



### **Christmas Fayre**

Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Fayre last night. We had a super turnout and everyone had great fun. Thanks to everyone who assisted in organising the event – our school staff, our hard working “Friends of St. Brigid’s Association”, our various sponsors from within both our school and the local community and everyone else who supported us in any way. Particular thanks to Mrs. Brady who coordinates the Fayre each year and her hard working assistant, Mrs. McGarry. A final word of thanks to Santa who took time out of his busy schedule to be with us.

### **Grand Christmas Draw Winners**

Thanks to all who bought tickets for our draw. The winners were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Kathleen Loughran (Kindle Fire)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Anna Mae Rollo (32” TV)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: John Craig (Bicycle)

### **Radio Cracker**

Our school choir sounded lovely on Radio Cracker on Wednesday morning. Well done boys and girls! They have now entered a very busy time of year with concerts, the Carol Service, charity singing and various visits within the local community to fit in. Thanks to Mrs. McCann and Mrs. O’Kane for all of their hard work in preparing the children.

### **Confirmation Date (P7)**

The date for this year’s Confirmation Service has been confirmed this week. It will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 12.00noon in All Saints’ Church. The presiding Bishop will be communicated to us at a later date.

### **Dates for your Diary – December 2018**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening @ 6.30pm

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> - P7 St. Patrick’s Taster Day

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – High Kirk Carol Service @ 6.30pm

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – P2 visit Ballykeel – Christmas Show

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – Carol Service (All Saints’ Church) @ 7pm

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – P1 & P2 Cinema Trip and

P3 visit Ballykeel – Christmas Show

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> - P1-P3 Christmas Show for local Pre-Schools @ 9.30am

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch (School finishes @ 12.45pm)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec – Mr. Cuninghams’ Class Trip to Water Heritage Centre

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Miss. Graham’s Class Trip to Water Heritage Centre

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – P1-P3 Christmas Show @ 9.30am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Pantomime @ Grand Opera House (P3-P7)

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec – School Closes at 12noon

### **Girl Footballers**

Our Girls’ Gaelic Football team travelled to the Antrim Forum for the Cumann Na mBunscol Indoor 5 a Side competition this week. They did really well and won all of their group games to qualify for the semi-final. In the game, against Moneynick PS, they could not be separated in normal time or in 3 periods of extra time before losing out to a golden goal. A great experience for the girls. Thanks to Mr. McAtamney who looks after the team and to the local All Saints GAC who coach the girls throughout the year.



### **Rice Sales**

Primary 6 have been studying Fair Trade this term. To support their studies and help those engaged in Fair Trade work they will be selling bags of rice over the next few weeks. The rice has come from Fair Trade sources in Malawi and is priced at £3. They will be selling it at the school Open Evening on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> December and outside the school front doors on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> & Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at both 2.00pm & 3.00pm.



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## WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Morning Mass

P7 classes will be attending 10.00am Mass on in All Saints Church on **Monday** morning. Children will be walking to the church and require a coat and suitable footwear.

### Credit Union Savers

The final Credit Union savings for this year will be collected on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Collections resume in the New Year.



Community Consultation

## Have your say

### Proposal for a new sports pitch at Dunfane

We have been given an opportunity to work in partnership with St Patrick's and St Brigid's schools to develop a flood lit, all-weather (3G) sports pitch on the current St Patrick's High School pitch site. Planning permission for this facility was obtained in September 2017.

[www.midandeantrim.gov.uk](http://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk)



### School Christmas Dinner

The Annual Christmas Dinner will take place in the school canteen on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Dinner is priced at £2.60 and children who receive free school meals will not be charged. Money for the dinner must be paid on or before Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December in order to allow the canteen staff the opportunity to prepare the food for the numbers attending. **Parents should note that school will close early that day at 12.45pm.**

### "Ditch the Dark Day"

Our "Ditch the Dark" day took place today. The children made a special effort to come to school in bright clothing and there was a noticeable drop in traffic on the school site as well. The various competition winners will be announced at assembly next week including which class made the greatest change in their travel to school routine.

### 3G Pitch Consultation

Consultation on plans to provide a 3g pitch at St. Patrick's College for use by both schools have been initiated by Mid & East Antrim Council. Children took a leaflet home recently and a link to the survey was texted to parents. The survey is very short and should take no longer than 2 minutes to complete. We would ask for your support with this development if possible.

### Open Days

#### St. Brigid's Open Evening

Our Open Evening for September 2019 P1 pupils will take place on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. All children starting school and their parents are invite along to the school to view the classrooms and meet the staff.

#### Kenbaan Open Afternoon

Kenbaan will hold their Open Afternoon for children who are starting pre-school in September 2019 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 12.30pm-1.30pm.

#### First Steps Open Day

First Steps Open Day will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec from 12-1pm & 6-7pm

#### Dunclug Nursery Open Day

Dunclug Nursery Open Day will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec from 2-6pm



### Ditching the Dark!

