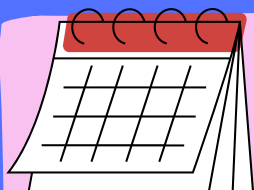




St. Brigid's B.N.S. Killester



MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Easter Holidays - Friday 31st March.

School will finish at 12 noon on this day. Rang Réalta and Seomra Spraoi will finish at 11:30am.

A Primary Language Curriculum Inservice Workshop will take place for teachers tomorrow Wednesday 22nd March. As a result, school will close for pupils on this day.



Jumpstart Summer Camp



**JULY
3RD-7TH**



**St. Brigid's B.N.S.
9:30 am - 1:30pm**



**A SUMMER CAMP FOR BOYS STARTING JUNIOR
INFANTS IN ST. BRIGID'S B.N.S. IN SEPTEMBER 2023**

**Outdoor games, treasure hunt, story telling,
dress up day, music, art and more!**

Further details and registration form will be available after Easter.

Seachtain na Gaeilge

Seachtain na Gaeilge a bhí ann an seachtain seo chaite. D'eagraíodh alán gníomhaíochtaí sa scoil chun an seachtain a ceiliúradh.

Bhí Raidió Naomh Bríd ar siúl ar feadh na seachtaine. Bhaineamar taitneamh as 'Dúisigí agus Crithigí' agus bhí ceolchoirm againn freisin. Tháinig grúpa cheoil ó Comhaltas Craobh Seán Treacy isteach chun cúpla poirt a sheinm dúinn ar an Céadaoin.

Ar an Déardaoin bhí an-craic againn leis an Céilí sa halla agus bhí chuile duine gléasta i nglas.

Seachtain iontach a bhí ann!

Last week was Seachtain na Gaeilge. There were lots of activities happening throughout the week to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge.

We had our very own radio station (Radió Naomh Bríd) on air each morning. We enjoyed "Wake Up, Shake Up" (as gaeilge). We also had a visit from a group of musicians from Comhaltas, who played us a few tunes! We had a big céilí in the hall on Thursday and we all dressed in green. It was a brilliant week!



NUT BASED FOODS

Please ensure that your child does not bring any nut-based foods to school as there are pupils with NUT allergies in various classes. Even minor traces of nuts could trigger serious allergic reactions for a child which would necessitate emergency treatment.



TRÓCAIRE

Trócaire boxes have been distributed to all classes and should be returned to the school no later than Tuesday 28th March.

ATTENTION

To determine the number on roll for September 2023 we would like to be advised in writing as soon as possible if for any reason your son will not be returning to St. Brigid's B.N.S. this coming September.



It is vital that your son's teacher is informed of school pick up arrangements. Your child should be aware of these arrangements and any changes must be communicated to the class teacher/school secretary. Teachers are not allowed to hand over pupils to another adult without prior knowledge and consent.

Happy EASTER

Wishing all of our school community a very Happy Easter!

I hope you all have a lovely restful break, and I look forward to welcoming the boys back for our final term of this academic year.

*Le gach dea-ghuí,
Ms. Cullen*

SPORT



Soccer

The Senior Soccer Team will be starting their league campaign this week with a game this Thursday at 3pm against St. Fiachras S.N.S. A selection of boys from our senior classes will be representing St. Brigid's B.N.S. at the FAI 5-a-side competition on the 29th March in Irishtown.

GAA

Boys in 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class are currently taking part in GAA coaching session with Ciarán from Raheny GAA.



The Senior Schools Hurling Competition will begin after Easter. We are very much looking forward to this!

Garda Vetting

We depend on parents to help us run different initiatives within the school and to help with school tours. All volunteers working/assisting in our school need to be Vetted. If you are available and would like to help, please call in to Maeve in the school office to fill out a Vetting Invitation Form. You will need to bring with you two pieces of ID (one must be photographic) to be validated and copied.

Sacraments

Congratulations to both 2nd Classes who recently celebrated their First Penance. The boys were a credit to their families and school. A special thank you to their teachers Mr. O' Brien and Ms. Phelan.

The Service of Light took place on Thursday 9th March for our 6th Class boys. The boys are working hard in preparation for their Confirmation. Míle Buíochas to Mr. Noone and Mr. McNamara for all their hard work.



PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Fundraiser Lotto



St. Brigid's B.N.S. Fundraiser Lotto

Your support makes a real difference

Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

Play
Pick 4 numbers
The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay
1 line for €2.00, 2 lines for €4 or 3 Lines for €5
Maximum 3 lines per person

Win
Match 4 numbers to win the Jackpot

Welcome to the St. Brigid's B.N.S. fundraiser lotto. This is a fundraising initiative and the money raised will be used to directly support your children's education and purchase resources for our school including an outdoor classroom, a sensory path and upgrading our ICT equipment.

We hope that the weekly option of 1 line for €2 will allow everybody to contribute. Please pass the word on and invite friends and family.

If you can contribute €5 for 3 lines it would be hugely appreciated and you never know you might just win.

Thank you so much.
Nuala Cullen, Principal and the Parents' Association

Join Now
Scan the QR code or go to our website



<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/stbrigidbrackillester>

Our winners of the weekly draws of €25 were:

Marcella Rochford on 9th March and Catherine Brougham on 16th March.

The winners of the spot prizes for our 1st draw were:

Stephen Duggan €100 Emerald Park Voucher

Colette McDonagh €50 Taza Voucher

Angelo Pantelides €25 Odeon Voucher

Martina Leddy €25 Odeon Voucher

Powered by Our Fundraiser – fundraising made easy

For more information email info@ourfundraiser.ie

Volunteers needed

Any parents available to help with the Communion Reception on Saturday 13th May or Confirmation Reception on Thursday 16th May- please email stbrigidsbnspa@gmail.com or text 0868916486.



P.A. Easter RAFFLE

1 Easter Egg to be won per class.

Plus 1 Junior Hamper and 1 Senior Hamper!

€1 per ticket. Tickets on sale through Aladdin from 22nd-29th March.

Draw takes place Thursday 30th March.

YOU COULD WIN!

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CO-CURRICULAR VISITS



4th Class visited The Oireachtas to learn about our Parliament and it's history and buildings.



6th Class joined Aaron Crampton (a past pupil) who hosted a walking tour of our local area, focusing on the hidden history of Killester in relation to WW1 and WW2.

KILMAINHAM GAOL

On Monday 20th March Mr McNamara and Mr Noone's 6th classes visited Kilmainham Jail for a fantastic tour exploring the rich history associated with this site. This account was written by boys from both 6th Classes.

The first area we visited was the court where prisoners were taken upon their arrival at the jail. We saw the stairwell that led to the holding cells where prisoners were kept before their hearings.

Next we went to the chapel and were shown a video of the history of the jail all the way back to the 1800s. We learned about the children who were housed in the jail for stealing food during Famine Times. We saw images of the destruction of Dublin city during the 1916 Easter Rising along with pictures of all the leaders. We were told all about the running of prison in the past. It was in this chapel that Grace Gifford and Joseph Mary Plunkett got married in the final hours before his execution.

Then we moved to the oldest corridor of the jail- the West Wing. These cells were made of limestone. This area was eerily cold and it was believed that ventilation kept the prison rid of disease. During Famine times this area was terribly overcrowded and women and children stayed in the corridor while the men were kept in the cells.

We visited the area known as the 1916 corridor. These are the three floors of cells which housed the leaders and other important figures of the 1916 Easter Rising. The landings were made of metal mesh so guards could see up and down between the floors. Countess Markievicz was kept here and we were told of her anger when she discovered she was not to be executed like the rest of the leaders due to her being a women.

Afterwards we got to see Parnell's Room - a more comfortable cell with a fireplace where leaders and prisoners sentenced to the death penalty spent their final hours. Grace Gifford got to stay here with James Plunkett for just ten minutes after their wedding.

We next moved to the East Wing. The first thing that struck us was the giant skylight which illuminated the whole wing. This was to remind the prisoners to look up to the heaven, reflect on their bad deeds and encourage them to make better choices before rejoining the outside world. The design of the wing allowed just one guard to keep an eye on the entire wing at all times. We also recognised the interior of the wing from the movie Paddington 2. We got to see Grace Plunkett's cell and we saw her mural of The Madonna.

Following this we went to The Stone Breakers yard- the area where prisoners were taken for exercise. This is also where the execution of the leaders of The Rising took place. A cross marks where James Connolly was executed from a chair due to his bad injuries received during the Easter weekend. Finally we got to the museum area where we saw a huge collection of artefacts that had been collected from The Rising, including a Thompson sub machine gun used by the British Army during the Rising, an original signed copy of the Proclamation read out by Pearse at the start of the Rising outside the GPO, a lock of Plunkett's hair which Grace Gifford kept and Grace's wedding ring.

This trip was memorable from start to finish. It gave us a deeper understanding and connection to this part of Irish history and gave us all a great sense of pride for the country we live in.

CHECK OUR OUR INSTAGRAM PAGE FOR PICTURES OF OUR VISIT TO KILMAINHAM GAOL!