



Braehead School Newsletter



It is lovely to see all the children back in school after a wonderful summer break - it's hard to believe we have been back more than a week already!

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all our new pupils who have joined us since the beginning of term. It has been lovely to meet all our new families and we

look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks.

Wheelie Challenge

At the end of last term we held a sponsored event 'The Wheelie Challenge' during our Health Week. Our total amount raised is a grand total of £2318.51. WOW!

I am absolutely amazed by the generosity of families. We have already placed an order for a set of iPads - along with the sponsor money and funds from the parent council we have managed to budget for 15 iPads. This is a great start to our collection and some of the teaching staff have already been on training to ensure we get the best use of this resource in order to raise pupil attainment here at Braehead School.



Parent Group AGM

We would like to invite you all to our Annual General Meeting of our Parent Group on Tuesday 9th September at 7pm in our staffroom. It would be really appreciated if you could contact Alison in the office and let her know if you are able to attend. Drinks and nibbles will be served!

Curriculum Meetings

During the week beginning 8th September you will have the opportunity to come along to an informal 'meet the teacher' session. This will be in addition to the individual consultations to be held at the end of term. Individual letters with more information will follow later this week.

Behaviour Management



As part of our ongoing behaviour management policy all pupils are asked to follow the 'Golden Rules'. In order to promote positive behaviour, pupils take part in weekly 'Golden Groups' sessions as a reward for keeping these golden rules.

We are appealing for any parents/carers who would be willing to come in to school on a Wednesday afternoon from approx. 2pm to run or help run a Golden Group.

Staff have already signed up for a variety of different groups from football, cooking, sewing, quiz to computers. If anyone has any hobbies that they could share then we would welcome any new additions /

suggestions or ideas for new groups. Please contact the school office if you would like to help.

Improvement Priorities

This session we continue to work towards improving our curriculum here at Braehead. This session we have 3 main areas that we are focussing on.

1. We aim to develop the teaching of Reading and in turn increase pupil confidence and attainment in Reading
2. We aim to develop pupils skills in Numeracy - in particular mental calculations
3. We aim to continue to develop learning and teaching by engaging in co-operative learning

As well as these new points for action we will continue to embed the initiatives we started last session.

We will be seeking pupil /parent/carer views on how we can involve everyone in making the necessary improvements to address the Education Scotland action points.

Alisdair Eadie - an inspector from Education Scotland will be in school again next week for a support visit. We will share our current progress and improvement priorities for this year. I will keep you informed with how the visit goes.

Financial Education

As part of our school improvements in Maths we have organised for each class P1-P7 to participate in the Bank of Scotland's financial education programme.



The focus for P1-3 will be on developing an understanding of money and P4-7 will be solving money related problems. This will enable the children to begin to understand that independent living requires financial awareness and effective money management.

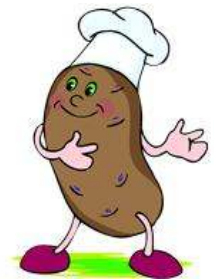
SSPCA

On Friday 5th September we welcome workshops for each class from P1-7 from the Scottish Society for prevention and cruelty towards animals. This links in with our Health curriculum focusing on how we care for animals and their welfare.



Garden

We are delighted to share that our gardening Golden Group have managed to grow a bumper crop of rooster potatoes! During Golden time this week our cooking group will make potato and leek soup for all to taste!



Parent Helpers

Thanks to those of you who have already been in school this past week helping out in classes and with photocopying / laminating etc. We are keen to have more parents come into school and help out with library, help support maths games, reading and much more. If you are keen then please contact the school office and we will arrange a time / day that suits you.

P1 Full-Time Date

Monday 8th September will see our Primary 1 pupils in school all day. Please remember if you wish to purchase lunch tickets (£2.10 per ticket or £21.00 for a book) these are only sold only on a Monday. You can purchase these between 8.45–9.00 a.m. in the dining hall.

Term and Holiday Dates Session 2014– 2015

Term 1

Monday 18th August 2014—In Service Day—Staff Only

Tuesday 19th August 2014—Start of Term

Friday 19th and Monday 22nd September 2014 (September Holiday Weekend)

Friday 10th October, 2014 - Last day of Term

Term 2

Monday 27th October, 2014 - Start of Term

Friday 19th December, 2014 - Last day of Term

Term 3

Monday 5th January, 2015 - Start of Term

Monday 16th February, 2015 - Mid Term Holiday

Thursday 2nd April, 2015 - Last day Term Ends

Term 4

Monday 20th April, 2015 - Start of Term

Monday 4th May, 2015 - May Day Holiday

Friday 3rd July, 2015 - Term Ends

In-Service days for session 2014—2015

Monday 18th August 2014

Thursday 18th September 2014(also school being used for Referendum Voting)

Monday 17th November 2014

Tuesday 17th February 2015

Wednesday 18th February 2015

Friday 1st May 2015

These dates are correct as at date of print