



St Brigid's Primary School

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St Brigid's Bulletin

News Letter
January / March 2018

Term 2 Takes off:

Everyone started back for Term 2 on Wednesday 3rd January, with lots of New Year's resolutions that 2018 would be a great year for us!

Work Experience:



On Monday 8th January Amy Scullion a past pupil was in school on work experience for four weeks. Amy is a student at Liverpool John Moore's University doing on a placement on Education and Early Childhood Studies. Lisa McMullan is a student at Stranmillis University and hopes to pursue a career as a maths teacher.



Extra Sporting Activities:



Eoin McNicholl our new Sports Coach started Fundamentals on Tuesday 9th January with our P1, P2 and P3 pupils. Already Eoin has settled in and is proving very popular with our students.



Action Mental Health:

Action Mental Health paid a visit to Primary 6 and Primary 7 on the 22nd and 25th of January. All pupils had a great day learning all about how to keep a healthy body and a healthy mind and they are looking forward to having a Wellbeing Week in their classes when they can focus on the five different ways to keep our minds healthy and happy.



Snow Days:

On Wednesday 17th, Thursday 18th and Friday 19th January we had to close the school due to the snow and much to the delight of all our pupils. We appreciate that school closures prove difficult for working parents and the decision to close in not taken lightly. Despite some snow on Wednesday 28th February we stayed open despite two teachers and one parent having Road Traffic Accidents whilst driving to school.

Swimming:

P6/7 pupils started swimming lessons on Tuesday 9th January at Greenvale Leisure Centre. This is a compulsory aspect of N.I. P.E. Curriculum.

After School Clubs:

On Monday 22nd January we started another term of After School Clubs to run for 6 weeks finishing on Friday 16th March.



Term 2

DAY	ACTIVITY	FACILITATOR	AGE GROUPS
Monday	Hurling Club Girls' Gaelic	Mr R. Doherty Mrs G. O'Hara	P6 and P7 P6 and P7
Tuesday	Camogie	Mrs J. O'Kane	P6 and P7
Wednesday	Boys' Gaelic Quiz Club Drama Club	Mr S. Downey Mrs G. O'Hara & Mr F. Kelly Miss G. Dobbin & Miss N. McCloskey	P4 and P5 P6 and P7 P3 – P5
Thursday	Boys' Gaelic Cookery Club Camogie Club	Mr R. Doherty Miss A. Doherty Mrs J. O'Kane	P6 and P7 P7 P4 and P5
Friday	Cross Country	Mr. E. Mulholland	P5 - P7

Thanks to all our staff who give so generously of their time and talents, especially Mr Seamus Downey, Mr Francis Kelly and Miss Nuala McCloskey who are not employed in St. Brigid's Primary School.

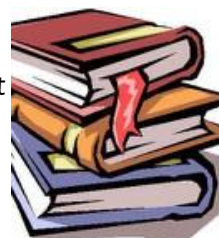
Teaching Practice:



Miss Sarah Clarke started her teaching practice in Primary 7 on Monday 5th February for 3 weeks with Mrs O'Hara and then in Primary 1/2 for 4 weeks with Mrs McCrum.

3, 2, 1 Book Fair:

On Wednesday 31st January our 3, 2, 1 book fair arrived. Sales totalled £631.00 which meant commission of £318.60 which was spent on extra reading resources for our new Accelerated Reading Programme.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

We celebrated Catholic Schools' Week from 29th January to 2nd February. This year's theme was **'Called to be a Family of Families'**. At St Brigid's we recognise that firstly, and most importantly, children learn about faith in the home. We, as a whole staff, are always very encouraged by your continued support and we work hard to help nourish your child's faith in school, in conjunction with Fr Graham and the wider community. During this week we celebrated with assemblies, class prayers and homework.



On Wednesday 31st January local volunteers came into school and passed on the art of cross-making. Every pupil received a cross to take home. Thanks to our local volunteers for their patience and generosity.



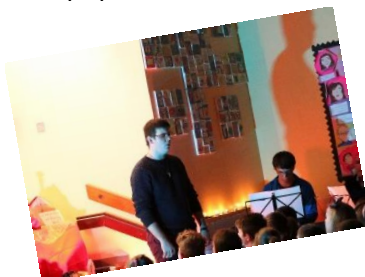
Sacramental Talk, Service of Light, Enrolment Ceremony and Mass for the Feast of St Brigid:



The Sacramental Talk was rescheduled to Thursday 1st February at 7:00pm in the school. This informative meeting enabled families to prepare for First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation led by the Diocesan Catechetical Team. The Derry Youth Community worked with the P4 and P7 pupils on that evening as well in their classrooms.



The Service of Light, Enrolment Ceremony and Mass for the Feast of St. Brigid took place immediately after the meeting at 8:00pm in the school Assembly Hall. This lovely service again showed off the talents of our pupils and the school choir. Thank you for your support.



Grandparents Day:



We celebrated Grandparent's Day as part of Catholic School's Week on Friday 2nd February. Each class performed a variety of acts including songs, dance routines, poems and stories to entertain our grandparents.



Parent Teacher Meetings:

Parent Teacher Meetings were held on Monday 5th to Wednesday 7th February by appointment. Unfortunately, some parents are not attending at their scheduled time. Feedback from those who did attend indicated that the meeting proved useful and informative. A number of families did not attend the scheduled meetings:

- Parents of 11 pupils did not show up.
- Parents had to re-schedule appointments for 8 pupils.

Merit Assembly:

Our January Merit Assembly was held on Friday 9th February. Our Merit Assemblies are held to celebrate pupil success in all aspects of school life. Award Winners were:

- P1 - John O'Neill, Alice Gribbin, Grace Kelly, Georgia-May O'Connell
P1/2 - Charlie O'Connell, Daniella McDonald, Daithi Strathern
P2/3 - Donal Ward, Jessica Cushnahan, Aoife Boorman, Niamh Duggan, Matthew Shaw
P3 - Tom Trainor, Conan Boyle, Jacob Larkham
P4 - Rory McCrystal, Rhian McErlean, Charley Canavan
P4/5 - Annie Ward, Don Mulholland, Sean McPeake, Isla McDowall, Lisa Kerr
P5 - Eva Bradley, Emma McGarvey, Oisín Henry, Maria Scullion
P6 - Orlagh Boyle, Tony Smith, Wiktor Gieruc, Gerald McDowall
P6/7 - Charlie Mulholland, Conall Moore, Patrick Birt, Eva Pickering
P7 - Maeve Birt, Lorcan McDonnell, Caoimhe McMullan, Connor Melaugh





Accelerated Reading Awards:

- P5 - Katherine Convery, Conor Sargent, Carina Casey
Minnie McGahon, James McPeake, Aideen Currie
- P6 - Rory McErlean, Riordan O'Donnell, Delaney O'Neill
- P6/7 - Laoise McNally, Darragh Pickering, Grace Convery
- P7 - Eamon McNally, James Sargent, Neala Currie,
Ellen Hassan, Amy Martin



Mid-Term Break:

Both staff and pupils had a very enjoyable mid-term break from 12th – 16th February.

Confirmation:



Confirmation was celebrated on Sunday 25th February at 11:00am Mass. Mass was celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown and he was assisted by Fr. Eamonn Graham P.P. and Fr. Dermot Harkin. All 36 Primary 7 children had a wonderful day with their reading, prayers and singing getting high praise from the Parish. You can view a video of the ceremony at: [www.laveyparish.com/video ~ confirmationfeb2018.html](http://www.laveyparish.com/video~confirmationfeb2018.html)

Well done Primary Seven!



Bee-Safe:

Year 7 pupils attended the Magherafelt Council and Home Accident Prevention annual 'Bee Safe' day organised and funded by Magherafelt District Council on Monday, 26th February in Magherafelt. The pupils attended a number of workshops in which they learned how to stay safe and help others. These workshops included:-

- Mental Health
- Internet Safety
- Helping Hands
- Electrical Safety near power lines
- Bus Safety
- Farm Safety
- Water Safety
- Cycle Safety
- Fire Safety
- Anti-smoking



This was a very worthwhile and important learning event enjoyed by all pupils. Feedback from Bee Safe organisers has stated that one of our groups was the best in every way!



World Book Day!



On Thursday 1st March we celebrated World Book Day by doing what our pupils love best - dressing up as their favourite book character. Parents of Lavey need commended for the artistic flair because our pupils looked amazing. Whilst dressed up we held a whole school reading assembly involving all the adults and the pupils. We believe the best thing to do to recognise World Book Day is to encourage everyone to read! Have a look at our pictures – do you recognise any book characters?



First Confession:



On Monday 5th March 41 Primary 4 pupils made their First Confession in St. Mary's Church. Fr. Graham congratulated the P4's and commended their teachers Mrs Quinn and Miss Doherty and assistants Susie, Jemma and Catriona for their preparation of the pupils to receive the Sacrament. The evening was a huge success with both priests' Fr Graham and Fr Harkin hearing confessions. The service was enhanced by the beautiful singing of the school choir.



School Nurse:

On the following dates 9th , 13th , 16th , 20th and 21st March our school nurse Victoria French was in to see all our primary 1 pupils.

Dairy Council:

The Dairy Council came to visit the Primary 5 and Primary 6 students on Wednesday 14th March. During the fun and active sessions, the pupils learnt all about how to eat well and live a healthy and balanced lifestyle – there was also a little rapping and dancing involved! The pupils were introduced to the food wheel and focused on the importance of dairy and how we need it to help make our bones strong and healthy.



Merit Assembly:

Our February and March Merit Assemblies was held on Friday 23rd March. Our Merit Assemblies are held to celebrate pupil success in all aspects of school life. Award Winners were:

- P1 - Dylan Stokes, Oliver Trainor, Sadie Birt, Erin McDonald, Ada Scullion
- P1/2 - Saoirse McPeake, Eireann Maguire, Charlie O'Connell, Ria O'Neill, Ger Vallely
- P2/3 - Daire Scullion, Jack Scullion, Micheal McNally, Sophie Walls, Olivia McIvor
- P3 - Daithi Holleran, Conor Donaghy, Erin Hughes, Rohan Poole
- P4 - Katie Hendry, Louis O'Connor, Shannon Cassidy
- P4/5 - Aoibheann Pickering, Aine Young, Rory Boyle, Aodhan Chivers, Dara Hughes, Isabelle Regan, Seamus Og Woulahan
- P5 - Ella Hughes, Eimhear McWilliams, Daniel Shaw, Jamie Lee O'Connell, Shauna O'Kane
- P6 - Jake O'Boyle, Dearbhail Cassidy, Olivia McMullan, Hannah O'Neill, Pdraig McMullan, Riordan O'Donnell
- P6/7 - Rachael Duggan, Patrick Birt, Emma Kerr, Marc McGurk,
- P7 - Ciara Cooke, Rory Doherty, Aoife McGuckin, Ellen Hassan, Maeve Birt

Accelerated Reading Awards:

- P5 - Henry Curley, James McPeake, Molly Davey, Conor O'Neill, Eimhear McWilliams
- P6 - Sinead Scullion, Aine Devlin, Eoghan Brennan, Oisin Mulholland
- P6/7 - Fionn McPeake, Meabh McDonnell, Aine McCann
- P7 - Iona McDowall, Finbar Fleming, Sophia Karicos, Eoin Young

P6 Assembly:

On Monday 26th March Mrs O'Neill's Primary 6/7 class brought alive the Easter story using tea-towels, bedsheets, dance and music to give a full account of the events of Holy week leading to the Resurrection.



Easter Egg Raffle:



Every year Primary 7 pupils organise the Annual Easter Egg Raffle in aid of Fr Magill's Missionary work in Burma. The raffle will be held on Tuesday 27th March and tickets are on sale in school for:

50p for one ticket or £2 for a strip.

On Wednesday 28th March school will finish at 1:00pm.

All buses are running as normal on that morning but there will be no Ulsterbus or Yellow bus at 1pm.

Easter Vacation:

School will be closed from 29th March to 6th April inclusive for our Easter Vacation.

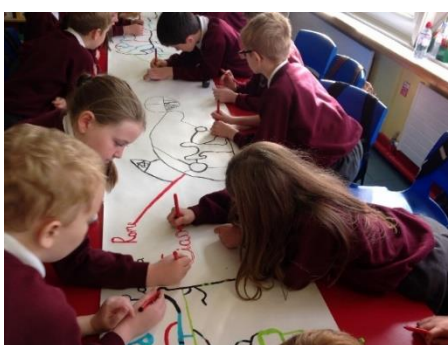
Paul Field, European Director of J.D.O. Foundation visited St Brigid's on Wednesday 17th January to see our global collaboration project in action. Unfortunately, school was closed due to adverse weather so he met with Mrs O'Kane and Mrs O'Hara who provided lots of evidence of pupil work with their American partners. Mr Field congratulated the staff and pupils on their ***“creative and innovative project work, which is of excellent quality and a beacon for other schools.”*** The J.D.O. Foundation purchased Google Chromebooks for all our pupils in Key Stage 2.



ERASMUS +

Primary 6:

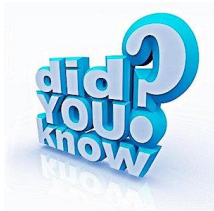
Primary 6 pupils have been working hard on their robotics programme with Balazs Kecskemeti every Wednesday. They have studied the importance of robotics within STEM and have worked with a wide variety of technologies, from drones to BBC micro:bit. Recently Primary 6 have been learning all about NASA and how robots are used within space. All the pupils enjoy their sessions with Balazs and have been developing their coding and programming skills.



Primary 5:

This term, the Primary 5 pupils have been looking at various mathematical concepts for their Erasmus project. The children have been concentrating on looking at patterns with 8n mazes and solving problems/puzzles. They have been using their multiple intelligences looking at robotics and creating areas for them to 'battle' in. The Primary 5's are really enjoying the practical nature of the work and learning through games.





QUIZZES

Credit Union Quiz:

The Carn Glen Credit Union Quiz was held in Maghera Leisure Centre on Friday 26th January with teams from local primary schools taking part in both age group competitions. The quiz consisted of 10 rounds for Group A and 12 rounds for Group B. The diverse range of questions covering a very wide selection of topics challenged the children and also the adults present. They were accompanied by Mrs G. O'Hara and Mrs J. McNeill.

Road Safety Quiz:

St Brigid's Primary School took part in the Mid Ulster heat of CRASH NI Road Safety Quiz held on Thursday 8th February. The team Iona, Cathal, Rory and Lorcan had studied their Green Cross Code and Highway Code and headed off to Cookstown hoping to repeat last year's success of reaching N.I. Final. After eight rounds of questions covering a wide range of road safety and general knowledge the team was in a tie breaker for first place. The team members lost that tie-breaker but their disappointment was lessened when they learned that they too, would represent Mid Ulster at the final.

NI Finals of Road Safety Quiz:

Following their runners up role in Mid Ulster the team members were determined to make the most of the opportunity to represent St Brigid's P. S. and Mid Ulster. The Highway Code and Road Sign recognition were again regular features and the children went to the final feeling ready for the challenge. After a number of speeches the questioning began, again covering a very wide range of road safety rules and general knowledge including a music round and a picture round. The children scored well in each round and when the final result was announced the children were really delighted to be crowned champions and picked up the huge trophy. Their proud parents celebrated their children's achievement – a first for St Brigid's and a target for other children to repeat – no pressure!!



Cumann na mBunscol Quiz:

The children attending the After School Quiz Club were eligible to represent the school in the Cumann na mBunscol Quiz heat in Owenbeg on Thursday 8th March and, after a whole selection of questions an emphasis of things Irish – Geography, History and Gaelic Sports, four children were selected – Laoise (P6), Lorcan, James and Rory (P7). The children were encouraged to limited their knowledge of the Irish topics and study the notes provided. At Owenbeg the children performed very well and took first place **completing a win three years in a row.** The team was selected to represent Derry in the Ulster Final in Monaghan.



Credit Union – Chapter 2 Schools Quiz:

Having won the local Credit Union Quiz St Brigid's P. S. represented Carn Glen Credit Union at the Chapter Final held in Ballymena on Thursday 9th March. The team Iona, Lorcan, Cathal and Rory prepared for the quiz as they were keen to reach the All Ireland Final and help St Brigid's make four finals in a row. The quiz in Ballymena was a step up from the earlier round and highly competitive. Fortunately, the team had done some revision on the journey and were delighted to find four of the quiz questions had been covered. The children and their parents are now preparing for the finals at the RDS Dublin which will be another step up.



Cumann na mBunscol Quiz:

The Ulster Final of Cumann na mBunscol took place in Hillgrove Hotel Monaghan on Wednesday 14th March. The team, Laoise, Lorcan, Rory and James joined pupils from across the province for a quiz testing knowledge of general and Ireland related facts. The quizmaster took the children through to rounds of wide ranging questions at a brisk pace. The competition was close throughout. When the final results were announced the top three placings went to schools from Monaghan and Cavan. The schools team, though not among the prize winners enjoyed their day and their visit to McDonalds on the way home.

Shared Education

P6 Shared Education Trip:



Thursday the 11th of January saw Primary 6's first Shared Education visit with Knockloughrim Primary School. Both Primary Six classes came together, along with Mrs O'Neill, Mr. Montgomery and Mr Mulholland to discuss stereotypes and how they affect our understanding and empathy for other people. Everyone had a great day and enjoyed an extended playtime, during which all the pupils got a chance to have fun with their new friends.



Shared Education Staff Training:

On Wednesday 28th February, teachers from both schools joined together for training from C2K. Damian Harvey led the session on Online Safety and developments in our software and hardware. Staff joined together to discuss the implications for Shared lessons and for classroom practice. We were all amazed at what happens in an internet minute and that our pupils have shorter attention spans than **goldfish**. Damian Harvey also trained each School Leadership Team and Assessment Co-ordinators on the advanced use of Assessment Manager. Staff found this very useful.



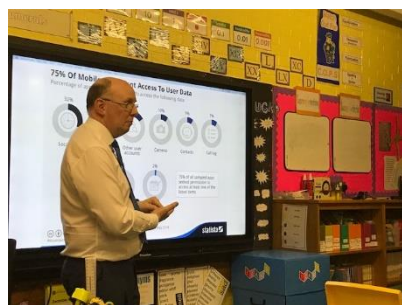
Fair Trade Coffee Morning:



Primary 6 pupils from St. Brigid's P.S. and Knockloughrim P.S. came together on Friday 2nd of March for a Shared Education Fair Trade Coffee morning at Lavey Termoneeny Centre. The coffee morning focused on Fairtrade and its importance. St. Brigid's pupils made buns for the coffee morning using Fairtrade chocolate and the Knockloughrim pupils presented a PowerPoint detailing how Fairtrade helps sustain poor farmers in developing countries. Thank you to parents and families for supporting the event. We raised £72 for Fair Trade Charities.



Governor Training:



The majority of Governors from Knockloughrim P.S. and St Brigid's P.S. attended a Shared Governor training session on 28th February. The Governors were introduced to new principal Mr Finlay and were given an overview of the Shared Education programme by Mrs O'Kane. There followed a discussion on enrolment, budget, shared topics and future plans.

Governors were also trained in Online Safety and the issues presented by our second internet lines.



P7 Shared Education Lessons:

On Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th March Primary 7 pupils from Knockloughrim P. S. visited their Primary 7 partners. They completed three different lessons with Mrs O'Hara, Mr Mulholland and Mr Montgomery. The children learned about Christopher Columbus, different types of bridges and completed a general knowledge quiz on the U.S.A. On Thursday the children wrote Literacy pieces on their previous learning of Christopher Columbus with Mr Montgomery and they completed a STEM activity using straws and tape to build bridges.

P2 Shared Education Lessons:

Primary 2 pupils from Knockloughrim P. S. also visited their friends at St Brigid's on Tuesday 6th March and Thursday 8th March. The boys and girls were learning about water and had great fun. They were able to enjoy three lessons taken by Miss Dobbin, Miss Millar and Mrs McCrum. They had opportunities to emphasise with boys and girls who live in countries who have to walk a long distance to get water. Miss Dobbin had created an obstacle course and they had to complete the obstacle course carrying containers of water. Miss Millar had set up a water challenge in which they had to make boats that would not sink even if they had a weight in them. Mrs McCrum explored with the pupils that their bodies had water from their arm pits to their toes! The pupils worked together in groups, drawing around each other, then cutting out and painting the body clothes. Shared Education allows the pupils to enjoy fantastic experiences with their peers from their own school and Knockloughrim P. S.

Mrs Mary Lowery from the E.T.I. observed the pupils and teachers on the 8th March and reported back that the pupils were confident and mature and receiving a wide range of experiences. Their behaviour was excellent with learning purposeful in an affirmative environment.

Shared Education Inspection:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our Shared Education Inspection such a success on Thursday 8th March Mrs Lowery described our children as:

“The children are getting a very wide range of experiences with lessons observed in Literacy, W.A.U., P.E., Science and Play. They speak confidently and maturely – the level of language is a real strength with sophistication of vocabulary from Foundation Stage pupils which is to be commended.”

In a S.T.E.A.M. lesson where children were constructing bridges they showed flexibility and creativity in their thinking. The lesson challenged the stereotypes of gender encouraging girls to become engineers. The very positive report indicates that our children are benefitting from Shared Education.



P4 Shared Education Lesson:



Primary four welcomed Knockloughrim Primary School on Tuesday 13th March. The children took part in 3 lessons relating to boosting their self-esteem and exploring their feelings. They thoroughly enjoyed meeting their friends again and had lots of fun learning and playing together!



P5 Shared Education Lesson:

On Thursday 15th March, the Primary 5 pupils enjoyed a trip to Knockloughrim P. S. for a Shared Education lesson which focused on PDMU – feelings and emotions. The children rotated around three lessons lead by Mr Doherty, Miss Doherty and Miss Philpott. They engaged in different activities which incorporated ICT, Art and Circle Time games throughout the lessons. As the groups were mixed, it gave the children from both schools a chance to learn side by side and integrate with each other. The children enjoyed their day and look forward to their next meeting in Term 3.





Sports Events



GAA Skills Test:

Four Primary 7 boys were selected to take part in the Derry Gaelic skills test on the 15th January. The boys were put through their paces and were tested on technical ability of their punt pass accuracy, handpass accuracy, pick up, solo and shooting with both feet. James Sargent, Patrick Birt, Marc McGurk and Cathal Mulholland all impressed and now await feedback to see if they have made it onto the Derry Development Squad.

Fun in Athletic Team Challenge:

On Thursday 18th January the Fun in Athletics was cancelled for our pupils due to the snow.

Boys' Hurling and Girls' Football:

The boys' INTO ground hurling took place on 23rd January in Meadowbank. They faced tough opposition against St Mary's P.S. Straw, St Patrick's P.S. Glen, Gaelscoil Na Speiríní P.S. Draperstown and St Mary's P.S. Draperstown. The full team of eight players played exceptionally with each player scoring a goal at some stage of the tournament. They showed great teamwork and fantastic skill. They now progress onto the Derry finals day on 21st March.

The girls' INTO football also was on the same day with a number of P6 and P7 girls taking part in the competition. The girls had a great start winning their first game with fighting spirit and great team work they got another win and one loss. Their wins saw them through to the quarter finals. They played hard and gave it their best but unfortunately didn't get through. Well done girls!

Castle Cup Athletics:

A team of 20 athletes from Primary 7 attended St Patrick's College Maghera on Wednesday 31st January for a range of athletic events, which included relay races, jumping and throwing events. The children got to participate in two events each and enjoyed their day at the well organised event. A special well done to Tiarnan Melaugh who collected a medal for his running in the 3 x 100m race.

INTO South Derry Camogie and Boys' Football:

The boys' Gaelic team visited Meadowbank on Tuesday 6th February to compete in the INTO Gaelic Tournament. In their group they faced Ballylifford P.S. Cookstown, St Mary's P.S. Draperstown and Gaelscoil an Tseanchaí P.S. Magherfelt. The boys played well and topped their group while the defence stayed strong conceding only two points. In the quarter final they faced St Patrick's P.S. Glen, but the boys were on a roll and won comfortably. They now progress onto the Derry Finals day on 1st March. We wish them luck!

The girls took part in the INTO South Derry Camogie competition. Their first game was a challenge but with a great work rate they managed a draw. Continuing on this great work rate and determination rewarded themselves with two wins in a row. These great games saw them through to the next stage the quarter finals. It was a tough game the girls didn't give up but unfortunately were pipped at the post. Well done to you all!

All County Boys' Football Finals:

On Thursday 1st March the Boys' Football finals was cancelled for our pupils due to the snow.

All County Hurling Finals:

On Wednesday 21st March the boys indoor hurling team bridged a 16 year gap by winning the INTO hurling Derry finals, lifting it previously in 2002. In their first game, the boys faced St John's P. S. Dernaflaw, the previous year's champions. Things weren't looking good as St John's P. S. Dernaflaw got off to a 2-0 start, but super sub Conall Moore came on and scored twice, with Connor Melaugh getting the winner. The boys then faced St John's P. S. Swatragh and won (2-1) and St Mary's P. S. Gortnaghey (3-2 after extra time) to set up a final with Gaelscoil na Sperini. The boys played their best hurling of the day, winning 4-0 in the final with

James Sargent playing a captains' role, scoring 3 in the final. Congratulations to the boys and good luck to them as they progress into Ulster.

All County Boys' Football Finals:

On 22nd March the boys went to Meadowbank for the INTO indoor Derry Football Finals. They were placed in Group B against Dernaflaw, Faughanvale and Foreglen. In a very tight group, St Brigid's and Dernaflaw progressed by points difference only. The two teams met again in the semi-final with Dernaflaw winning by a single score (one goal) to clinch victory from the boys. Well done to the team as the boys put in a massive effort after a busy week of sport. They did their school and club proud.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country at Limavady:

On Wednesday the 24th of January, a team of eight boys and eight girls attended the third Causeway Coast qualifying round of the Flahavan's Cross Country League. Despite the wet and windy conditions both teams ran fantastically. Congratulations to all the boys and girls, especially Henry Curley who finished 1st in the boy's race and James Sargent who finished 2nd. The Northern Irish finals will take place at Mallusk Playing Fields in February.

Cross Country at Stormont:



Some of the Primary 6 and Primary 7 children who attend the Cross Country After School Club travelled to a race held in the grounds of Stormont Estate on Saturday 3rd February. For some of the pupils it was their first ever race and it was a great opportunity for them to experience. Everyone enjoyed their Saturday morning in Belfast and a well-deserved lunch at Applegreen.



Cross Country at Mallusk:

On Wednesday 21st February the St Brigid's boys' and girl' Cross Country teams travelled to Mallusk Playing Fields for the final of the Flahavan's, Northern Ireland Athletics Primary Schools Cross Country Competition. While we had no winners on the day, we were presented with the Causeway Coast Cups for Best Boys Team and Best Overall team and the pupils were delighted with their success after a tough four rounds of the competition.



Staff Training:

In St Brigid's P.S. we give a high priority to the professional development of all our staff. Listed below is a number of training and development events attended by staff:

10 th January	M O'K and C D to Online Safety Training in Ballymena
23 rd January	M O'K to Mid-Ulster Primary Principals meeting
	M O'K to INTO Leadership training
24 th January	M O'K and C D had a meeting with Gracew Irvin from Capita
25 th January	A M to CEA Foundation Training
	M O'K to Cluster Meeting
29 th January	M O'K and G O'H to JDO Training Day
30 th January	M O'K INTO Leadership Conference
	C D and G D to St John's PS Swatragh for a Cluster Cali
7 th February	Anne Marie McCloskey to train all staff in ASD Awareness
8 th February	P McC and U Q to ABC for Literacy and Numeracy KS2
26 th February	M O'K to Graduation Board in Dungannon
2 nd March	M O'K to Cluster Meeting
9 th March	M O'K to the Mid-Ulster Cluster
14 th March	M O'K to ETI training



Dates for your Diary:

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| • 10 th April | South Derry Cross Country at St Patrick's College |
| • April | All County Football Festival at Owenbeg |
| • 27 th April | Sean Marty Lockhart to P7 for 6 weeks |
| • 17 th May | South Derry Track and Field at Meadowbank |
| • May | All-County Camogie Championships at Owenbeg |
| • May | All County Hurling/Camogie Festival at Owenbeg |
| • 22 nd May | South Derry Boys' Football Championship Day at Glen |
| • 28 th May | Sports Day |
| • 5 th June | P7 Testing Day at St Patrick's College |
| • 7 th June | Fan the Flame Mass |
| • June | All County Hurling Championship at Owenbeg |
| • 8 th June | All-County Boys' Football Finals Night at Owenbeg |
| • 9 th June | First Holy Communion in Greenlough at 11am |
| • 12 th June | P7 Taster Day at St Patrick's College |
| • 13 th June | Castle Cup Football |
| • 14 th June | South Derry Girls' Football Championship Day at Glen |
| • 20 th June | Castle Cup Hurling and Camogie |
| • 21 st June | End of Year Mass |

• **Sports Day on Monday 28th May**

Up and Coming Holidays:

Monday 7th – 11th May inclusive

First Communion on Saturday 9th June in Greenlough at 11am

School Term Ends on Friday 29th June