



Braehead School April Newsletter



It's the end of another busy term and everyone is looking forward to a much deserved break. This Newsletter shares some news from the last few weeks along with dates for your diary for next term. We look forward to seeing you all after the Easter break.

Archie in Africa - Café Event

Thank you to all who came along last Friday to support our Archie in Africa fundraising café event organised and run by P3 and P6. A huge thank you also goes to those who collected sponsor money for the charity. We are very proud to announce that a grand total of **£632.72** has been raised and sent off to this worth while cause. We are always so impressed by the generosity and enthusiasm of families at these events - a real community spirit is evident.



Art Gallery

A big thank you goes to Mrs Mundie, Mrs Walker and the P5 pupils for their hard work in organising and setting up Braehead Art Gallery. Each child chose one of their favourite pieces of Art work from the session to create the wonderful display of paintings, sketches, sculptures and models. We really appreciate the donations that parents/carers gave to take the art work home - we have raised approximately **£150** and this will go towards replenishing our Art materials for use in future exciting Art projects.

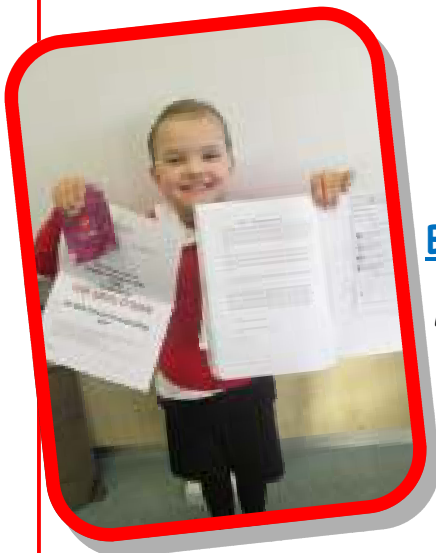


Celebration...

Tesco Bag Design

Ellie Ong, P3 was chosen as the winner of the Tesco Bag Design. Ellie's design has been printed on reusable bags with her name and age along with the school's name. Ellie won £25.00 for herself and a cash gift of £300 for the school to spend. Pupil Council Reps are collecting ideas as to what we can spend the money on.

We have received 350 bags which are now on sale from the school office for £2.00.



Brig of Don Writing Competiton

Maya Laird P5 won a £30 meal voucher for her family and an Argos voucher for her super short story entry for the Brig of Don writing competition. Maya's imaginative story had a Christmas theme and was very entertaining.

P7 Rotary Quiz Team

Well done to the P7 Quiz Team who took part in the Rotary Club Quiz on Wednesday 11th March at Oldmachar Academy. They answered some particularly tricky questions and did the school proud.



Golden Table

The children are really excited and motivated by the chance to be awarded with a Golden Ticket to attend the Golden Table each week. Well done to those who have already been at the Golden Table. Remember we have a box in the reception area for parents/ carers and children to nominate a member of staff.



Specsavers

On Wednesday 18th March Emma Lloyd and Susan Dow from Specsavers opticians spent the morning in school carrying out workshops with each of our classes.

They left us with some free resources and high vis vests which the younger children are enjoying playing with.



Building Bridges

P7 pupils took part in a Building Bridge challenge on Wednesday 18th March. The children investigated different types of suspension bridges to encourage them to think about a future carer in engineering. The children then worked in teams to create the amazing bridge below. The pupils have since used their design and technology skills to create mini wooden bridges back in class.



Dates for your diary.....

School Closures during May

Please be reminded that the school will be closed on **Friday 1st May** as this is an In-Service Day. Staff will be in school and the focus for development is Maths. The school will also be closed on **Monday 4th May** for the public Holiday and on **Thursday 7th May** due to the school be used as a Polling Station due to the General Election.

Maths Open Afternoon - 19th May

There will be a chance for you to come into school on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th May from 2pm onwards to see some Maths activities in action - more details to follow nearer the time.



Sports Day

We have already started to plan out our calendar for the end of term and have selected Tuesday 30th June at 1:30pm to be our Sports Day. If the weather is not kind to us then we will move it to the next sunny day that week.



P7's visit to Bridge of Don Academy

Please note that the P7's will visit Bridge of Don Academy on Monday 22nd / Tuesday 23rd / Wednesday 24th June. More details will follow nearer the time. Just as a reminder all pupils going to secondary schools in Aberdeen should have applied for their Accord Card. If you have not done so please contact Robert Fenton, Aberdeen City Council on 01224 346834.



More dates for your diary.....

Primary 3 Toy Sale

We are hoping the children from all classes can support the Primary 3 Toy Sale on Friday 1st May. During the holidays, have a clear out of toys, books, CD's and DVD's you no longer need and bring them into school. Please make sure they are in good selling condition with no missing pieces.



An Audience with Maureen Smith (clairvoyant)

Wednesday 20th May
7:30pm - 10pm

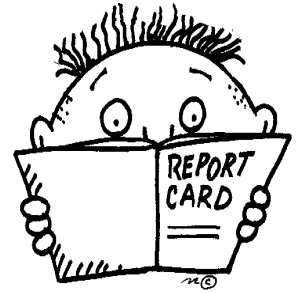
If you wish to buy a ticket for this event then please come to the school office with your £22 to book your place. Tickets are limited so it will be on a first come first serve basis.



Notes...

Surveys

Following the publication of your children's report card and parental consultations we have devised a questionnaire to help us plan ahead to next session. We want to review how and when we share the children's learning with you. Your ideas and opinions are vital in helping us to improve on our current practice. Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our survey on Parents Evenings. If you didn't get the chance it would be greatly appreciated if you could spend a couple of minutes answering the questions on the link below. Thank you.



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/733WYHP>

Money / Trip Slips

Just a wee reminder that if your child has money to return or slips for events etc. could they please hand them to their class teacher and not the school office.



This gives the class teacher the chance to keep a check on who has still to hand things back. If you don't have an envelope to pop money into then its fine to sellotape coins onto the slip to save it from getting lost at the bottom of bags! Thanks for your co-operation with this.



Comic Relief

The children had a fun filled day on March 13th to raise awareness and money for Red Nose Day. A grand total of **£272.76** was raised for the charity. Well Done!

Term and Holiday Dates Session 2014-2016

Term 3

Thursday 2nd April, 2015 - Last day Term ends

Term 4

Monday 20th April, 2015 - Start of Term

Friday 1st May, 2015 - In-Service Day

Monday 4th May, 2015 - May Day Holiday

Thursday 7th May, 2015 - Polling Day

Friday 3rd July, 2015 - Term ends

Term 1

Monday 17th August, 2015 - Staff Return closed to pupils

Tuesday 18th August, 2015 - Pupils return

Friday 9th October 2015 - Term ends

Term 2

Monday 26th October 2015 - Start of Term

Friday 18th December, 2015 - Term ends

Term 3

Wednesday 6th January, 2016 - Start of Term

Monday 15th February, 2016 - Mid Term Holiday

Friday 25th March, 2016 - Good Friday Holiday

Friday 1st April, 2016 - Term ends

Term 4

Monday 18th April, 2016 - Start of Term

Monday 2nd May, 2016 - May Day Holiday

Friday 1st July, 2016 - Term ends

Term 1

Monday 15th August, 2016 - Staff Return closed to pupils

Tuesday 16th August, 2016 - Pupils return

Friday 7th October, 2016 - Term ends

Term 2

Monday 24th October 2016 - Start of Term

Friday 23rd December, 2016 - Term ends

In-Service days for session 2014-15

Friday 1st May, 2015

These dates are correct as at date of print