



St Brigid's News

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Dear Parents / Carers

January is traditionally the month when people join gyms and start new exercise or diet regimes after the excesses of Christmas. In school it is a time when the weather isn't very good, fields are muddy and pupils are less enthusiastic about being outside because it is cold. However, keeping the young people of our school fit and active is an important priority for us despite the weather or time of year.

We have asked the senior pupils to give us ideas about activities that they would like on offer in school and the next step will be finding organisations to come into school to deliver sessions at lunchtimes. With this in mind, I would like to ask for any members of our school community who are trained to deliver any kind of sporting activity and who would be able to offer their services at lunchtimes to let me know. You may offer something that the pupils haven't thought of which will be fun and active.

The UK Government's Change 4 life programme <http://change4lifewales.org.uk/?lang=en> gives lots of ideas about how we can stay fit and healthy and have lots of ideas that can be shared with your children to back up our PSE programme here at school.

Kind regards

Rona Jones

Headteacher/Pennaeth

Weekly attendance summary (week ending 20.01.17)

Nursery 90.0%	Recep. 92.1%
Year 1 97.7%	Year 2 94.2%
Year 3 93.7%	Year 4 92.3%
Year 5 96.4%	Year 6 96.1%

Primary total: 94.6%



7G 93.2%	7R 96.4%
8G 93.9%	8R 95.0%
9G 93.4%	9R 99.3%
10G 95.7%	10R 93.3%
11G 98.0%	11R 98.0%

Secondary total: 95.7%



To report an absence firstcontact@stbrigids.denbighshire.sch.uk

DATES FOR DIARY

Wednesday 1st February

St Brigid's Day

15:45-17:45 CCF

YR12 Parents' Evening

Ysgol Brynhyfryd

Thursday, February 2nd

YR9 PARENTS & OPTIONS EVENING AND INTERIM REPORTS

Friday, February 3rd

CCF Climbing Competition

Saturday 4th February

Orienteering - Schools' League (Eastham, Wirral)

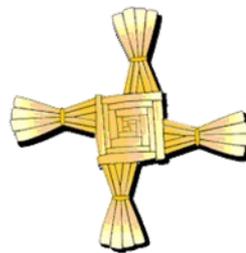
Meet at school at 9am,



On Wednesday February 1st we celebrate St Brigid's Day. St Brigid is named alongside St Patrick as a patron saint of Ireland. Her father was a King and her mother a slave so she understood both sides of life at that time and her love of the poor was remarkable. She founded the first Irish Convent in Ardagh, she died c.525.

St Brigid is the patron saint of our school. Our motto 'Fortiter & Suaviter' (strength & gentleness) is a great guideline for life.

St Brigid's qualities of compassion, generosity, charity and humour are inspirational and we try daily to put them into practise. St Brigid lived in the 6th century but her teaching and example could apply to us today 1500 years later; care of those less fortunate than ourselves, responsibility for our planet and



animals. Pope Francis constantly reminds us of these things. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful Celtic Saint taking care of us and our school.



Can all pupils who wish to attend the Flame Congress on March 11th please pay via parent pay by half term.

Pope's tweet: Jan 23rd - Be not afraid, for I am with you". Let us communicate hope and trust in our time!



RAF Squadron Trophy - The SCOTNINE has over 40 schools and they all had the chance to apply for a place in the competition. Over the weekend 7 teams were tested with the top 3 going onto the National Finals. St Brigid's school came joint 3rd, narrowly missing out on a place in the National finals as the other team (Armagh School) came first in one of the events and St Brigid's did not. However, St Brigid's are the 1st Reserves to go to the Finals. The staff at the event commented on how all our Cadets were a complete credit to the school.

Certificates were awarded for various achievements over the weekend:

- Overall 3rd Place for the St Brigid's Team, (Team Captain Ryan Harrison, Deputy Emily Clarke)
- Smartest Male Cadet (Overall) - Lance Corporal Brown
- Female winner for Fitness - Cadet Sian Casilao,



Sian Casilao achieved a 10.6 on the RAF fitness test, a high grade pass for regular members of RAF closely followed by Megan Shutt, who came overall second.

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Year of the Rooster

This week in the Foundation Phase we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. The children in Year 1 and Year 2 have been busy researching the differences between



Welsh and Chinese dragons and making Chinese lanterns. They had to use a ruler to carefully measure the slits in their lanterns before cutting them out. In Nursery and Reception the children have been busy learning about the traditional Chinese tale of the Monster Nian, they all coloured in a picture of the monster and wrote some words to describe him. They have also been busy making dragon and lion masks and performing dragon dances. We finished off the week with a Chinese banquet of noodles and prawn crackers!



St Brigid's School has been awarded an "Enthuse" bursary for Mr Morgan to attend a four day teacher placement at the world renowned CERN Physics laboratory in February.

CERN, the world's largest particle physics research laboratory, has made a major contribution to our understanding of the basic structure of our universe. For example, CERN is home to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) which has given evidence for the elusive Higgs Boson particle. It has also produced many technological spin-offs – the best known of which is the World Wide Web, which was developed at CERN.

The busy four day placement will include a mixture of lectures, visits and hands-on workshops. The goal of these placements is to help teachers with the important task of engaging students with the big stories of contemporary science.



Top of the Bench, Bangor University

Daniel North and Danah Escalante from Year 9, Harri Taylor from Year 10 and Elis Farrell from Year 11 represented St Brigid's at a Chemistry Competition in Bangor University. This is a very prestigious competition being run and organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry. The pupils were one of ten Schools taking part in this Regional heat and although on this occasion we did not come into the top 3, it has hopefully inspired pupils to take up Chemistry after GCSE.



St Brigid's School Association Spring Ball Promise Auction

At the forthcoming Spring Ball the School Association will be holding their annual Promise Auction.

Details of any promises can either be given to Dawn Conway in the admin office or you can contact Joy Jones on joyjones20@aol.com or 07733 270 711 for both tickets and promises.



Spring Ball Friday 24th March at Faenol Fawr, Bodelwyddan