**May Newsletter**

**Calendar dates**

Monday 29 April – St Brigid’s Infants, St Brigid’s Senior Girls and St Fergal’s will be closed for staff training in the new maths curriculum.

The school will be closed for one week on week 6 – 10 May.

Wed 22 May = Open Day for incoming Junior Infants

We will be in touch with parents of incoming Early Start about open day and visits to the children at home.

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| **School Attendance**  Poor attendance is impacting badly on children’s progress in literacy and numeracy. We will be contacting parents of poor attenders to discuss.  All late arrivals and early collections are recorded on a child’s attendance record. Lost minutes = lost learning.  All absences over 20 days must be reported to Education Welfare Service.  Shoutout to rooms 1, 16 and 8 who recently reached their class target of full attendance. Each class enjoyed a trip up to St Fergal’s playground. |

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| **School Tours** - Details about dates and prices on Class Dojo. |

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| **Summer fun at St Brigid’s**  Thank you for your support at our Easter fund-raising raffle. The children are enjoying breaktimes with skipping ropes, hula hoops, giant lego and our climbing walls.  **Family fun day**  There will be a big family fun day in June with stalls, games, music, prizes and hopefully sunshine. Watch this space…….. |

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| **Summer safety**  The Department of Education has written to all schools to suggest that children should wear a sun hat as part of their school uniform.  Sunburn in childhood can cause serious harm in later life.  A wide-brimmed hat that shades the back of the neck and the face is recommended. |

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| **Safety and respect around our school**  No dogs, no vapes, no cigarettes on the school grounds.  Children should wheel their bikes and scooters across the yard. We don’t want anyone to get hurt by a speeding bike or scooter.  Our traffic wardens are here to help the children cross the road safely. Please help them to do their job: keep the zig zags and double yellow lines clear. We hope that all our pupils and parents let our “lollipops” Ellen, Margaret and Sheila know how much we respect and value their contribution to our school community.  Please respect our neighbours on Wellmount Avenue and Wellmount Crescent. Don’t block their driveways or litter their street.  Some local schools have been chatting about making the school grounds a “no phone zone” so that parents and children can chat before and after school.  We would welcome your feedback on this idea please. |