



St Brigid's News

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the new term and Happy New Year. We hope you had a restful break and that pupils are ready for the term ahead. The Year 11s have already had one Science examination with two more to follow next week. Please make sure they are ready and revise thoroughly before these important days.

As always, pupils have returned with all manner of variations on the uniform and the older pupils in particular are sporting fake nails and piercings which are not allowed and never have been for Year 11 downwards. Please can you make sure your child follows the uniform code. Excessive make up, non natural hair colours and fake and /or polished nails are not allowed. Nose and several ear piercings must be removed or covered by next week. Hoodies are also not allowed to be worn in school, these are for trips and sporting events only. If pupils continue to come to school with incorrect uniform they will receive sanctions.

Our uniform code is made very clear upon entry to the school and is not negotiable despite the pupils' best efforts and sometime imaginative excuses. Before Christmas Monkhouse had several items out of stock but this should be rectified now and pupils should be in school in the correct uniform. We want to keep our standards high and our uniform is the outward sign of this.

Kind regards

Rona Jones
Headteacher/Pennaeth

Weekly attendance summary (week ending 16.12.16)

Nursery 70%	Recep. 94/3%
Year 1 90.0%	Year 2 95.0%
Year 3 92.0%	Year 4 95.0%
Year 5 90.0%	Year 6 93.9%

Primary total: 92.1% ↓

7G 87.5%	7R 96.8%
8G 90.7%	8R 91.4%
9G 88.6%	9R 84.4%
10G 91.9%	10R 95.0%
11G 84.1%	11R 90.7%

Secondary total: 90.1% ↓

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

DATES FOR DIARY

Saturday 7th January

Physics Revision

FP 9-12, Higher 12-3

Wednesday 11th

January

Yr 9 indoor climbing

No CCF due to climbing

Thursday 12th

Urdd Yr 8 netball

Year 8 Parents Evening

16.30 - 18.30

PHSE Yr 10 rights and responsibility



Epiphany – January 6th

The Feast of Epiphany marks the end of the 12 days of Christmas and celebrates the visit of the Wise Men (Kings) to the baby Jesus. The three Kings (Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar) represented Europe, Arabia and Africa respectively.

The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth, the gold representing his royal standing; frankincense his divine birth; and myrrh his mortality.

One of the things that the festival of Epiphany reveals is that God doesn't have favourites but welcomes people from any background and any nationality.

'What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man, I would do my part. Yet what I can I give Him - give my heart.'

May Jesus come alive in our hearts not just at Christmas but throughout the coming year in our words, our thoughts and by our actions.

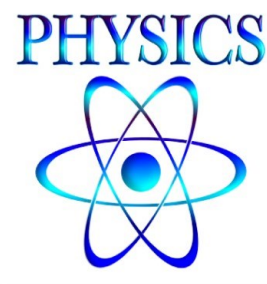
Pope's Tweet: Jan 1st

Let us entrust the New Year to Mary, Mother of God, so that peace and mercy may grow throughout the world.

Youcat will commence next Friday January 13th



Physics revision will be available for Year 11 pupils TOMORROW (Saturday 7th January) in the Physics lab at school with Mr Morgan. Foundation pupils may attend from 9.00-12.00 and Higher pupils from 12.30 - 3.30. Mr Morgan is very kindly giving up his time to help pupils before the examination so we would like to welcome as many Year 11s as possible!

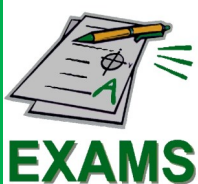


Printing by Pupils - The school spends several thousand pounds per year on printing for pupils - much of which is simply wasted (multiple prints, thrown

away or just left on the printer) and, in some cases, the prints are not school related. These discarded/wasted prints also increase the paper disposal costs for the school. As the school has severe budget constraints, we have decided to re-introduce the PaperCut system that was in use until a couple of years ago. Each pupil will be given an allowance of £5.00 to start the year they can then purchase printing 'top up' vouchers for £2.50. Printing will be charged at 5p a page for black and 15p per page for colour.

Hopefully, this will make pupils more considerate of their printing needs as well as reduce costs for the school.

This will be introduced from Monday 9th January.



GCSE Maths - Thursday 12th January

Please note that due to the GCSE Physics exam the maths results will not be available until 10.30am.

Don't forget
Parents'
Evening!

Year 8 Parents' Evening

You should have all received the pupils reports before Christmas. Parents' evening will be held next Thursday, the 12th.



Epiphany

Today is the day that the Wise Men delivered Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh to Jesus.

Above shows the wise men visiting our school crib.



St Brigid's School Association Spring Ball - Friday 24th March

You are all warmly invited to the annual Spring Ball. It will be held at Faenol Fawr, Bodelwyddan on Friday 24th March. It always proves to be a very popular evening. Tickets cost £25 and include an excellent three course meal and disco. Tickets can be purchased from Joy Jones who can be contacted on joyjones20@aol.com and 07733270711.

Our resident auctioneer, Mr Kelvin Bollard will again join us for the promise auction which always offers a variety of excellent promises. Other years have seen holidays in Chamonix and a guided canoe expedition. If any parents can offer any promises please do contact Joy who will include them in the list which will be available shortly.