



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery



Newsletter - 8th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are in the middle of another busy term; we have some important information and dates for you.

Lenten Mass Reminder

Father Kieran continues to celebrate morning Mass 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.

Sponsored Fun Day Friday 22nd March 2024

Sponsor sheets will be issued next week to all children. All money raised will be donated to SCIAF. Donations can be paid via iPayimpact or cash can be sent into school.



Parents' Reporting Afternoon/Evening

Our Parents' Afternoon/Evening will be held on Wednesday 27th March. The meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

The Parents Evening Booking System will open on Monday 11th March at 6.00pm to book an appointment online. An email with the link and instructions on how to book appointments will be sent out to all parent/carers. If you would prefer to contact the school office an appointment can be made for you or if you are unable access the booking system, please contact school office.

If for any reason you are unable to attend Parents' Evening on the above date you will be contacted after the Easter holidays to arrange an appointment.

This appointment is for parents/carers only. Children are not invited to this appointment.

Important Dates for Diary

Sunday 10th March	10:30am	First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
Wednesday 13th March	10.15am	Cross Country Finals
Wednesday 13th March to Friday 15th March	9.30am	Primary 7 Residential trip
Thursday 14th March		Primary 5 Swimming Programme
Thursday 14th March	6.30pm	First Reconciliation
Friday 22nd March		Sponsored Fun Day
Wednesday 27th March		Parent's Reporting Afternoon/Evening
Thursday 18th April		Primary 7 Outdoor Learning Award more information to follow
Thursday 18th April	7.00 - 8:30pm	Primary 7 Wider Participation Evening OLHS
Tuesday 23rd April	6.00 - 8.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
Monday 13th May		Glee Regional Final Glasgow Concert Hall
Saturday 18th May	10:30am/12:30pm	First Holy Communion
Sunday 19th May	10.30am	First Holy Communion Parish Thanksgiving Mass
Tuesday 28th May	7.00pm	Welcome Mass in OLHS
Wednesday 29th May Thursday 30th May		Primary 7 Transition Two Day Visit Our Lady's High School

School Holidays

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

First Reconciliation

Final arrangements along with the seating plan has been issued to the children, the service will take place on Thursday 14th March at 6.30pm. Please be seated in the Church by 6.15pm.

Primary 7 Residential Trip

The bus will leave the school at 9.30am. Children should arrive in the school on Wednesday 13th March at 9.15am and assemble with parents/carers in the main hall. This gives us time for final checks and instructions and to be ready to leave on time. Children should be accompanied to school by an adult who should talk to one of the teachers to confirm that all details we hold are correct.

Rights Respecting Schools

St Brendan's is a Rights Respecting School and we have already achieved our Silver Award. This year we are going for 'Gold'. We have a rights committee, and they meet regularly to share ideas from their class and discuss their views about what is happening in school. The rights respecting committee are currently leading an exciting community project with Muirhouse Primary. The children have chosen key areas to campaign for to ensure the community is safe. The key areas are clean air around the school, diversity in our community and respecting the rights of others. Keep an eye on X to follow us on our journey to Gold!

Swimming Programme

Our first group of Primary 5 children will start the swimming programme on Thursday 14th March, letters have been given out to all our Primary 5 children.

First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass

There will be an Enrolment Mass for the children who are due to make their First Holy Communion. The Mass will take place on Sunday 10th March at 10.30am. At this Mass your child will be presented with their First Holy Communion Workbook.

Children should sit with their families and are not required to wear school uniform.

If you are unable to make this Mass, please contact Father Keiran.

Staffing

As Mrs MacDermid has returned from her maternity leave last month, Miss Cairney will be leaving St Brendan's Primary School to take up a new post within North Lanarkshire Council.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Cairney for all her hard work and dedication. She has been an asset to the school and will be sadly missed. We wish Miss Cairney well in her new post.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs MacDermid from her maternity leave. Mrs MacDermid will support the work of Primary 7 every Thursday.

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.

Website and X

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 our X feed: @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

