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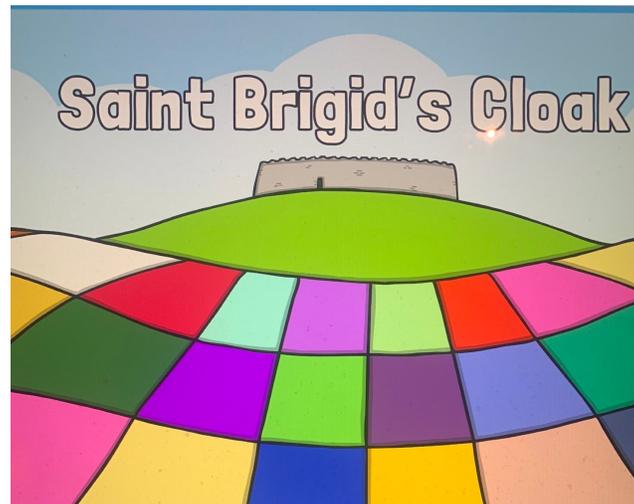
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A Chairde,

Today, February 1st is the feast of St Brigid. She is the patroness of Ireland. ‘*We sing a song to Brigid*’ is a song from the Grow in Love programme which can be heard down the corridors of the school at this time of the year. Maybe you would like to play it at home today or sometime this week. St Brigid’s Day heralds the arrival of spring. Many of our classes will be learning about St Brigid this week. [We Sing a Song to Brigid \(Alive-O\)](#)

Check out this Irish song:

https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=421640455716566&id=222345564466793

From a young age, Brigid was a loving, caring and generous person. She often gave away food and valuable items from her home to poorer people. We have much to learn from St Brigid. She was a woman of deep faith and is associated with bringing good blessings as well as bringing the spring. The tradition of making St Brigid’s Day crosses with rushes lives on in Ireland - another

tradition upheld in our school. Unfortunately this year that will not happen at school but perhaps you could watch a clip of St Brigid's Crosses being made.

[How To Make A Brigid's Cross From Rushes](#)



Blessing of St Brigid

*May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell
Bless every fireside every wall and door
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy
Bless every foot that walks its portals through
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.*

I wish to acknowledge the work that the staff of St Mary's have done, and are continuing to do, to give our pupils the best experience of Remote Learning that they can. Long hours are being put in, weekend preparation is common and many are juggling difficult home circumstances.

I am also aware of the difficult home circumstances many families are facing and yet every effort is being made by families to give their children the best experience that they can.

The young people are just amazing in how they have adapted.

Great thanks are due to all, especially as this time around there is a far greater expectation from all sides. I have no doubt that everyone is really looking forward to returning to school and, please God, it will happen soon.

If the school can support any families with the loan of a device or the provision of an internet dongle, please email me at office@stmarystrim.ie

Thanks.

Google Classroom: For security reasons, all work and Meet links will only be done through the platform. Please do not return work or ask for Meet links, outside of this.

This week I would like to meet with our two Sixth Classes for a chat. Probably Wednesday for Room 30 and Thursday for Room 31. We had a meeting planned for in-school and I would like to go ahead online. Teachers will send the links tomorrow, with the times.

Enrolment Forms for next year will be posted on Friday next February 5th, to be returned by Monday February 15th.

Mise le meas



C il n   Coigh,
Pr omh Oide.

[Community News](#)

[Green News](#)

Nathanna na Seachtaine: T  m  cr ochnaithe (I am finished)
Seanfhocal na M osa: N  h  l  na b ist , l  na bp ist  (Rainy days are not for children!)

Green News



Snowdrops are the first flowers that bloom after the harsh winter, defying the hardened frosty ground and sometimes even a heavy sheet of snow. They symbolise hope, something we all need particularly at the moment.



There are signs of spring popping up all around us if we keep our eyes open. Buds on the trees, lambs in the fields, spring flowers shooting up. Have a little look at this time-lapsed bud opening into a leaf!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XvW_0CtDUfM

Our Green Theme this year is Global Citizenship - Marine. To re-echo what was said many times before The marine environment plays a very important role in maintaining our climate. Ireland's seabed territory is one of the largest in Europe and more than 10 times Ireland's land mass. There is a lot of ocean to protect!

Here is a link to Green Schools Stay Home resources with quizzes, marine environment themed videos, tips and activities which pupils can enjoy doing at home.

<https://greenschoolsireland.org/green-schools-stay-home-marine-environment/>



If anyone tries any of the ideas and would like to send us photos of their experiments or crafts please do so this week before 6 pm on Wednesday and we will try to create a slideshow for the Assembly on Friday. If you have done anything related to the Marine theme before now and would like to share it, we would love to include it also.

Our oceans and seas are very important ecosystems. There are many threats to the marine environment, in particular the threat of marine litter. This type of litter is any man-made material that has ended up in the marine environment after being lost or discarded on land or at sea. Marine litter can become a health and safety issue for beach users but can also be ingested by wildlife which in time could end up in our food chain. Some classes are

working on Marine themes this week including deep seabed species. The oceans can teach us many things. We will be learning a lot about it over the coming months.

Here is a nice child-friendly link to help explore this theme a bit further:

<https://climatekids.nasa.gov/ocean/>

Also don't forget about the National Marine Aquarium will be delivering live lessons via You Tube. Each week there will be 2 sessions.

Deep Science (1- 1:20pm)

Mermaid tales (1:30 - 1:45pm)

For more information head here:

<https://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/learning-at-the-aquarium/home-learning-sessions/>

Remember to keep safe and keep green!