May Newsletter

Calendar dates and special events

As per our calendar, all three schools (St Brigid’s and St Fergal’s) will be closed for break next week 3-7 May. We will see everyone back in school on Monday 10 May.

Our school theme for the month of May is ***Spraoi - outdoor creativity.*** We hope the sun will shine in May as we have lots of outdoor learning and fun planned. We will start next week dance-off event called Just Dance.

If anyone has left-over balls of wool, we will use them for an outdoor art activity.

We will be planting more flowers in our school garden to attract bees and butterflies.

Sadly, we will not be able to invite parents for sports day or graduation this year. Nor will we be taking classes out of school on tours. The children will not miss out and

Communication with the school

Do we have up-to-date addresses and phone numbers, including emergency contact numbers? We will be posting out school reports at the end of the school year.

Please call the office at 8348770 or email [info@stbrigidsinfantschool.ie](mailto:info@stbrigidsinfantschool.ie) for letting us know about absences.

Lunch

Every child gets a free lunch and bottle of water in a sealed, labelled bag. Milk and fruit are also provided. Lunch forms are available on request if you want to change your choices.

Milk and water are the only drinks allowed in school.

All children should bring in an empty lunch box to take home their uneaten lunch. Please do NOT let children eat lunch in the yard or on the way home.

There has been some littering on the school grounds and in our neighbours’ gardens. Please help us in our efforts to teach the children to care for our neighbourhood by putting all litter in the bin.

Health & Safety

We hope to play out on the front grass as the weather improves. If any children suffer from hay fever you may wish to seek advice from the pharmacist or doctor.

It’s great to see children walking, cycling and scooting for school. For the safety of all, bikes and scooters must be WHEELED in the yard.

All children must WALK to the gate under the close supervision of their parents every afternoon. If necessary, hold them by the hand until you reach the gate.

Please **keep right** as you walk up and down the path from the entrance gate.

Last week we were notified by Public Health about Covid-19 in one classroom. The pupils and staff concerned were invited for two tests and advised to restrict their movements. They moved to teaching and learning from home through Class Dojo during this time. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school soon. All up-to-date advice is available on [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie).

We have spare masks for any parents who have forgotten their masks. Please dispose of used masks in the bin or bring them home. Please don’t litter in our school grounds or in our neighbourhood.

Thank you for helping us to keep our school safe for all.

We love learning

Congratulations to all those children who have earned “Reading is Magic Awards” in April for their hard work and dedication to learning reading in school and at home. Hats off to their parents who have supported them in their learning.

The Board of Management purchased an online PM licence for EVERY child in Senior Infants and First Class so that they could access a regular supply of books from our school reading scheme PM Plus for practice at home. We strongly encourage all parents to avail of the opportunity. If you have any technical problems, the class teacher or Olwen will be happy to assist.

Every week in May each First class child will borrow a different maths game to be enjoyed by all the family. Olwen our Home School Liaison coordinator has made the games and practised with every first class. Fun for all the family introducing Maths 4 Fun at home. We would love to see some photos for our website.