



St Brendan's Primary & Nursery

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



Child Protection Co-ordinator: Mrs Maura Oates

Newsletter – 25th February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

Lenten Mass

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 5th March. Father Ricklan has kindly agreed that he will celebrate Morning Mass in St Brendan's Parish Church every morning during Lent at 8.30am.

We are very grateful to Father Ricklan and we would encourage all children and their families to attend Mass. Juice and a biscuit will be provided for all children who attend Mass. Please join us!

Lenten Fundraising

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.

We will also hold four fundraising events for SCIAF.

Friday 21st March	Funky Odd Sock Day
Friday 28th March	"Be Me" Dress Down Day (colourful clothes to express yourself)
Friday 4th April	Pyjama Day

£1 fine is suggested to take part in these events.



We will also hold a sponsored Danceathon on Friday 28th March. Sponsor sheets will be given out nearer the time.

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

Baby Bank

During Lent the St Brendan's Mini Vinnies will be working to support the local charity, Baby Bank Scotland. They are looking for any donations of boys and girls clothing from 2-16 years; children's shoes and trainers; prams and buggies; highchairs; safety gates; new underwear (3-16years). Unfortunately, the **Baby Bank are unable to take any donations of baby clothes at present**. If you would like to help by donating any of the items above we would greatly appreciate the support. A box is located in the school foyer for all donations.

Primary 7 Fundraising – Largs Trip

Primary 7 are continuing to fundraise for their Residential experience this term. To assist with this the pupils will run some fundraising events on the following dates:

Friday 28th February

Friday 7th March

Friday 14th March

Each Friday will be a 'dress down' day with a suggested donation of £1. In addition, the P7 pupils will be running some stalls selling: jewellery/crafts, Guess the Sweets in the Jar, Mix-Up Sweet Bags and Prize raffles on all Fridays between now and 14th March.

Bag Packing Tesco Wishaw

Primary 7 children will be bag packing in Tesco, Wishaw this Saturday 1st March. We are looking for Primary 7 children to volunteer during the following slots of 10.00am to 12.00 noon and 12.00 noon to 2.00pm. The Primary 7 children will be given a letter with all the relevant information. Please shop at Tesco this weekend and support our Primary 7 children.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. To celebrate World Book Day we are giving the children the option of dressing up as their favourite character from a book or wearing relaxing cosy clothes eg loungewear or pyjamas.



The children will take part in a range of activities throughout the day.

WORLD BOOK DAY

There will be a themed lunch on Thursday 6th March to celebrate World Book Day

Primary 6 High School Visit

Primary 6 children had the opportunity to begin their transition journey to High School with their first visit to Our Lady's High School today and will spend some time in 3 different subject areas.

Glee Choir

Congratulations to the children from our Glee Choir who competed in the Glee Primary School event in Hamilton Town House on Wednesday 12th February. We are waiting to see if we have made it through to the Regional finals to be held in The Royal Concert Hall in May.

Football Team

We wish our football team good luck for their up and coming fixtures. A friendly against Knowetop PS at Our Lady's HS on Friday 28th February and a tournament at Taylor High School on Friday 7th March. Unfortunately, these are working schools and therefore parents should not attend on these occasions.

St Brendan's Barnyard Boppers Dance Group

Good luck to our dance group "The St Brendan's Barnyard Boppers" who will be competing on Thursday 27th February at Coltness High School. The team have been working hard and I am sure this will be an exciting event for them.

Parents Reporting Afternoon / Evening

Our Parents Afternoon / Evening will be held on Wednesday 26th March.

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

St Brendan's Primary 7 Parents

A successful bongos Bingo night was held by Primary 7 parents and was enjoyed by all who attended. They raised a fabulous £1519 to help reduce the cost of the residential outing.

Parent Council

Next Parent Council Meeting will be on Tuesday 29th 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 send out app messages, email letters and information, as well as posting on our website. We are moving away from X (formerly Twitter) and will therefore update our blog on a regular basis.

Our website: <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/nl/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 the school App.

Late Coming

Important teaching time takes place at the beginning of the school day so please try to make sure your child is on time for school. If your child arrives after 9.00am the pupil entrances will be closed for security therefore children should use the main entrance and report to the office.

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

School Holidays

Schools close:	Friday 4th April at 2.30pm
Spring Holiday (Easter):	Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April (Inclusive) Good Friday 18th April Easter Monday 21st April
May Holiday:	Monday 5th May
In-service day:	Tuesday 6th May
May Weekend:	Friday 23rd May and Monday 26th May
Schools Close:	Wednesday 25th June at 1.00pm

Important Dates for Diary

Wednesday 5th March	9.30am	Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday 6th March		World Book Day
Sunday 9th or 16th March		Confirmation Enrolment Mass (date to be confirmed by Father Ricklan)
Thursday 20th March	6.30pm	Sacrament of First Reconciliation
Wednesday 26th March		Parent's Reporting Afternoon/Evening
Wednesday 2nd April to Friday 4th April		Primary 7 Residential trip
Tuesday 29th April	6.00pm	Parent Council Meeting
Wednesday 21st May	7.00pm	Sacrament of Confirmation
Saturday 31st May	11.00am	Sacrament of First Holy Communion
Sunday 1st June	11.00am	First Holy Communion Parish Thanksgiving Mass