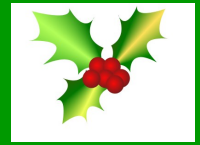




St Brigid's News



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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may know St Brigid's is a Voluntary Aided school and the St Brigid's Trust owns the land and buildings. The Trust has to fund 15% of most repairs and maintenance to the exterior of the buildings and additionally are required to fund 15% of any improvements that we are allowed to make. The remaining 85% of any Capital (repairs maintenance or modernising) expenditure comes from the Welsh Government (Cardiff) via the Local Authority (LA).

With this in mind and given the age of the school buildings the Trustees of the school have to often find funds to make essential repairs. In the last two years the Trustees have undertaken a maintenance and repair programme which has included replacing the roof of the corridor which leads to the hall which has been badly leaking for quite some time; repainting the exterior of the mobile classrooms and replacing windows in the main part of the school along with other expenditure such as a new cooker to produce school meals more efficiently. As you will appreciate this is all very expensive and we are only able to tackle the most pressing problems. In order to us to continue with this the St Brigid's Trust will be sending a letter home to ask for continued or new donations via our Gift Aid system. The full details of the Gift Aid donation system will be explained in the letter and any questions can be sent to the chair of the Trustees, I just wanted to make you aware that the letter will be coming home and to raise your awareness of this system.

Kind regards

Rona Jones
Pennaeth/Headteacher

Jesus is Our Light in a Darkened World - The Light of the World

He is : The cure of every ill
The calm for every storm
The comfort for every sorrow



Some people are afraid of the dark. Christ is the light who takes away the darkness and the fear.

He wants us to understand that he is present in all that occurs.

If we dwell on this thought in the 'silence of our hearts' we will see our lives in a different way and wish to share his light with others.

Lord, we know that true joy comes from a positive outlook on how we live our lives. We know that we are all part of God's plan. Give us that inner peace that comes from knowing you. In this way we are trying to respond to Pope Francis' challenge, 'Wake up the world, come out from behind your doors and be joyful'

The Lord is asking us for 'HELP' – With a resounding 'YES' – Let's come alive and be active for Him. Let us show the world we care.

OUCAT & MINCAT: There will be no Youcat or minicat next Friday January 29th

Pope's Tweet January 19th

The Gospel calls us to be close to the poor and forgotten, and to give them real hope.



DATES FOR DIARY

Saturday 23rd January

**Primary School Urdd Swimming
Final in Cardiff**

Wednesday 27th January

15.45–17.45—CCF

Two Year 7 girls teams went to Ysgol Glan Clwyd on Wednesday evening. Both teams played two ten minute halves against strong teams from Ysgol Glan Clwyd. Both teams found it hard to adapt to the sports hall surface but worked well as a team and represented the school excellently. Team A were trailing 5-1 at the end of the first half but had a very strong second half and the game finished 10-5, this was thanks to good performances all round especially from Abbie Williams and Molly Emmons who both shone when put into a new position. Team B found themselves at a 6-3 deficit at the half way point. Thanks to some excellent passing throughout the court, with a strong defensive display and high quality shooting by Millie Robinson and Aoifa Wong they stopped Glan Clwyd from scoring in the second half and finished, winning the game 6-7. Thank you to Meg Staveley and Maisy Collins for their time assisting, coaching and umpiring and to Mr Bennett for taking them. The team look forward to playing Denbigh High School next week.



Year 9 Options

The Year 9 pupils have had the opportunity to experience 'taster' lessons before they make their choices for GCSE. Pupils were able to attend lessons in Psychology, French, Business Studies, Child Development, Computer Science, Drama, PE, Design Technology and French. As part of the French taster, students from Bangor University came in to speak to pupils about the benefits of studying French and how they have used the language at University and the workplace.

Pupils should now have enough information to be able to make their free choices after which the option blocks will be created. As always we offer guidance and support to any pupils that are undecided or do not get all of their first choices. All Year 9 pupils have a mentor who will gladly discuss options and choices. The Which Way Now? Booklet on the school website gives all the information that parents will need to help their child to make this important decision .



Equipment (Secondary & Primary Years 3-6)

Lots of pupils in both Primary and Secondary are coming to school without the basic equipment. Can I remind you of the equipment that pupils are expected to bring to school for everyday lessons.

You will need a pencil case. In this pencil case you should have:

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| <i>Fountain/Cartridge Pen</i> | <i>Scissors</i> |
| <i>Spare Cartridges</i> | <i>Small Glue Stick</i> |
| <i>Two HB pencils</i> | <i>Highlighter Pens</i> |
| <i>One small 1H or 2H pencil</i> | <i>Coloured Pencils</i> |
| <i>Pencil Sharpener</i> | <i>Long ruler</i> |

You will need a Rough Book, English Dictionary and a pad of ruled file paper in your bag.

ENGLISH – Dictionary, the recommended dictionary is Collins: New School Dictionary (ISBN: 0-00-472238-8)

WELSH (secondary only), any Welsh/English dictionary will be suitable, but the recommended dictionary is Collins: Pocket Welsh Dictionary (ISBN: 0-00-433549)

FRENCH (secondary only), the recommended dictionary is Collins: Easy Learning French Dictionary (ISBN: 0-00-743475-6)

MATHS

- Protractor or Angle Measure*
- Pair of Compasses*
- Scientific Calculator*

ART

- A4 sketch book*
- Small paintbrush*
- Small round ended scissors*

TECHNOLOGY – Coloured Pencils

DANCE

- Girls should wear a white polo shirt with black jazz pants and black jazz shoes*
- Boys should wear their PE Kit*

Parents of pupils that travel on the Arriva bus to Rhyl

Once again there have been complaints about poor behaviour - Senior pupils standing up /walking around/pressing the bell for the bus to stop when nobody wants to get off etc. The bus driver is extremely fed up of this situation and some pupils in Primary are afraid there will be an accident. Safety is becoming a concern on the bus and we ask for your cooperation with this. The bus company has the right to refuse to transport pupils who put safety at risk.