



# St Brigid's News

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Dear Parents/Carers

Tonight is the Auction of Promises and we would like to say a big thank you to all those parents and companies that have donated items or will be coming along to support us this evening. The funds raised from this event are used to purchase ICT equipment to help our pupils to improve their digital skills, which is a large part of the new curriculum in Wales. If you have not been able to support us by attending the evening and wish to contribute we would be grateful for any donations to top up the total raised tonight. As always a big thank you to Joy Jones for organising this event and to the School Association for raising funds throughout the year.

I am always keen to hear the views of parents and in the past have sent surveys out. Another way of doing this is through a parents' forum group which in the past has helped to review policies and give ideas about how to improve the day to day running of the school. If you would like to be part of this group, please send an email expressing your interest to [scollins@st-brigids.denbighshire.sch.uk](mailto:scollins@st-brigids.denbighshire.sch.uk) and a meeting will be arranged later this term.

Additionally to keep you up to date with recent developments, a meeting will be held in the next few weeks to update you on the progress of the car parking project and hopefully this will answer some of your questions and address your concerns.

Kind regards

Rona Jones  
Headteacher / Pennaeth

### Weekly attendance summary (week ending 13.04.18)

Nursery 92.9% Reception 98.5%

Year 1 98.5% Year 2 94.6%

Year 3 91.5% Year 4 89.0%

Year 5 96.5% Year 6 93.2%

Primary total: 94.1%

7G 98.3% 7R 90.8%

8G 95.9% 8R 93.4%

9G 89.0% 9R 96.6%

10G 97.1% 10R 99.3%

11G 91.5% 11R 90.4%

Secondary total: 94.3%

To report an absence please email  
[firstcontact @st-](mailto:firstcontact@st-)

### DATES FOR DIARY

#### Friday 20th April

CCF - Cambrian Patrol, South Wales (selected team only), leave at 16.00 / Returning Sunday 22nd April

#### Saturday 21st April

CCF - Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practise, finishing Monday 23rd April

#### Monday 23rd April

A2 Photography Exam in the Photography Room

#### Wednesday 25th April

Denbighshire Athletics  
CCF—All Cadets 15.45 - 17.45

Be careful how you live...  
you may be the only Bible some people read.

As the sun arrives and changes our lives, let us take a look at how we can do the same for others influencing those around us with joy.

Are we peace makers or peace breakers? We have the power to change people's lives for the better or for worse. We don't have to be the world's best money raiser, we just have to act kindly and show compassion towards those around us. The phrase 'You might be the only Bible that a person will ever read' is thought provoking.

We need to look around us and ask ourselves the question, "Who are the poor for us? Who are the marginalised? Who are the prisoners? Many people are prisoners to illness, loneliness, bullying, fear or poverty. We should remember we are blest when we reach

out to others. We should try to live our Christian principles with **JOY** and this will change our lives.

*Jesus first  
Others second  
Yourself last.*

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No Youcat (Alpha) on  
Friday 20th April

Pope's tweet - God asks us little and gives us a lot. He asks us to open our hearts and to welcome Him and the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.



## UK Mathematics Trust:

The following have gained certificates in the UKMT intermediate Maths challenge for Years 9 and 10.

The students answer 25 questions in a 1 hour challenge and certificates are awarded to the top 40% performing students.

Well done to the certificate winners:

Bronze: Harriet Gaskin, Maebh Hesselning, Llyon Morgan Read, Ffion Meakin, Tomos Harrison and Charlie Lyons

Silver: Sian Casilao and Seren Dovey Evans

Seren achieved the highest score of our entries.



Year 12s post exams this summer:

A2 lessons will start from

the 5th June. Lessons will then finish on 13th July when transport will also end on that date.

Pupils are expected to attend these A2 lessons.



## GO4SET Airbus Project



Last week the STEM GO4SET group went on Thursday to the Airbus North Factory at Broughton for a visit to the site to look at the manufacturing process and the building design. Pupils were given a factory tour by Mr Laitham who is a Mentor for the GO4SET project. We observed how each component comes together and learnt about the journey of each plane component which is a global enterprise.

Some pupils from Years 10 and 11 also enjoyed the trip as part of an insight into Product Design and future career possibilities.



On Friday the GO4SET pupils enjoyed a visit from Airbus Mentors Mr Laitham, Miss Acaster and we also had a special visit from Dr J Cooper, Engineering Lecturer at Salford University. The afternoon focussed on exchanging sus-

tainable and Eco- design research towards designing an 'Eco-factory'. All pupils working on this project will prepare a report, presentation, model and display stand in preparation for the Airbus celebration day in June as part of the Welsh Government sponsored STEM project in collaboration with Airbus. Thank you to Mr Bowen who drove the mini bus for us and enjoyed the factory tour also. Pupils who took part were Martha Nalecz, Lydia Lee, Isobel Holt, Alice Grange, Niamh Daly, Harriet Devany, Harriet Gaskin, Seren Dovey-Evans, Libby Argent, Bethan Greaves, Nicola Sumang, Toby Miller, Gio Olaz, Jamie Owens and Rhys Jones.



Congratulations to Scott Williams Yr11 who has secured a place on the Canada Exchange this year and will take part in the RCAC Leadership and Challenge Course held at the Rocky Mountain Cadet Training Centre over the period 5 July – 19 August 2018. Congratulations also go to James Hones

Yr11 who secured a place as First Reserve for the RCAC Expedition Instructor Course held at the Whitehorse Cadet Training Centre over the period 5 July – 19 August 2018.

Major C Skinner RA said that it was a very strong field, with more than 80 of the Army's top cadets from across the country. All the assessors were very impressed with the levels of enthusiasm, commitment and physical achievement from all the cadets throughout the competition.

## Liverpool University / MEM Challenge.

Pupils recently competed in both the 'Senior Challenge' for Years 9 & 10 and the 'Challenge 18' for Years 8 and under which was run by Liverpool University.



The challenge involved solving some extended maths problems over the February half term. Entries required extensive workings and extended solutions.

Well done to the 2 winners.

Challenge 18: Chloe Williams Year 7

and in the Senior Challenge Category: Elin Morris (Year 9)