



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

Newsletter – 3rd March 2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the middle of another busy term, here is some important information and dates for you.

Lenten Mass

Usually we have morning mass in Lent, however, this year Fr Kieran has agreed to say Mass at lunchtime - in the school at 12.30. Any pupils wishing to attend can do so and then they will have their lunch after Mass.

In previous years, parents/carers have attended Lenten Mass with the children, however, due to COVID restrictions we are unable to allow this at this time.

As in previous years we will be encouraging the children to sacrifice during Lent by giving alms. This year we have several sponsored events and our charities are SCIAF, Ukraine, Pepe's Zambia Football Foundation and Cancer Research.

Each class will be given a SCIAF box and this will allow the collection of pocket money, loose change from home and any other donations.

Here is a list of our proposed fundraising activities within the Lenten period.

Week 1	Thursday 3rd March	World Book Character Day/Sponsored Event
Week 2	Thursday 10th March	Pepe's Zambia Football Foundation/Sponsored Event
Week 3	Friday 18th March	Crazy Dress Down Day/Sciaf £1 Fine
Week 4	Thursday 24th March	No Internet Day for Ukraine/Sponsored Event
Week 5	Thursday 31st March	Classroom based Fun Day/Sciaf £1 Fine

Sponsor sheets will be sent out via email and paper copies will be available from the office. All donations/sponsor money for each event can be paid through iPayimact or cash.





WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day Thursday 3rd March

You should now have received a letter and sponsor sheet for 'World Book Day' which takes place today. If you require a paper copy please contact school office.

All donations will be greatly appreciated and will be used towards purchasing library materials for the school. Donations can be paid via iPayimpact or sent into school.



Cancer Research UK

A huge well done to five Primary 6 girls who organised and ran a cupcake stall to raise money for Cancer Research UK in memory of Vince. As a school we are very proud of these caring and compassionate girls. A total of £226 was raised. Well done!



Pepe's Zambia Football Foundation/Sponsored Event

Primary 6 and Primary 7 Boys football team have been challenged to a friendly football match by Our Lady and St Francis PS Carfin. This will take place on Thursday 10th March 2022 at Ravenscraig Sport Facility between 2.00pm and 4.00pm. All welcome at Ravenscraig to support our team. Two players from Motherwell Football Club will present all the players with a medal for their participation.

This is a sponsored event with all money raised going to Pepe's Zambia Football Foundation. The children have watched a presentation and received a talk from Mr Scott McLure, Founder of Pepe's Zambia Football Foundation. This is a local charity which directly supports the most needy families in Zambia, one of the poorest countries in Africa.

Crazy Dress Down Day/Classroom based Fun Day/Sciaf

This year instead of weekly events and in response to the various sponsored events we will combine crazy hair/odd sock/dress down day. Children can come to school in any combination they wish. Children are fined £1, all proceeds will be donated to SCIAF.

On Thursday 31st March for Classroom based Fun Day, this will be a dress down day for the children, due to continuing mitigations we are unable to have the usual whole school event, but the children will enjoy a variety of fun based activities throughout the day. Children are fined £1, all proceeds will be donated to SCIAF.



No Internet Day for Ukraine/Sponsored Event

Father Kieran has challenged all the staff and children throughout the school to refrain from using the internet including all social media for one day on Thursday 24th March. Please sponsor us as we take on this difficult challenge for the children and families of Ukraine.

All money raised will be donated to 'Help Ukraine Emergency Appeal' as the request of Father Kieran. Please see below.

Ukrainian Churches and community organisations have united to work with accredited and registered Ukrainian charities to provide medicines, food and critical services to support the most vulnerable to overcome the consequences and trauma of war.



Ukraine Emergency Appeal

One of our parents has also organised a collection of emergency supplies for Ukraine. Information will be posted on school app tomorrow.

Important Dates for Diary

Wednesday 23rd March		Virtual Parent's Reporting Evening
Tuesday 29th March	6.00pm	First Reconciliation
Saturday 21st May	11.00am	First Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd May	10.30am	First Holy Communion Thanksgiving Mass

School Holidays

Monday 4th April 2022 to Monday 18th April 2022 (inclusive)		Easter Break
Monday 2nd May 2022 Thursday 5th May 2022		May Day holiday In-service day
Friday 27th May 2022		May weekend holiday
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June		Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations

Schools close on Wednesday 29th June 2022 at 1pm

Virtual Parent's Meetings

Following on from our successful Virtual Parent's Meeting last year we can confirm we will continue with this method during the recovery period from COVID-19. As yet face to face parents night appointments have not been reinstated. Therefore our Virtual Parent's Meeting will go ahead on Wednesday 23rd March 2022.

Meetings will allow parents/carers an opportunity to have a one to one discussion with their child's teacher. Appointments will last for approximately 7 minutes and as the time draws to a close, the meeting will be timed-out. You will be notified when the booking system opens.

Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March at 6.00pm. As this is our first 'in person' meeting since the start of the pandemic it will be a closed meeting for Parent Council members only. However, if there is anything you would like added to the agenda please see link below.

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North Lanarkshire Challenge Primary 7 Fun Day

Our Primary 7 children have been taking part in the NLC Challenge on a weekly basis since August. To mark the completion of this the children have been invited to walk round Strathclyde Park and participate in a game of ten pin bowling. More information to follow.

Website and Twitter

Please keep up to date with all that is going on in the school and nursery by checking our website and logging into www.st-brendans.n-lanark.sch.uk. You can also follow us on twitter @StBrendansPS.

Fundraising

When making purchases online please log into www.easyfundraising.org.uk.

All money raised will be used by St Brendan's Fundraising Group to help support your children.

Parking Reminder

The school car park is for staff use only.

Hair Checking Once a Week - Take a Peek

Please check your child's hair on a regular basis. Treatment can be prescribed by your doctor or bought from your local chemist. It is advisable for children with long hair to wear it tied back.

Mrs M Oates
Head Teacher