



Braehead School-Newsletter June, 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

Can't believe that we have reached the end of another year! It's been a busy term with lots of achievements and celebrations. The staff and children have worked exceptionally hard and are now ready for a well deserved break.

I would like to say a huge 'Thank You' to all staff, pupils and parents for making my first month at Braehead such a positive experience and I look forward to working with you all in the new session.

This newsletter shares a few of the highlights from the term, some last minute information for the final couple of days and dates for your diary. Friday is Toy Day—please no expensive electronic toys. Children can come to school dressed as they please—no football strips.

Here's to a happy, healthy and safe holiday - look forward to seeing you all in August.

Diane Duncan
Head Teacher



Goodbye!

Staffing

A final farewell to Mrs McGowan who leaves at the end of term to take up her new post as Head Teacher at Tullos. She will be sorely missed by staff and pupils but we wish her all the very best in her future.

Also farewell to Miss Hill who is moving out with the authority to take up a teaching post in Dundee. We thank her for all her hard work this session and wish her good luck in the rest of her career.

We welcome back Miss Morris in the new session from her secondment. She will be teaching P4 after the holidays.

While Mrs Glennon is still on maternity leave we welcome Miss Swiatowska to take over her teaching position in the nursery. We look forward to getting to know and working with Miss Swiatowska in the new term.

Ms Baxter will be continuing in her current role as Acting Depute Head. This position will be advertised in the new session and interviews will follow. She will have responsibility for Nursery—P3 and Support for Learning.

Miss Legge our PE specialist begins her maternity leave at the end of term. We look forward to hearing about her new arrival soon.

Mrs Clyne will be winding down to retirement and will be working 4 days each week. We will provide more information in the new term.

School Lunch—Friday 5th July

Mrs Keith has changed the menu for the last day of term.

Turkey Burger in a bun
Veggie Burger in a bun
Cucumber sticks
Fresh Fruit
Ice Cream tubs
Fruit Juice Cuplets

End of Term Assembly

We had a super assembly to end off the session where various trophies and medals were awarded.

The school choirs both sang the songs they had prepared for the music festival. They were both super and sounded very professional! Lewis Smith won a solo award at the festival and he was presented with his trophy. Well Done to all involved.

Ryan Melvin was chosen as Pupil of the Year - his positive, pleasant and hardworking attitude is a credit to himself, his family and the school.

Emily Mowat and Michael Moates were the lucky winners of the Turnbull trophy this year. Both have worked exceptionally hard and deserve this award.



Rob Smith, football coach, awarded our 2 school football teams with their special trophies. Lewis Johnson was chosen as player of the year for the P6/7 team and Aiden-Jay Leonard as player of the year for the P4/5 team. Well Done to all the boys for their commitment and enthusiasm over the past year.



Miss Michie, on behalf of Mrs Davidson, netball coach, presented the school netball team with a trophy. The girls are to be commended for their sportsmanship and skill—they have had a great year.



Primary 7 pupils were all presented with a guide containing support and advice for their move to secondary school along with a memory stick with the school badge. Thanks to the Parent Group for their contribution to this.

We enjoyed a lovely PowerPoint montage of photos of the children over their primary years. Thanks to Mrs Bain for organising and preparing this. The P7's also sang a leaving song to the theme tune of 'Friends'.

Business Partnerships

This term has seen us create some new links with local businesses who have helped us develop outdoor learning. We are always keen to make more contacts which could help us 'link with industry' - if any parents or families can suggest any companies who may be approached that would be very helpful. Please use the tear off slip if you have any ideas.

Eco Schools

The recent Recatex collection raised a total of £101.40—thanks to everyone who helped.

Next term we aim to achieve a Silver award from Eco Schools Scotland. It would be great to have a parent on our Eco Group to help us achieve our award. If anyone is interested please let us know.

Water Aid Week

Thanks to Mrs Sheach and her P7 class for organising a very successful Water Aid week. They raised an amazing £617.32 for the charity.

Summer Fun Day



Thanks to all involved who helped make our summer fun day such a great success. A grand total of £1300 was raised and will be put to good use to support the children in the coming year.

Class News

It has been a busy term for all but here are a few highlights.

Nursery had two excellent trips to Duthie park where they got to meet McPuddock the frog.
P1's Performed a brilliant assembly to the whole school sharing their learning about their topic 'The Jungle'.

P2 held an open afternoon to bring their project 'The Circus' to a conclusion. The children enjoyed popcorn and hotdogs and had a chance to make balloon swords and doggies!

P2/3 & P4 had a great trip to Macduff Marine aquarium where the children enjoyed looking and learning about sea creatures.

P5/6W performed a play for the whole school to enjoy at an assembly about Space

P5/6D also performed a super assembly on their topic Natural Disasters

P7 had their residential trip to Abernethy Nethybridge and were a credit to Braehead School.



Active Schools

As you may know, Katrina Hamilton, the previous Active Schools Co-ordinator for Braehead School moved back to teaching just before the Easter holidays, and due to a team restructure there has only been a covering co-ordinator in the interim period. However, Active Schools have now appointed Mark Pain as the full time co-ordinator for Braehead (and the Bridge of Don ASG).

Mark has worked for the Active Schools team for almost eight years, working initially with the Kincorth and Torry primaries, then moving to work with Academies in the south of the city. His most recent post was as ASC for the Oldmachar ASG. He is looking forward to working with pupils and parents at the beginning of the new school year.

If you would like to get in touch with Mark over the holidays to discuss the potential activities on offer (or would be keen to volunteer to help with a club), please contact:

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School Blog

Just a reminder that our school blog is regularly updated with photos and current news. Check out the link below to see photos of the recent Nursery trip, Sports Day and lots more.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ac/BraeheadSchoolBlog/home/>

Thanks to Ms Baxter who works hard to ensure it is kept up to date!

Term and Holiday Dates Session 2012-2013

Term 4

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

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

Tuesday 22nd April 2014—Start of Term 4

May Day Holiday—Monday 5th May 2014

Friday 4th July 2014—Last day of Term 4

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

In-Service days for session 2013-14 - School closed to pupils

Monday 19th August 2013

Monday 11th November 2013

Friday 14th February 2014

Tuesday 18th February 2014

Friday 2nd May 2014

These dates are correct as at date of print.