



St Brigid's Primary School

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St Brigid's Bulletin

News Letter

January / February 2022

Term 2 Takes off:

Everyone started back for Term 2 on Thursday 6th January, with lots of New Year's resolutions that 2022 would be a great year for us!

Online Admissions:

The online admissions process for our new P1 pupils for September 2022 became live on Monday 10th January at 12noon and closed again on Friday 28th January at 12noon. We have 32 applicants and are hopeful that they will all be granted a place in St. Brigid's.

Swimming:



P7B pupils started swimming lessons on Monday 10th January at Greenvale Leisure Centre. This is a compulsory aspect of N.I. P.E. Curriculum.

Mindfulness:

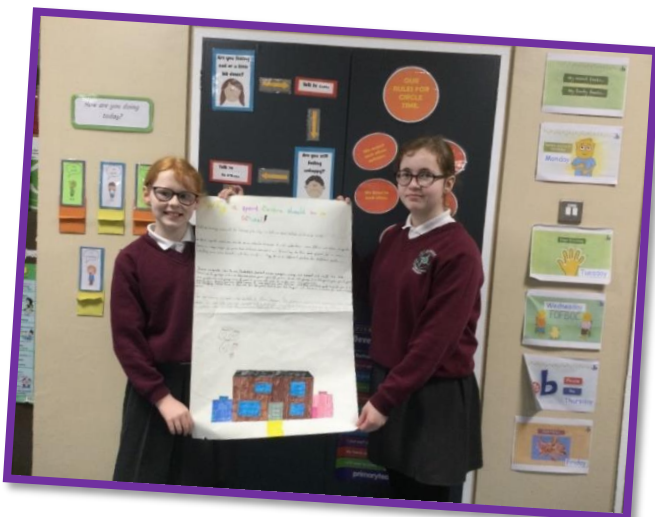
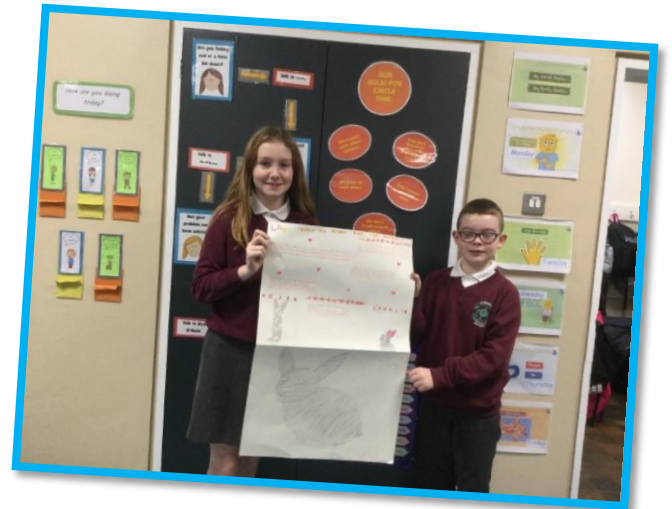
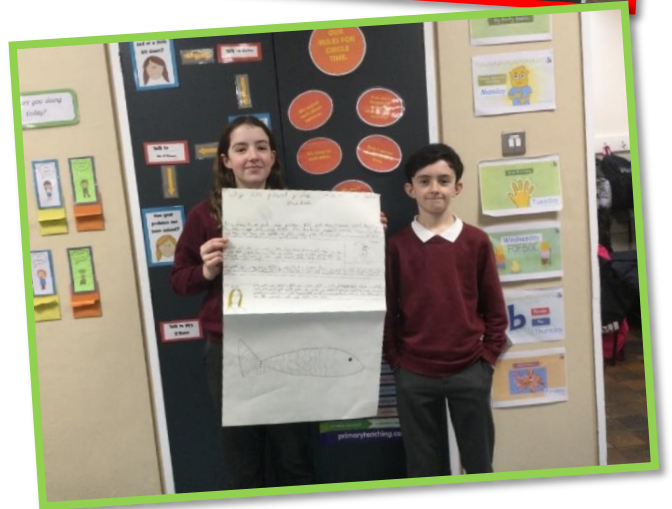
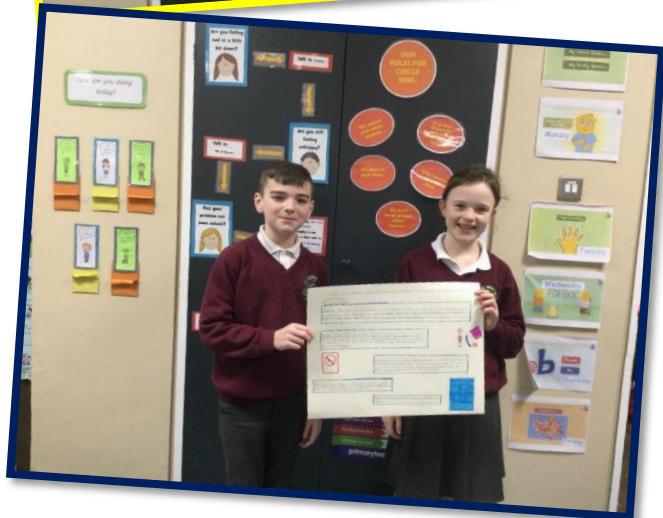
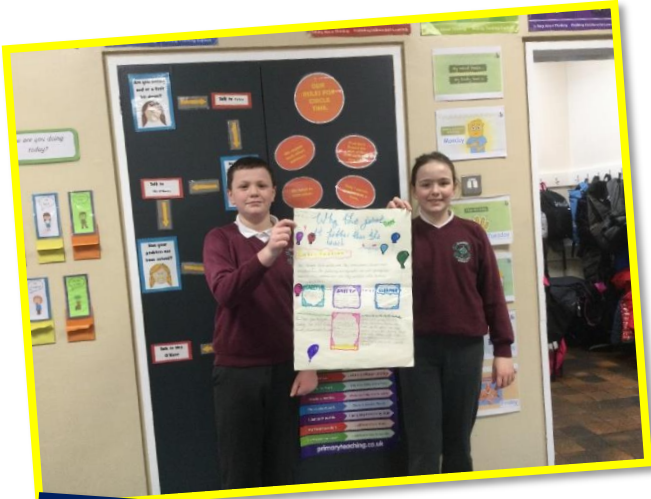
Mrs O'Neill is continuing her work to develop Mindfulness and mental health strategies with all pupils from Primary 4 to Primary 7. She is released from class each Thursday to deliver the Paws B programme. Post-lockdown, it is essential that we focus on our children's emotional well-being and enable them to develop resilience.

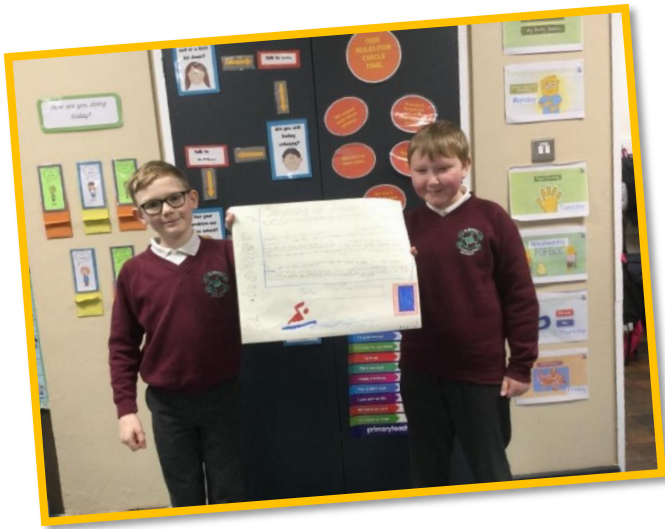
Persuasive Writing:

Whilst learning about persuasive writing P7B worked together to write a persuasive argument and create a persuasive poster. The pupils then presented their arguments to the rest of their class whilst completing peer assessments forms. It was a productive and enjoyable afternoon listening to the class try to convince others to accept their view points.

Well done P7!

Persuasive Writing





CATHOLIC SCHOOLS' WEEK

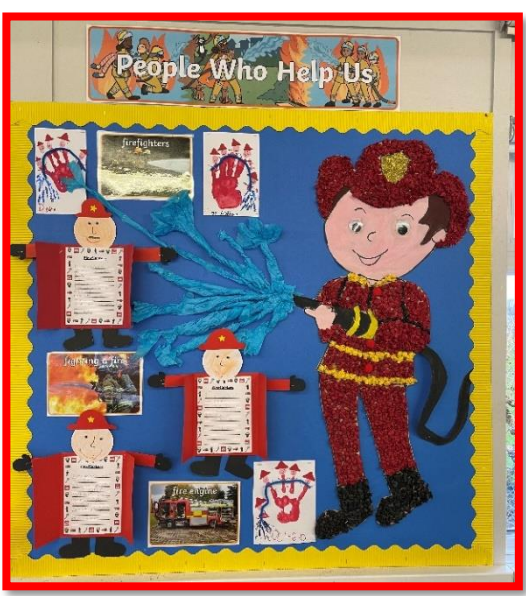
We celebrated Catholic Schools' Week from 24th January to 28th January. The theme of 2022 Catholic Schools Week was **"Living Life to the Full"**. Teachers followed the CSW programme with their classes during the week, the most popular being Wednesday's Grandparents Day. Pupils celebrated their grandparents in a number of ways and these were posted on our website and social media.

Well done everyone!



Grandparents Day

ASC1



P7A



P7B

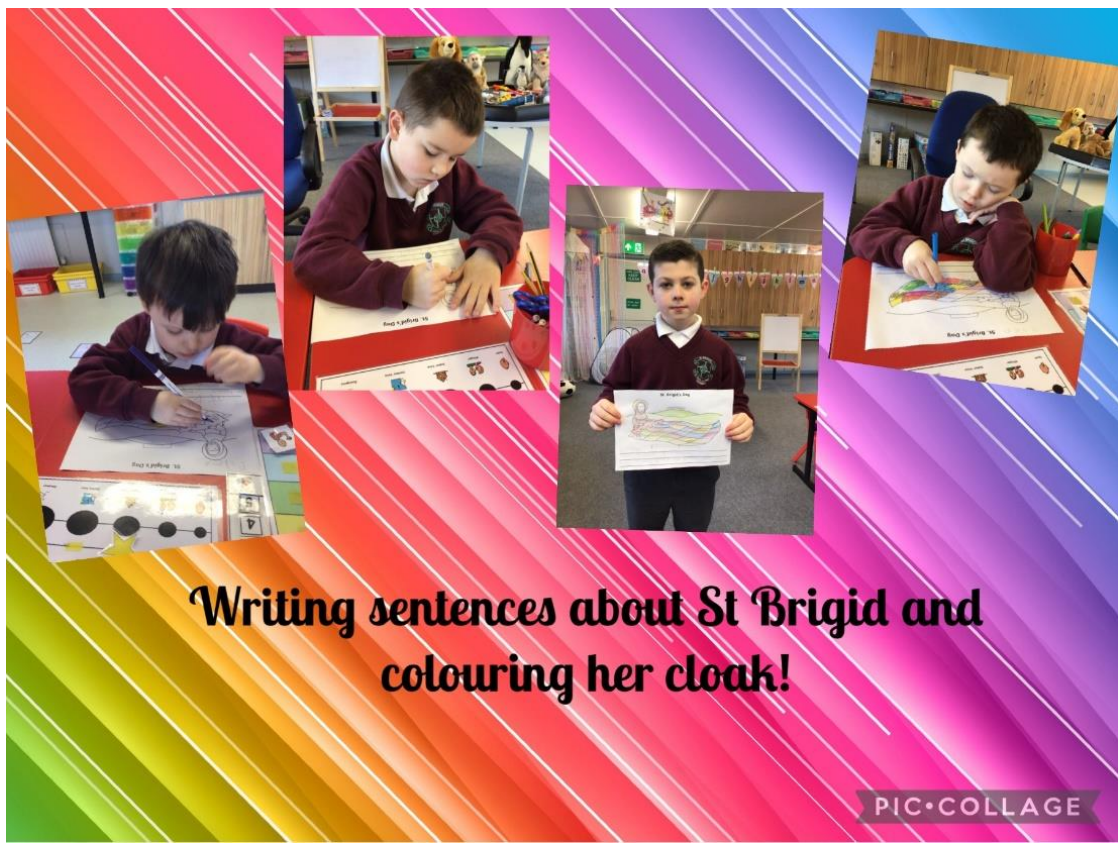


Feast of St Brigid

The feast of our patron Saint – St Brigid is celebrated on 1st February. Normally, we have members of the local community in school passing on the tradition of cross-making. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic and rising numbers with the Omicron strain Mr Francis Kelly showed all classes how to make St. Brigid's crosses and gave them all a history lesson whilst doing so.

ASC1





P4 enjoyed making St Brigid's Crosses



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Primary 6





GL Results:

On Saturday 5th February some of our P7 received their GL Assessment results. Well done to all those who sat the test – your hard work paid off!

Safer Internet Day:

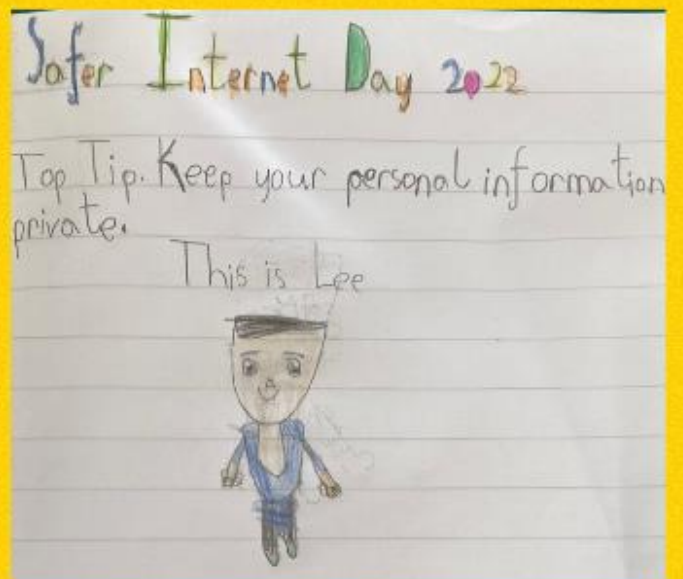
Safer Internet Day was on Tuesday 8th February and the theme was **'All Fun and Games'**

Primary 4



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Primary 4



Valentine's Day:

Pupils in ASC1 working hard preparing for Valentine's day.



Mid-Term Break:

Both staff and pupils had an enjoyable mid-term break from 14th – 18th February.

Snow Day:

We had a very unexpected snow day on the Thursday 24th February. Although St Brigid's is on a main arterial route (A42) many of our pupils live in rural areas which have not been treated. In addition, many of our staff face long journeys into school on a daily basis. The majority of our classes (6) are in mobile classrooms and it is impossible to access these safely following a heavy snowfall.

Teaching Practice:



We had students on teaching practice from St Mary's University College Belfast; Shea McPeake in P4 and Marcella Kelly in P7B. We also welcomed Oonagh McAllister from Stranmillis University College who is in P3B.

These young people have fitted in very well into school life and are working well in their class settings. We wish them well in their future career.

Dates For Your Diary

17th and 18th March 2022

St Patrick's Day

14th April – 22nd April 2022

Easter Holidays

2nd May 2022

May Holidays

5th May 2022

Assembly Election

2nd and 3rd June 2022

Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday

The school year ends on 30th June 2022