



# St Brigid's PS Glassdrummond

## Newsletter October 2023

We would like to thank all parents for the big effort being made to ensure all the children come to school with the appropriate uniform on.

Primary 5 will have their last swimming lesson next Monday 16th October and Primary 6 will start their lessons Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November and finish on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, swimming lessons cost £14 per pupil.

The Primary 6/7 classes are doing Tin Whistle with Mr Savage and if anyone needs a Tin Whistle there are still some at school here for a cost of £5.

All dinner money must be paid on the day or at least by the Friday morning of that week if paying in cash. We would also ask that parents keep an eye on their EZ Payment accounts and settle the balance at regular times. If anyone is still having difficulties with the EZ Payments app please contact or come into school and we will try to remedy any problems.

Our Halloween Parties takes place Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October. The children can come into school dressed up in their scary outfits. Children can take in some treats for their class parties. Primary 1 children do not need to take in any sweets as they will have food provided for them. We would ask that no one send in any products containing nuts.

This year's Parent Teacher Meetings will take place Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October for the most part. The meetings will take place throughout the day and the children will not be at school on this date.

Some of the Primary 7 boys and girls took part in the Newry, Mourne and Down Council Cross Country Challenge on Tuesday in Downpatrick. Everyone did really well with the girls finishing eighth overall and the boys finishing fourth overall out of thirty-eight schools. Maith sibh. Thankyou to all the parents who provided lifts for the children.

The boys and girls football teams have a blitz this Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> in Forkhill at 10.00am.

This year we are hoping to boost the school's public profile and we will be relaunching the school's Facebook page shortly. We will be posting about all the great stuff which is happening at St Brigid's and letting people know what a wonderful school we have. There will be an open night on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December between 4.00pm and 6.00pm for parents of children who will be starting Primary 1 or Nursery in September 2024, more information to follow.

The Mini club for Primary 3 children between 1.40 and 3pm has been going very well and we will continue with this service up to Christmas when we will review it again. We had let parents know that we may open this provision up to Primary 1 and 2 children also and we will also have to look at a small charge per child as there is a cost to the school involved. Please answer question in link below indicating whether or not you would be interested in your Primary 1 or 2 children availing of the Mini club if there was a charge of £1.50.

<https://forms.gle/kjLGbQFXXsECbqeF9>

We will also share the link on the school app for your convenience.

### **Important Dates:**

October 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> school closed for children.

November 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> school closed for children.

First Holy Communion Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 11.00am

Confirmation Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 11.00am

Mr Mc Caul