



# St Brendan's Primary & Nursery



*"Voyaging Together as a Community of Faith, Love and Learning"*

**Child Protection Co-ordinator: Mrs Maura Oates**

**Newsletter – 8th February 2024**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

In the middle of another busy term, we have some important information and dates for you.

### **Emotionworks Showcase**

This year we have been developing our Health & Wellbeing Curriculum using the Emotionworks approach.

We would like to invite our parents and carers to visit their child's class to see what we have been up to. This event will take place on Thursday 15th February between 1.30 - 2.30pm.

Unfortunately, P4/3 children will showcase their learning in this area at a later date.

### **Glee Choir**

Congratulations to the children from our Glee Choir who competed in the Glee Primary School event in Hamilton Town House on Wednesday 7th February. We wish the children the very best of luck at the Regional finals to be held in The Royal Concert Hall in May.

### **Football Team**

Well done to our football team on winning their friendly match last week and we wish them good luck for their next tournament on Friday. The festival will be held at Taylor High School, unfortunately this a working school therefore parents should not attend on this occasion.

### **Lenten Mass**

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 14th February. Father Kieran has informed us that morning Mass will be in St Brendan's school every Tuesday and Thursday morning during Lent at 8.30am. All parent/carers and parishioners are welcome to join us in the school for Mass.

Children who attend will be given juice and a biscuit after Mass. We hope that many of our children and their families will manage to attend these Services.

As in previous years we will be encouraging the children to sacrifice during Lent by giving alms. Our main charity is SCIAF. The classes will be given a SCIAF box and this will allow the collection of their pocket money, loose change from home and any other donations. Due to the cost of living crisis we are not running our usual weekly Lenten activities which cost the children money to participate in. We will still have our Sponsored Fun Day on Friday 22nd March 2024 to raise money for SCIAF.

**Donations can be paid via iPayimpact or cash can be sent into school.**



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March. To celebrate World Book Day we are having a 'Cosy Book Day'. The children can wear relaxing cosy clothes eg loungewear or pyjamas.

We are also having an Eco book swap on this day. Children are invited to bring a book they no longer read and can swap with a classmate for a new book.

We are currently working hard to revamp our Library after receiving two grants from The Foyle Foundation and The Reading Schools Fund. In the near future we are looking for parents to come in and help us to set up our new library. If you are available to help please contact the school office.

### **Parents' Reporting Afternoon / Evening**

Our Parents' Afternoon / Evening will be held on Wednesday 27th March.

The Parents Evening Booking System will be available from Monday 11th March. Parents/carers will be able to book their appointment online. More information to follow.

### **St Brendan's Fundraising Group**

A successful Ladies Night was enjoyed by all who attended. We are very grateful to our Fundraising Group for all their hard work.

### **Primary 1 Medical Assessments**

Consent forms have been distributed to all our Primary 1 children, please complete and return forms to school office as soon as possible.

The School Nursing Team will carry out assessments on Tuesday 5th March 2024.

## **Parent Council**

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd April at 6.00pm.

All parents are welcome to attend these meetings as part of the Parent Forum. Your views and opinions are very important to us.

## **Communication**

We aim to keep our families up to date with events and news as much as possible. This newsletter is only one way in which we do so. We regularly Tweet, send out app messages, email letters and information, as well as posting on our website. We ask that you take time to check and read any school emails or app messages as they contain very important information. The app is often used as a means of communicating changes and reminders. Please ensure you have updated to the latest version of our app.

Our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/stbrendansps/> X feed: @StBrendansPS

We publish this newsletter on our website, as well as emailing it to all parents via Groupcall. A link to the newsletter on our website is also posted on our X Feed and school App.

As we are an Eco school, the majority of our communication is done electronically, however, if you would prefer a paper copy of our newsletter please let a member of the office staff know and this will be arranged for you.

Occasionally scheduled activities need to be rearranged at short notice, we will always try to give as much notice as possible and will notify you via X/app/telephone call. This can be due to a number of reasons and the decisions to cancel/change are never taken lightly.

## **Fundraising**

When making purchases online please log into [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://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

## Important Dates for Diary

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| Thursday 8th February                        | All day             | P6 transition visit to OLHS                         |
| Thursday 15th February                       | 1.30pm to 2.30pm    | Curriculum Showcase Afternoon<br>Emotionworks Focus |
| Thursday 29th February                       | 7.00pm to 8.30pm    | Open Evening for P7 Parents at OLHS                 |
| Thursday 7th March                           |                     | World Book Day                                      |
| Sunday 10th March                            | 10:30am             | First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass                 |
| Wednesday 13th March<br>to Friday 15th March | 9.00am              | Primary 7 Residential trip                          |
| Thursday 14th March                          | 6.30pm              | First Reconciliation                                |
| Friday 22nd March                            |                     | Sponsored Fun Day                                   |
| Wednesday 27th March                         |                     | Parent's Reporting Afternoon/Evening                |
| Thursday 18th April                          | 7pm to 8:30pm       | Wider Participation Evening OLHS P7                 |
| Tuesday 23rd April                           | 6.00pm to 8.00pm    | Parent Council Meeting                              |
| Saturday 18th May                            | 10:30am and 12:30pm | First Holy Communion                                |
| Sunday 19th May                              | 10.30am             | First Holy Communion Parish<br>Thanksgiving Mass    |

## **School Holidays**

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| Mid-term break:          | Monday 12th February<br>and Tuesday 13th February  |
| In-service day:          | Wednesday 14th February  |
| Schools close:           | Thursday 28th March at 2.30pm  |
| Spring holiday (Easter): | Friday 29th March to<br>Friday 12th April (Inclusive)<br>Good Friday 29th March<br>Easter Monday 1st April |
| In-service day:          | Thursday 2nd May<br>(to coincide with UK Parliamentary<br>elections, but may be subject to change)         |
| May holiday:             | Monday 6th May   |
| May weekend:             | Friday 24th May and<br>Monday 27th May (inclusive)   |
| Schools close:           | Wednesday 26th June at 1pm   |