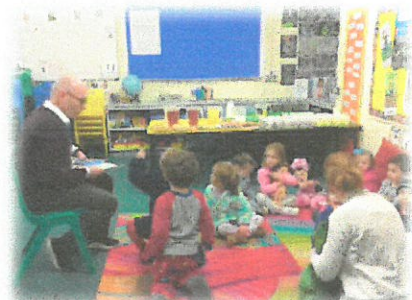
#### FOOTBALL TEAM MAKE BRILLIANT START TO SEASON

A run of six matches unbeaten has seen St Brigid's P.S. climb to the top of the Outer North Primary School League. Pupils from Y4-7 have put in some outstanding performances which we hope will continue into the new year. We would like to thank the coaches from the Ryan McBride Foundation whose support has been invaluable this year. We acknowledge the time and commitment shown by Mr Ryan and Mr Divin who manage the team.



Year 1 pupils had a visit from the dental nurse and decided to give Roo a check-up!

## THE BIG BEDTIME READ



Well done to Mr Ryan, Mr Doherty and Miss McMaster for reading the bedtime stories to Nursery, Year 1 and 2 pupils. Once again, the Big Bedtime Read was a great success this November. The children came dressed in their pyjamas and even brought their favourite teddies. Parents and grandparents had tea and browsed the Book Fair products in the hall. Thank you to Miss McNamara for organising the book fair which raised £2220.00. Thank you to all who supported this event.

#### EA DIGITAL ADMISSIONS FOR NURSERY AND YEAR1



The EA have changed applications to DIGITAL for Nursery and Year 1 for September 2019.

We will support you by providing technical assistance in early January.

Please call the office (02871 351929) on or before **Friday 4 January 2019** to find out more regarding the support available.

School ends at lunchtime on Thursday 20 December - if your child goes to the canteen, they should be finished by 12.15 pm and if they do not go to the canteen they can be collected from 12.15pm. The new term begins on Monday 7 January 2019 and all pupils should attend.

**ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!**

