



An Evening of Christmas Song

The Parents Association will present 'An Evening of Christmas Song' tomorrow (Thursday, December 17th) at 7.30pm in St. Brigid's Church, Redhills. This promises to be a brilliant night of entertainment. The evening of song will feature a wide variety of classic carols and modern favourites from local singers and music groups, including our very own St. Brigid's NS choir. Tickets are available in the school or on the door tomorrow evening. They are priced at €10 per ticket. Proceeds from this event will go towards the construction of a wooden playground and maths resources. Thank you to all our wonderful parents and members of the wider school community for their generous donations and support in selling tickets.

Enrolment for 2016/17

September 1st 2015, is now a distant memory and our Junior Infants now know every nook and cranny of the school. Thoughts now turn to our new arrivals next year.



Junior Infant applications for September 2016 must be returned by 15/01/2016. Forms can be obtained in the school or downloaded from our school website.

Building Projects

Over the course of the first term we were successful with two building applications. The Department of Education and Skills have granted funding for additional resource rooms and some renovations at our school. In addition, we have also been allocated funding to repair the wall which was damaged last year. It is important to note that any fundraising for our school will not be used to fund these projects due to this funding. Work will begin on the wall in the new year. The remaining work will hopefully begin in September, 2016.

Christmas Shows

Pictures from all the Christmas Shows will be posted on our website. As always, if you have captured some images you would like to share please e-mail them on and we will get them up on the site.

Mr. Burns
Elves on Strike
Ms. McKenna
The Tiptoe Nativity
Ms. Tierney
Magical Christmas Jigsaw

Parents Association

The Parents Association now have a tab on the school website where you can keep up to date on events they are organising in the school. They have also set up a Facebook page to share information with everyone.

Hip Hop

All classes recently took part in an eight-week block of Hip Hop dance classes. The classes were lively and energetic and all the pupils enjoyed the opportunity to exercise in a new and creative way.

Santa's Post Boxes



There was great excitement when Santa decided to leave Christmas post boxes in our school for all the boys and girls to post their letters. They were collected last week and now we are eagerly awaiting his responses.

Health Promoting School

We have recently teamed up with the HSE to become a 'Health Promoting School'. In doing so, we hope to further develop these health promoting opportunities for the boys and girls at St. Brigid's NS.



Our committee is made up of teachers, parents and pupils: Mr. Kerins, Mrs. Burns, Aileen Fitzpatrick, Geraldine McMahon, Emma Mulvaney and Niall Donlon. We have conducted parent and teacher surveys prior to Christmas. We will be in touch in the new year when we analyse the results.

Green School

Next year will be a busy time for the Green School Committee. We have a number of important jobs to do such as running a poster competition and a slogan competition. We will also be setting our class rules in order to save energy. By *Thomas Mooney*

Green Halloween Fashion

The Green Halloween Fashion was a huge success. The standard was so high and it was obvious that a lot of effort was put into making the costumes.



It was great to see such a big turn out and the children were delighted to have an opportunity to show off their hard work.



It has now become an annual school tradition which is unique to St. Brigid's NS.

Choir

After Halloween, Ms. Tierney set up a school choir. Every week, children from 3rd-6th class meet on Tuesdays from 3-4 to rehearse. They have been singing a wide variety of songs such as hymns, Christmas carols and even some Sister Act. We look forward to performing at different events throughout the school year, including An Evening of Christmas Song.

Toy Show 2015



There was heightened interest in The Late Late Toy Show this year as our very own Enya O'Rourke was performing. Well done to Enya and her music group on being selected as part of the entertainment.

Football

Our football coach Séan visits all classes every week to teach us skills and play conditioned games.

Science Week 2015

This November the children took part in our first Science week. Every day they explored a different aspect of science.



There were experiments that involved burning money, making volcanoes, playing with magnets, static electricity, lava, and exploring the human body.



A great time was had by all the students and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Board Of Management

Over the course of the first term our new Board of Management was formed. Members of the new board are listed below: Séan Doris – Chairperson, Fr. John McTiernan – Patron Nominee, Kenneth Kerins – Principal, Éilis McKenna – Teacher Nominee, Liam Foyne & Clare Faulkner – Parent Nominees, Martin Brady & Dolara Monaghan – Community Nominees.

Lighting of the Christmas Tree



Children from Junior Infants to 6th class will be singing Christmas Carols at the lighting of the Christmas Tree on the village green on Sunday 20th December at 5.00pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us.

Scór

A massive well done to Dylan Courtney on taking part in Scór na nóg. He participated in the 'recitation' competition, which is for children under 18 and involves reciting a story. He performed the 'Ballad of a Tinker's Son' in front of a few hundred people. Dylan dressed up as an old man for the occasion also.



Dylan pictured in another creative costume!

Operation Christmas Child

Many of the children recently took part in the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal. The children worked hard decorating their boxes and filling them with suitable toys and gifts for boys and girls less well off than themselves. These boxes were collected from the St. Brigid's NS and are currently en route to children in developing countries all around the world.



This project teaches our pupils the value of generosity and highlights the real meaning of Christmas. So, many thanks to all participating families for all their effort and kindness.

Christmas Wishes

The staff of St. Brigid's NS would like to wish all of our parents, students and friends a safe and happy Christmas. This year has been a brilliant year for our school. We are very excited about 2016!