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Punctuality Week

Punctuality Week took place in early October. Well done to all of the boys and girls who came to school on time at ten to nine!!



Choir

The First Class choir sang for their parents on Tuesday December 17th. They had great fun rehearsing and performing. They did a very good job. Well done! Thanks to Ms Gaskin and Ms Quinn and Ms McGowan for organising everything.

Christmas Performances

The Junior and Senior Infants children took part in their Christmas performances. Junior Infants sang songs and rhymes and Senior Infants performed a nativity play. Parents came in to watch the shows. Everybody really enjoyed it. Well done boys and girls!



Santa Visit

Santa came to visit the children on Wednesday December 18th. He visited all the classes and they had a lovely little chat. He shared treats with every child and the children were delighted to see him. Photos are on St. Brigid's JNS Facebook Page.

Christmas Card Competition

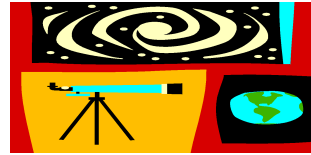
All of the children in our school entered our school Christmas Card Competition. They all worked so hard and created amazing pictures and designs for the school Christmas Cards. It was very difficult to choose 4 winners as the standard of drawing and creativity was so high this year. The winning entries this year are:

Junior Infants: Charli Roberts
O'Toole R5

Senior Infants: Isabella Walsh R8

First Class: Justin O'Neill R21

Second Class: Shanzay Khan R26



Science Week and Tree Week

In October, the children enjoyed a Tree Week Workshop with a Tree expert from Heritage in Schools. They learned how to identify trees from their leaves and their seeds, went on a tree walk, we collected leaves and created some amazing art work using leaves and clay. We learned about how to look after our trees and to appreciate their beauty as they change through the seasons.

In November, our pupils were very busy during Science Week participating in experiments and activities with their class teacher. Children are developing a keen interest for Science through fun activities.

Swimming

The children in Ms. Gavin's and Ms. Cleary's classes have each completed 6 weeks of swimming lessons in Tallaght Leisure Centre. Ms. Guidera's class will start their lessons in January. The children have really enjoyed the swimming lessons and their swimming skills have improved too.



Brookfield Buddies Week

In November we had Brookfield Buddies week. The emphasis of this week is on friendship, anti bullying and what it means to be a friend. The children participated in a variety of activities during the week and they learned and performed a 'Brookfield Buddies' rap. The rap was performed by all the children in the hall at assembly. There was a 'Buddy Charter' in each classroom. The intention was to focus on a point from the Buddy Charter each day. Teachers discussed each point and what it means with the children.



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School Garden

This is a quiet time of the year in the garden! The beds are being weeded and prepared for planting next year. We started filling the bird feeders in November so that the birds have another food source in the coldest months. The school garden is a lovely space to visit and the children always enjoy spending time there!



Parents' Association

A big thank you to all the parents who organised Halloween activities for the children. We are always looking for parents/guardians to get involved in St Brigid's JNS Parents' Association. Contact Allison on 0876032333 if you would be interested in helping out.

Brookfield's Got Talent

All of the children in second class auditioned to be in Brookfield's Got Talent 2024. And what an amazing bunch of boys and girls we have in our school. The semi-final and final were a huge success and showcased the many talents the children have. Congratulations to all who participated this year. A huge congratulations to Hamlynn Sebin for winning BGT 2024 for her amazing Indian Dance Routine.

Doodle Den

Fifteen children from Senior Infants have been taking part in Doodle Den since September. They have been playing lots of games and reading stories. The parents also came into our school library for a visit, and are helping out with Art on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you to everyone for getting involved!

St. Mark's GAA Coaching

Ken King from St. Mark's GAA Club Springfield has been coming into our school to teach the children some GAA skills. Senior Infants and First classes have really enjoyed the coaching sessions and their skills have improved greatly. Junior Infants and Second Classes will have their turn at GAA training in the new year. If you wish your child to join St. Mark's Gaelic Football and Hurling Academy, bring them along on Saturday mornings to McGee Park 10am-12am. This is open to boys and girls aged 4-7 years.



Staff News

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the retirement of our beloved Mary Mahony. Mary has worked in St. Brigid's for 35 years as catering staff. We had a wonderful concert in the school hall to mark her retirement where the children said goodbye and thank you through poems and songs. The students, teachers and parents will miss Mary so much. We are sad to see her go and we will miss her great kindness. We wish her all the very best of luck in her retirement.

Christmas Break:

School closes on Friday 20th of December at 12.00 for the Christmas holidays and opens again on Monday 6th January 2025 at 8.50am. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas break.

On behalf of the Board of Management, staff and pupils, we wish you and your families a peaceful and Happy Christmas.





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