



St. Brigid's Primary School
Haddington Road
Principal's Bulletin
June 2016

We've come to the end of another busy year and I would like to thank everybody involved in the St Brigid's school community....teachers and other staff members, pupils and their families, people of the parish and the wider community who work together to contribute to the great school we have here.

We have wonderful, enthusiastic pupils who put their very best efforts forward every day. They have shown how kind, caring, welcoming and friendly they are; they have worked very hard on all of the interesting topics their teachers have planned for them. In addition, they have represented our school very well in activities, events and trips outside of school. So many times this year, people have remarked on how well behaved and knowledgeable our pupils are, and how polite and respectful they are when meeting new people or taking a tour.



Our 6th Class pupils have completed their primary education and are ready to move into the next phase of their lives. We have no doubt that they are very well prepared and that they will represent St Brigid's very well. The girls will move on to many different secondary schools but have

made firm friendships which will always be with them.

6th Class completed so many projects, novels, activities, challenges and special events that it would be too difficult to list them all. I take this opportunity to offer them my congratulations and best wishes. We will follow your careers with great interest!

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Many of you will know Ms Margaret Irwin who has been our super Home School Liaison Teacher for the past five years. Ms Irwin will return to teaching in September....lucky boys who will have her! Ms Irwin has done a fantastic job and has organised great activities for both teachers and children. Our garden is filled with vegetables, salads, fruits and flowers...thanks to Ms Irwin.



Little green fingers were guided and encouraged, and there was great interest in watching as the first shoots of spring emerged, the first carrots

were munched and the first raspberries appeared.

Thank you Ms Irwin from everybody in St Brigid's.



Our fundraising campaign is going strong and our new school building is under construction. I offer my sincere thanks to the fundraising committee, and everybody who contributed in any way, large or small, to the fundraising effort. Below you can see how much our two schools have raised together this year.

Raffles:	€844
Cake Sales:	€3380
Donations:	€1487
Green Day	€909
Concert:	€15,355
Mini-marathon:	€6,660
Hair accessories:	€600
Mollie-Mae's book:	€170
Total:	€29,405

Special thanks are due to Bill Shanley and the concert organising team for a fabulous evening.



Ms Grace Ogle singing at the concert, accompanied by Bill Shanley, Paddy Sherlock, Richie Buckley and the house band.

Many thanks also to the many parents and friends who ran/jogged/walked the Mini-Marathon for us...and collected an amazing amount for our fund.



We still have a lot to raise in order to reach our target of €150,000 (min) and so we will be organising some more events and activities during the year. We are getting closer to our target with each event and greatly appreciate your contributions.



Thank you to the Mooney Family for the beautiful and very popular collection of hand-made hair accessories...all money going to our fundraising campaign.

Our 3rd Term has been very busy including the following

- School trips to Airfield, Butlers Chocolate Factory and St Anne's Park, Jumpzone and UCD Swimming and Baltinglass Outdoor Education Centre,
- Active Schools Week, including the introduction to SOKKA
- School Table Quiz
- Drumming Workshops
- First Holy Communion
- Woolly Wards Farm visit to our school
- Teddy Bears Picnics
- Nature Walks
- Silly Billy Magic Shows
- Kearney brothers visit to St Brigid's and of course:

Our Sports Day. This was as usual a fantastic day for the children of both St Brigid's and St Mary's and I offer my thanks to Mrs Harty and Mrs Brew who did all of the difficult organisational work behind the scenes, in order to have the day run so smoothly for 550 children and their teachers.



We were fortunate to have additional assistance from our interns, from John Sweeney (DCC Sports Development Officer), from past pupils in Marian College and from TY pupils in St Conleth's.

We look forward to another great Sports Day next year!

Uniform Orders:

Please remember to order your school uniform before the end of term. We will order in July and have your uniform order ready for collection at the end of August. If you don't place an order, we will not have uniform items for you!

Book rental and school expenses:

You will have received the book rental and expenses form with your child's school report. We are delighted that we can offer so many of your child's books on the book rental scheme; this keeps your costs down as you don't have to buy many of the books your child uses during the year. The money can be paid in cash, by cheque or online via our Aladdin payment option. For online payment, we will send a link at the end of August so you can avoid the queues at the office in September.

Goodbye for now to our Senior Infants boys.

We will be sad to say goodbye to our Senior Infant boys as they move on to 1st Class. We hope they enjoy the big move but we will of course see them all again soon when we move to St Christopher's Primary School!

Next year will be an exciting and very busy year for us as we plan our move to our new school. I look forward to working with the school community to make the move as smooth as possible. St Christopher's Primary School is a wonderful opportunity to merge two terrific schools into one of which we can all be very proud.

Have a super, relaxing and fun summer!

Annemarie Hogan, Principal

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School Calendar for 2016/17

Term 1	
Wednesday August 31 st	School term starts
Monday-Friday Oct 31 st -Nov 4 th	Midterm Break ; Re-open Monday Nov.7 th
Thursday December 22 nd Christmas holidays	Last day of term
Term 2	
Re-open Monday Jan 9 th 2017	First day of 2 nd term
Monday-Friday Feb 20 th -24 th	Midterm Break Re-open Monday Feb 27 th
Friday March 17 th	Public Holiday- St.Patrick's Day
Friday April 7 th Easter Holidays	Last day of term
Term 3	
Re-open Monday April 24 th	First day of 3 rd term
Monday May 1 st	Public Holiday
Friday May 26 th	Sports Day in Herbert Park
Friday June 2 nd	School closed
Monday June 5 th	Public Holiday
Friday June 30 th Summer holidays	Last day of term

We will inform you of any changes to these arrangements as soon as possible.