



Altamuskin's January News

Welcome to 2022

Happy New Year to you all!
We hope your Christmas was restful and you are ready for another term of fun filled learning at St. Brigid's P.S.



The Christmas Show

What a success! Well done to ALL our children for taking part in our Christmas Show! What a fantastic experience this was for your children.

We want to thank every family for adhering to our guidance. Remember to share the link with those who couldn't be there on the night... This link can be shared with others all over the world to enjoy again and again and again!

Mid Term Break Holidays

Please note the school will be closed for children on Monday 14th to Friday 18th February for mid-term break. All children will return to school on Monday 21st February 2022.

FOREST SCHOOL ETHOS



February 2022

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Forest School

Congratulation to our school on winning a Forest School Award's programme through Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Forest School is a child-centred inspirational learning process, that offers opportunities for holistic growth through regular sessions. It is a long-term program that supports play, exploration and supported risk taking. It develops confidence and self-esteem through learner inspired, hands-on experiences in a natural setting. Watch this space for starting dates!

Congratulations!

Swimming

Our Swimming Programme for P5, 6, and 7 children will begin this term on the following date:

Monday 28th January
For 8 consecutive weeks
£20 per child for the term. This must be paid via the School Money App before Friday 25 Jan.



Hurling

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed our hurling programme this year. Hurling will recommence after Easter and will be free of charge.



Gaelic

Gaelic recommences this year with Ryan. It will be on every Monday afternoon. The cost of this excellent training programme is covered by Errigal Ciaran - therefore this activity will be free of charge.



Two O'Clock Club

The 2 o'clock Club will continue as normal this term for P1 and P2 children between 2pm and 3:15pm.

It costs £10 per week.

The children get opportunities to socialise with their friends during carefully planned, fun, interactive learning activities. They have opportunities to improve their ICT skills, language development and independence in a safe, stimulating environment. Please contact school for more information.



Absence notes

Reminder: All absences should be followed up with a note for the class teacher. Please record the date and reason for the absence.

Dates for the Diary

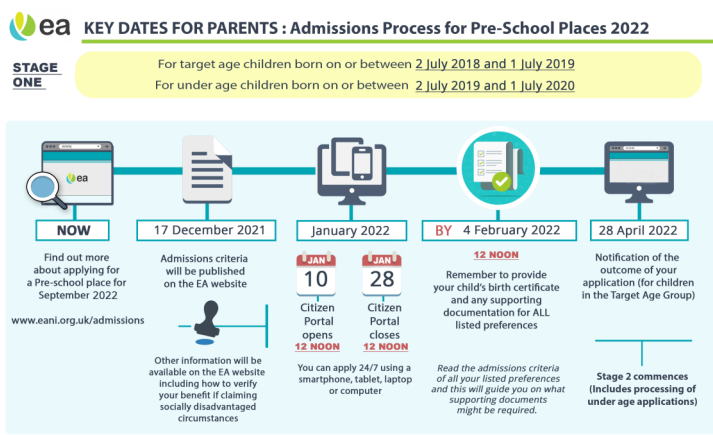
* Sunday 15th May 2022:
Confirmation

* Saturday 7th May 2022:
First Holy Communion

New Admissions 2022

Please share with all the newest members of our St. Brigid's family... see attached graphic outlining the key dates in the admissions process for pre-school, primary, and post-primary for enrolment in September 2022. For more information please visit www.eani.org.uk/admissions

If you need any assistance with the application, please contact the



Mindful Movements

We are delighted to offer Mindful Movements programme as part of our Sports and Wellness programme at school.

This involves breathing and relaxation exercises to bring calm to busy minds using fun and thematic approaches.

This programme will enable the children at our school to learn lifelong skills from an early age to lead happy and healthy lives.

This activity will be free of charge.

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Sometimes, all it takes is one positive thought and your entire day will be different. Our thoughts are very powerful. What we create in our head can have a huge impact on our attitude, our perception, and our reality. So, even if you haven't had the best morning, think of one positive thought and hold on to it.



Drama

Drama tuition will begin again on Thursday 13th January.

It costs £15 per child for this term.



Bring a coat to school every day during Winter!



Our School Nurse will be in school on Thursday 13th January to do a "mop-up" administering the flu vaccination.



Contingency Plans

Class groups do not mix indoors during the school day with any other class group. Consistent groups are made up of staff and children. Those who mix during outdoor playtime are not considered to be close contacts.

If there is a positive case in your child's bubble a 'warn and inform' letter will be sent via whatsapp to inform parents of cases in the group.

At present substitute cover is critically low across all schools.

St Brigid's will do everything in our power to ensure school remains operational.

Our strategy in the event of a teacher being absent is as follows:

Cover provided by NISTR registered substitute teacher/ teachers available in school at that time,

Split a class across the remaining classes - high quality planning and a consistent structured approach to teaching and learning across school make it a viable short term option for children to continue with their relevant learning while being supervised by a teacher from another class/ substitute.

Our last resort will be a move to remote learning.

Thank you for your cooperation.





Dinner Menu 2022 is available on our school website and our school whatsapp broadcast.

Universal Synod Questions

1) What memory/experience of the Catholic Church do you value/cherish most in your life?

2) How can our Church be a welcoming and inclusive community?

3) How can we be listened to more effectively and encouraged to participate in decision-making processes in the Church?

4) What inspires you in the life of your parish/community to bring the love of Christ into the world? What discourages you? Please discuss responses with your child.

Our Student Council will be collating responses from each class to feed-back to Fr. O Dwyer.



Bounce Back

"Do you find yourself in cycles of nagging and bickering with partners and children? Are you fed up 'fighting fires' at home every day?"

If so then join us as we look at real ways to manage day to day challenges, cope with bumps along the way and all the while Keeping our cool.

FREE parent and carer workshops via zoom

6 sessions 8pm-9pm starting Mon 10th January or Thursday 13th January 2022

Call us on
0808 8020 400
to learn more and book your place

Mon-Thurs 9am-9pm

Friday 9am-5pm

Saturday 9am-1pm

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