



St. Brigid's News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in the season of Lent. There is a temptation to see Lent as solely about 'giving up chocolate' and walking around, feeling miserable, for 40 days! This can lead us to a dark and lonely place, and not focus on the true meaning of Easter—Jesus dying for us, because he loves us so much, he absolves us of our original sin. Let our focus be not on ourselves, but on Jesus. Let us turn toward Jesus and beg for a renewed joy and gratitude in his presence. You don't have to give up chocolate for 40 days— if you're grateful and kind in your heart and accept Jesus as the spiritual food of your life you can offer up your gratitude, kindness and prayers as a perfectly wonderful penance offering. Eat the sweets—but share them with your neighbour!

Thank you for a hugely successful return to school. We are so happy that some of the restrictions are easing, and all extra-curricular and assemblies have returned. World Book Day has been a huge success— and the time, effort, and enthusiasm the children have shown is remarkable!

I cannot emphasise enough—we really need volunteers to help us to renovate the Sixth Form Study Centre— can you help? Can anyone help us by joining our School Association and raising vital funds for us? Please contact school if you can help us in person, with your time, expertise, or financially.

Have a Blessed Season of Lent.

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WALK AGAINST HUNGER

This **Lent** we are supporting CAFOD and joining other schools around the country to help stamp out hunger one step at a time.

Around the world, 200 million children are at risk of malnutrition.

By challenging ourselves to walk and get sponsored on Just Giving this Lent, we will be helping children to grown big and strong.

We have chosen to support CAFOD as a way for our pupils to put their faith into action. By raising money to tackle hunger, we will be supporting our brothers and sisters around the world. (More information to follow shortly.) Just giving - 'St Brigid's School Team' - click on <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-brigids-school-team>



Please join us in praying for the Ukraine.
Our Lady of Ukraine watch over your suffering people.

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
We pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders,
for compassion, strength and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world, that in this moment of crisis,
we may reach out in solidarity to our sisters and brothers in need.

May we walk in your ways, so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine
and for all the world.

Amen.




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★ **Perfect Attendance!** ★
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★ Highest Form Attendance ★
★ for the week - Year 1, 2 & 3 ★
★ all on equal marks. ★
★ Well done. ★
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DATES AND NOTICES

- Monday 7th March
HPV Vaccinations
All Cadets with the exception of Year 10
- Tuesday 8th March
CCF: Air Experience Flying
- Wednesday 9th March
CCF: Year 10 Climbing
- Thursday 10th March
MAT Seren

Pope's tweet: 4th March 2022

Prayer, charity and fasting are not medicines meant only for ourselves but for everyone: they can change history, because they are the principal ways for God to intervene in our lives and in the world. They are weapons of the spirit. #Lent



As a part of World Book Day celebrations.

Lower School have been learning about the author Julia Donaldson, each class performed a piece on the stage today.

Nursery and Reception re told The Gruffalo.

Year One and Two shared poems based on Superworm.

Year 3 shared information about the life of Julia Donaldson through rhyme.



Year 4 shared the Poem, 'Questions' and performed a puppet show based on Superworm!

All of the children did a fantastic job! Da iawn pawb!

In today's assembly we congratulated all the Upper School pupils on their achievements during the last term. Nearly 1700 praise points were awarded by teachers to Years 9,10 and 11 for their efforts within school, both academically and by showing their appreciation to others as we would expect from Brigidines. The following pupils scored particularly highly over the term and were awarded a certificate in recognition of their efforts.



Llongyfarchiadau!

- Year 9 – Danielle Jones, Elika Davies, Cai Davies, Gabriella Fiami, Ganver Santos, Isabella Sardina, Ella Rae Davies, Frankie McGeown, Ryan Andrews, Ryan Gage.
- Year 10 - Joe Bowers, Joseph Sparey Taylor, Joe Ashton, James Beckett, Nick Chantry, George Clayton, Finlay Richards, Poppy Roberts.
- Year 11 – Freddie Kingsland, Job Varughese, Danielle Dela Cruz, Cherish Edwards, Isabella Casey, William Groves, Gianfranco Olazo, Owen Brumby, Haf Read, Tom Watson, Esme Barrow



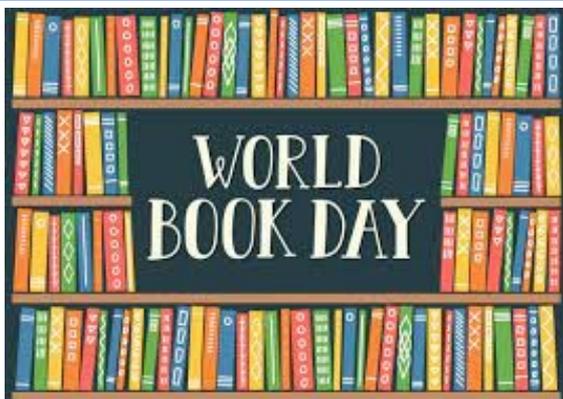
On our INSET Day we were able to have an Ash Wednesday liturgical service for our staff in Chapel.

Ash Wednesday is one of the most important holy days in the liturgical calendar.

Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer and takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday.

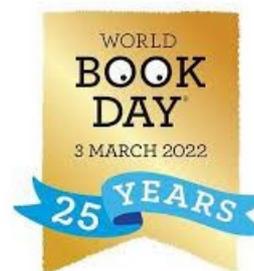


The ashes marked on the forehead symbolize the dust from which God made us.



This week Lower School and Years 5 and 6 celebrated World Book Day by coming into school dressed as a character from a book.

We had some absolutely fantastic costumes this year and so the task of choosing a winner from each year group was a very difficult one! However, Mrs Crimes and Mr Brearley did manage to select some winners in the end. They were Cooper Percival, Peter Canavann, Esme Yesildal, Penny Cummings, Elsa Bartley, Daisy Taylor, Esme Bartley, Lydia Jones, Harmony Clayton, Agatha Roberts and Charlie McAuley Dyson.



Da iawn pawb you all looked wonderful!



Also, a huge thank you to you as parents for going to such a fantastic effort to support this celebration!



World Book Day is a **celebration of reading**, authors, illustrators and books. It's designated by [UNESCO](https://www.unesco.org/) as a worldwide celebration of books and reading, and marked in over 100 countries all over the world.

Sharing stories together for just **ten minutes a day** will encourage a love of reading and it's fun for everyone! You can read together **anywhere and everywhere, from breakfast to bedtime!** In the park, on the train, on the sofa, on a plane – reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.

More information for families can be found at <https://www.worldbookday.com/families/>