



Braehead School-Newsletter March, 2013



Dear Parents/Carers

Another term has quickly passed and the cold weather makes it hard to believe it is Easter.

This has been another busy term with lots of exciting events happening.

Many classes took part in Aberdeen's Arts Across Learning Festival. P2 visited the Lemon Tree to hear "Skerrymore" a band from Tiree.

P4 visited the Belmont Picturehouse to see "The Biggest Book Show on Earth"/ P5/6D visited the Lemon Tree for an interactive musical experience with Red Note. They created music within their groups and performed these to the class.

Other classes enjoyed in-school visits from representatives from the Festival, including author visits.

World Book Week

We had a very successful Book Fair during the week of World Book Week which raised £690 of books for the school. A big thank you to all who helped at the fair and to the children who bought books.



We made a wonderful collection of strange places to read a book. Lola Leonard, P1G and Cory Booth P5/6W won a book for reading in a wash basket and in the middle of a bush respectively!

We had a visit from Mrs D. McWilliam the new Head Teacher of Bridge of Don Academy who read her favourite book and poem to the children.

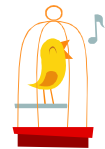
Comic Relief

P4 organised a very successful Comic Relief Day. They raised approximately £430 for this worthy cause. The children also led an informative Red Nose Assembly for the whole school.



Bird Watch

We now have a webcam attached to our bird house and we now eagerly await the arrival of new fledglings to our Braehead Family.



Head Teacher Appointment

As intimated by the Parent Group, Mrs Diane Duncan was the successful candidate at the interviews for Head Teacher.

Mrs Duncan currently works at Portlethen Primary and will start her position here in June. I am obviously very disappointed that I was unsuccessful but I have been overwhelmed by the kind words and support from Parents and Staff.

We have achieved a lot since August and we will continue to work together to ensure Braehead provides the best for your child.

Well Done



Eco-Group

The Eco Group ran a competition about recycling. This was won by Ellie Ong, P1. Well done!

Rotary Quiz

We entered a quiz team into the annual Rotary Quiz. This was a very nail biting event with Danestone winning and Braehead coming a very close second with only 2 points between the teams.

Well done Chelsea Haig, Euan McPherson, Ryan Melvin, Emily Mowat and Cameron Sutherland.

Maths Challenge

We entered a team of 3 pupils for the Enterprising Mathematics Challenge at Aberdeen University. Our team consisted of Emily Mowat, Ryan Melvin and Michal Staszak and they enjoyed a day of team work, mathematical skills and fun.

Cosmic Dome

P5/6W and P5/6A enjoyed a visit from the Cosmic Dome. We received a very complementary letter regarding the behaviour and attitude of our pupils.

Grampian Fire Service

The Fire Service held fire safety talks with all the P6 pupils.

They discussed fire safety and the role of the Fire Service within our community.

Pyjama Party

Balgownie won the House Points last term. They decided to have a Pyjama and Pizza party to celebrate. It was a great success and should encourage the other Houses to aim to win the Point Challenge.

Blog

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

Nethybridge

Our P7s and Ms Baxter and Mr Davies are all looking forward to our forthcoming residential visit to Nethybridge. There will be many challenging fun activities for them to enjoy and we hope the sun shines for their trip.



Charlie House



Charlie House is a newly registered charity which is raising a much needed respite centre for the North of Scotland.

We supported this charity at Christmas time and on the 19th March Tracy, the founder of Charlie House and her son Louis talked to the pupils about the charity at our Assembly.

Questionnaire

Thank you to all who have completed the questionnaires about our school. We will collate results and share these with you.

If you have any issues please feel free to come into school to discuss these.

Grampian Police

P7 had a visit from Grampian Police about drugs. They discussed drugs and the legal and health implications relating to drug use.

Educational Psychology Service

As part of Aberdeen City Council's approach to teaching literacy, the Educational Psychology Service have been asked to evaluate the literacy programmes being introduced or used in schools. Each year data is collected throughout the year about each child's learning in school. It is intended that this information will be used to measure the impact of Literacy Programmes on reading and writing attainment. This will involve looking at information gathered by teachers and schools on children's progress in reading and writing.

The information will be used to write a summary report for the Local Authority, and may be used as a means of sharing good practice with other professionals outwith the Local Authority. **The data collected is confidential and individual children and schools will not be identified in the final report.**

Please let the school know if you **do not** want your child's information to be used in this way.

School Lunch—Monday 15/4/13

Sandwiches with Corned Beef or Egg with Red Peppers and Breadsticks.

Sweet & Sour Chicken with Noodles and Peppers.

Crispy Cod Bites with Boiled Potatoes and Peas.

Fruit Ice Smoothie Tub

The new School Menu for Spring/Summer Term will be handed out when the children return after Easter Break.

Uniform Orders

Alison will be sending an order away on Friday 26th April for School Uniform.

Order forms will be sent home at the beginning of next term.

Please note that this will be the last order until our return from the summer break. We do keep a small amount of stock but may not always have the size you require.

Toy Day

Our last day of term is a toy day and non-uniform day for P1-7 (not Nursery).

Please remember no expensive electronic equipment e.g. iPods, Nintendo DS, etc. These can so easily get broken. Any DVDs etc. the children taken in should be U Certificate only.

We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 15th April, 2013.

Have a wonderful Easter break and hopefully the sun will appear!

Aileen McGowan
Acting Head Teacher



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 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.