



# Braehead School Newsletter



## Welcome Back!



We are heading into the final term with much to look forward to.

We welcome Mrs Wendy Haggart to our PSA team this week. Mrs Haggart will be working with classes across the school and will support the pupils in the dining hall and playground.

She has made a very positive start this week and is getting to know pupils and staff quickly.

**Below are a few key dates and events for your diary.**

### Week Beginning 28th April

Primary 7 pupils head to Abernethy Nethybridge for the week—we hope they all have a super time and the sun shines for them.

### In-Service Day 2nd May

School closed to all pupils. Staff will be in school working on how we are ensuring that we provide consistently high-quality learning across the school.

### Curriculum Evening - 14th May @ 6pm

The focus for this evening will be on the Active Literacy Approaches that we are currently developing in school. The evening will start off with a presentation in the hall around the three main aspects of Literacy - Spelling, Reading and Writing. There will then be an opportunity for you to look round the classroom areas where there will be resources and activities set up for you to see the kind of things the children are working on.

Please return the tear off slip or send an email to Alison to let her know if you would like to attend.

### Polling Day - 22nd May 2014

School closed to all pupils. Staff will be in school working on the further development of our curriculum plan for next session.

### Open Afternoon - 28th May @ 2pm

A chance for you to come and visit the school to join in with some literacy based activities with your children.

### Tuesday 3rd June—Senior Choir

### Wednesday 4th June— P1-3 Choir

The school will be taking part in the Music Festival at the Music Hall on the above dates. Details will follow.

### Summer Fayre - Saturday 14th June

Lots of exciting activities and stalls for all the family. More details will follow soon from our Parent Group who are busy organising this at the moment.

### Monday 23rd June - Wednesday 25th June

Primary 7- 3 day visit to Bridge of Don Academy

### Sports Day - Thursday 26th June @ 1:30pm

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us and we will be able to hold our annual sports day on this date. Events will start at 1:30pm and we aim to be finished by the end of the school day.

### End of Term Disco - Thursday 3rd July

Again more information will follow nearer the time.

### Church Service - Friday 4th July @ 11am

All parents are invited to attend our end of term Church Service.



## School Improvements

### **Education Scotland**

Next week we welcome Mr Eadie -HMiE inspector into school for a support visit. Mr Eadie will spend the day in school, during which we will have the chance to update him on our progress since the inspection. He will have the opportunity to speak to staff and visit some classes. This is excellent timing and we look forward to sharing our developments and receiving his feedback. I will update you on how the visit goes.

### **Curriculum**

This term we will continue to focus on Literacy as our main curricular area. The work that we have started in the area of Writing will continue to progress but we are now turning our focus to Reading.

The Curriculum Evening will explain these approaches in more detail.

At home you can help by encouraging a love of reading! Any reading of any type of text can help benefit your child.

### **Meeting Needs**

We have been working hard throughout the last term to reorganise our support staff to ensure we are supporting the pupils to meet all needs. We have started a number of 'Focus Groups' which the PSA staff run with direction from the class teachers. For example we have a group of children working on developing their fine motor skills and a group to help reinforce number bonds. We will continue to monitor and adapt these groups as the term progresses.

We have managed to arrange for Mrs Mundie to work alongside some of the class teachers to provide extra teaching support for a variety of groups of children. This will continue throughout the term and will be reviewed on a regular basis.

Class teachers continue to work hard, regularly assessing pupils progress to ensure that they are meeting individual pupil needs.

## Golden Groups



Following an evaluation of our new Golden Groups we have made a few changes for this term.

The pupils were keen to opt into groups which we have now organised. There are a few new groups which have been added.

For example we now have a gardening group which we would very much appreciate any helping hands to develop. Golden Groups run from 2:15- 3pm on Friday afternoons. If any parents/ grandparents could spare some time to help get this up and running it would be great.

We also have a regular 'cooking', hama beads and sewing group. If anyone has any hama beads or boards they no longer require we would be delighted if you would send them into school for us to use.

If any parents have any talents/skills that we could use to run an extra Golden Group it would be excellent to get more up and running. Please get in touch with us to have a chat about what we can arrange.

## Homework

Thanks to all who completed our homework survey- we appreciate and value all your comments. We are in the process of collating pupil, parent and staff views. We will issue a draft policy as soon as possible to gauge your opinions.

Mr Taylor has offered to run a Homework club on a Wednesday during lunch times. All pupils are welcome to attend and complete their homework if they wish. We will still be encouraging the pupils to share their tasks at home with family too.

## Northsound One



A group of our P2 children took part in the exciting radio programme 'Topple the Class'. This is being aired at about 7:15am each morning. Listen out for our budding DJ's over the next couple of weeks!

### Aberdeen Youth Games

The pupils have had their first session this week which was a huge success. All pupils from P2-P7 had a chance to take part in badminton sessions which we fun and motivating.



Now that Reece Carson (P6) has made his 3D model of the baton for the games we look forward to it making the 'rounds' of the city schools. We are due to receive the baton for 1 hour on Thursday 7th May. We are currently in the process of planning out what we as a school plan to do while it is here.

Below is a link for the STV news where Reece was interviewed about his baton design. Now a TV star.

<http://player.stv.tv/programmes/news-at-six-aberdeen-north-full/>



### Primary 6 Tuck Shop

Following the success of the Primary 6 trial run tuck shop at the end of last term we are in the process of organising this to become at least a weekly occurrence.

The pupils are in discussions with a local business to find out how they can help provide products that can be a regular item for sale.

Primary 6 will be in touch with all the information once things are finalised.



### Hockey

Our Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils are about to start a 6 week block of Hockey sessions run by Active Schools.



The pupils involved will also have the opportunity to attend a Hockey lunch time club on a Friday. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed their first session today.

### Primary 3 Toy Sale

Primary 3 are in the process of planning and organising a whole school Toy Sale on Thursday 1st May. They are developing their skills for life and work by working as a class to run this event.

If anyone has any old toys, games, books, CD's or DVD's that are in good condition then please hand them into the school for the children to sell on their stall. All money raised on the day will be split between a charity and go towards our Enterprise fund.

If your child would like to go along to the stall and possibly buy an item then please provide them with their money in a purse or envelope. All items on the stall are predicted to be between 10p and £1. We advise that £2 maximum per pupil would be sufficient.



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved our first award for Eco Schools Scotland.

I would like to thank the Eco Group along with Miss McLean and Mrs Clyne for co-ordinating the work and promoting this throughout the school. The children have all helped to contribute towards this award and it is an excellent achievement that the whole school has worked towards. We are already well on our way to achieving our Silver award.

Another plea! Any parents / grandparents who would like to become a member of our Eco Group please get in touch and we will see what we can arrange.

Look out for our Eco Group appearing in the local press very soon!

WELL DONE !



### Primary 7 Oscars

Congratulations and Well Done to Primary 7 who have recently completed their movie making project. They have worked particularly well in groups to produce short films while working to a very strict deadline. The pupils have gained a great deal from the project and have had the chance to apply their literacy skills to plan and organise an Oscars evening.

Thanks to all who attended the event earlier this week. The pupils also had a chance to share their work at assembly this week where the rest of the school had the chance to vote for their favourite film.



### Nursery

Following discussions with staff and parents the times below have been decided for next session to allow us to meet the Scottish Government's increased nursery hours.

Morning session will run from 8:40am—11:50am

Afternoon session will run from 12:30pm - 3:40pm



### School Uniform

Please see attached order form for School Uniform . Please note there will not be another order placed until our return in August. The order will be sent away on Tuesday 6th May so please ensure that you have place your order by Monday 5th May—Thank you.

**Sweatshirts - £9.50**

Sizes	Age	3 / 4	5 / 6	7 / 8	9 / 10	11 / 12	XSmall
		22/24"	26/28" 30"	32"	34"		

**Sweatshirts (Adults) - £11.50**

Size	Small	Medium	Large
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**Cardigans - £10.50**

Sizes	Age	3 / 4	5 / 6	7 / 8	9 / 10	11 / 12	XSmall
		22/24"	26/28" 30"	32"	34"		

**Cardigans(Adults) - £13.50**

Size	Small	Medium	Large
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**White Polo tipped with Red Stripe T'shirts - £8.50**

Sizes	Age	3 / 4	5 / 6	7 / 8	9 / 10	11 / 12	XSmall
		22/24"	26/28" 30"	32"	34"		

**White Polo tipped with Red Stripe T'shirts (Adults) - £10.00**

Size	Small	Medium	Large
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**Red Fleece – Fully Zipped - £15.00**

Sizes	Age	3 / 4	5 / 6	7 / 8	9 / 10	11 / 12	XSmall
		22/24"	26/28" 30"	32"	34"		

**Red Fleece – Fully Zipped - £18.50**

Size	Small	Medium	Large
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**Red Reversible Jacket (Navy Fleece Inside) - £23.00**

Sizes	Age	3 / 4	5 / 6	7 / 8	9 / 10	11 / 12	XSmall
		22/24"	26/28"	30"	32"	34"	

**Red Reversible Jacket (Navy Fleece Inside) - £27.00**

Size	Small	Medium	Large
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**School Homework Bag**

£5.50

Please detach and return by **Monday 5th May, 2014**

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I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_\_ Sweatshirt(s)

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_\_ Cardigan(s)

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_\_ Fleece(s)

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_\_ Reversible Jacket(s)

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ size \_\_\_\_\_ White with red stripe at edge Polo T'shirt

I wish to order \_\_\_\_\_ School Homework Bag

Pupil's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Pupil's Class \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please detach and return

**Literacy Curriculum Evening**

I / we plan to come along to the Literacy curriculum evening. We will need \_\_\_\_\_ seats.

Pupils Name and Class \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Or alternatively you can email at [braehead@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:braehead@aberdeencity.gov.uk) your response