






Braehead School-Newsletter February, 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems a long time ago now, but I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas holiday and didn't succumb to the many bugs which seemed to affect so many.

Last term was busy with Panto, Christmas Parties and concerts and this term is shaping up to be equally busy with lots of exciting opportunities for the staff and pupils.

Topics

Nursery	The children are finding out about Healthy Eating and Healthy Living. 
P1Mc & P1G	Both classes are travelling across the world with Barnaby Bear!
P2	P2 would like to thank all the family members who attended their "Fairyland Ball" last term. This term they are finding out about Katie Morag and island life by making contact with a school in Shetland.
P2/3	P2/3 have a new boy in their class! His name is Flat Stanley and they are enjoying finding out more about him.
P4	P4 are investigating Health through a study of Horrid Henry.
P5/6A 	P5/6A are investigating all about Natural Disasters such as Volcanoes, Tornados, Floods and Avalanches.
P5/6W	P5/6W are finding out about Stars and Planets through their Space topic. 
P7	P7 are studying water, and will be investigating the uses and conservation of water.

Fundraising

We charged entry to our Christmas Concerts and raised £440. We put £220 into our school fund and gave £220 to Charlie House. Charlie House is a new charity which is raising money to build a Respite Care Centre at Foresterhill (ARI)



Photographer

We have arranged for The Family Portrait People to come to school on Thursday 7th March. They take family portraits for £12.00 which includes a 10 x 12 inch family portrait in a quality wooden frame. Please contact Alison in the School Office for more information.



Red Nose Day Friday 15th March, 2013

We have decided to take part in the Fun-Raising for Red Nose Day on the above date. Our Primary 4 class are going to be organising lots of fun activities. The children can pay £1 to have the privilege to come along as their favourite Super Hero, dressed in Red or stay in their jim-jams all day long!

The staff will be coming along with wacky hairstyles!

All funds raised on the day will go to Comic Relief.



Dance-a-Maz

All classes Nursery—P7 participated in a session with City Moves. This was an interactive dance session combining dance, art, design, music and technology.

Competition

Well done to Emily Mowat P7 who won 3rd place in Right Hon Sir Malcolm Bruce's Christmas Card Competition.

**Articles**

P7 managed to get an article printed in the Times Educational Supplement. The article was all about their WW2 topic. We have it displayed in our "Didn't We Do Well Board".

**Staffing**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs A. Glennon is expecting a baby in May. She hopes to continue working until Easter and her post will be advertised shortly.



Congratulations to Mrs S. Clyne on becoming a Grandma. Oscar was born on Tuesday 12th February.

Head Teacher Post This post was re-advertised in January and interviews will be held in February.

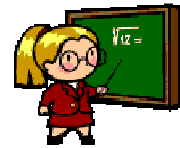
Change of Clothes/PE Kit

Can we please remind parents to provide a change of clothes for their children as they can easily get wet and dirty in this weather.

All classes have PE on a Thursday and children are asked to wear shorts and a T-shirt. It's also important that they wear suitable footwear.

Students

We continue to welcome Aberdeen University School of Education Students to Braehead. This term we have students working in P1G, P2 and P2/3.

**Swimming Lessons**

I have been asked to inform you that the Dee Swimming Club run two weekly sessions one at Bridge of Don Pool for advanced swimmers on a Wednesday at 8 p.m. and a 'Learn to Swim' Club at Kincorth Pool on Sundays at 11 a.m. Call 07742810179 for more details.

**Blog**

Please remember to check our school Blog for information and events. Check us out at www.braehead.aberdeen.sch.uk

If you would rather receive our Newsletter via the school Blog please send an email to braehead@aberdeencity.gov.uk and we will note not to send one home.

World Book Week

Week Commencing 4th March, 2013

We are having a book fair in school from Thursday 7th March - Tuesday 12th March inclusive to coincide with World Book Week.

We will have a large display of children's books which will be available for sale in the Dining Hall.

The Book Fair will offer children an excellent opportunity to look through a selection of quality children's books and buy the ones of their choice. This will encourage children to read more and develop their reading skills.

Timetable

Thursday 7th March

All classes will view the books with their teachers, and note the books they are interested in. This note will come home to you for your approval. You may add any extra books you wish from the leaflet attached to their letter.

Friday 8th -
Tuesday 12th March

Children buy books of their choice

There is no obligation to buy, but you may wish to have a look at what is on offer. You and your friends are very welcome. Our school will benefit from all sales. The **funds gained** will help us to buy good reference books for our library and sets of **fiction books** which can be used as **class readers**. Thank you for your support.

If anyone is available to help out at the Book Fair please contact Alison Edwards in the School Office.

We invite any Parents to visit school and share their favourite book/story with the children.

Also after the success of last year's World Book Day we will hold 'Come as your Favourite Book Character' on Friday 8th March. The children can dress up as their favourite character and take along their favourite book too. This is of course optional and there will be **no** charge.



Find out more at www.worldbookday.com

Term and Holiday Dates Session 2012-2013

Term 3

Thursday 28th March—Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 15th April, 2013—Start of Term 4

Monday 6th May, 2013—May Day Holiday

Friday 5th July, 2013—Last day of Term 4

In-Service days for session 2012-13 - School closed to pupils

Tuesday 12th February, 2013

Wednesday 13th February, 2013

Tuesday 7th May, 2013

Term and Holiday Dates Session 2013—2014

Term 1

Monday 19th August, 2013—In-Service Day —Staff Only

Tuesday 20th August, 2013—Start of Term 1

Friday 11th October, 2013—Last day of Term 1

September Holiday

Friday 20th September—School closed to both pupils and staff.

Monday 23rd September—School closed to both pupils and staff.

Term 2

Monday 28th October 2013— Start of Term 2

Friday 20th December 2013— Last day of Term 2

Term 3

Monday 6th January 2014—Start of Term 3

Monday 17th February—Mid Term Holiday-School closed to pupils and staff.

Friday 4th April 2014—Last day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 22nd April 2014—Start of Term 4

May Day Holiday—Monday 5th May 2014

Friday 4th July 2014—Last day of Term 4

In-Service dates to follow for Term 2013-2014.

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 1

These dates are correct as at date of print.