



**Braehead School
October Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first 'e-mailed' Newsletter! If you are receiving a paper copy of this letter and would prefer an electronic copy then please leave your email address at the office. We have had a very busy term and the holidays seem to have arrived at an incredible speed!

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that following interviews on Wednesday, Ms Baxter is now the preferred candidate for the permanent position of Depute Head Teacher of Braehead School. As you know, Ms Baxter has been Acting DHT for the past year and has already contributed greatly to the life of the school and is a valued member of our school community. I'm sure you will join me in congratulating Ms Baxter and in wishing her every success.

Lunch Clubs



Following our Pupil Council meeting, where the children shared that they would like more to do of a lunch time, we have begun to introduce lunch clubs. Up and running already we have a Board Game Club, Scooter Club, Art Club and a Construction Club. We have limited the numbers at the moment but intend to widen these out to a larger number of pupils in the new term.

A new club we hope to start in the Term 2 is a knitting club! If you have any spare double knitting wool or size 4mm (8) or 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ mm (9) knitting needles you no longer require we would appreciate any donations. If you can hand these into the school office that would be very much appreciated. We have a very long list of children who are interested in coming along!



Again we will have to limit the number of children depending on how many resources we manage to collect. If any parent/grandparent would be free of a lunch time to help out with any of our clubs then please contact the school office - we would very much appreciate the extra pairs of hands!

Our P7 children have also expressed an interest in running some activities during break time on the Astroturf. We have trialled this during the past few days and they have been very popular with the younger children. Our P7 children are certainly proving to be responsible citizens and are being excellent role models for the infants.

Education Scotland

As you know Education Scotland are due to inspect our school during the week beginning the 4th November. Thanks to everyone who have already completed questionnaires and sent them back. Please send them off if you still have them at home - there is still time for your views to be taken into account.

Our VSE report is now in draft format and will be shared with staff and parents in the new term.

Fancy Dress Disco

Thursday 31st October, 2013

P1—P3 6.00—7.15 p.m.

P4—P7 7.30—8.45 p.m.

Tickets—£2.00

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 28th —Thursday 31st October in the Dining Hall from 8.30—9.00 a.m. Tuckshop available on night.



Book Fair

Thanks to everyone for their purchases at the recent book fair. Total sales so far are in excess of £800! The school will receive a percentage of commission of this total which we will use to buy more books to add to the selection of reading books we already have.

Family Photographs



The photographer will be in school on Friday 21st February 2014 for individual or family photographs.

Shopmobility

During assembly last week Andy and Katrina from Shopmobility spoke to all the children about their work. Each class were asked to think about words related to water to add into a community poem titled 'Water'. The children have all had a chance to share their ideas and Andy will be back in school during Term 2 to take part in poetry workshops. We are beginning to think of ideas to help collect 'miles' for Shopmobility's virtual walk to Hong Kong. If anyone has any good ideas then please let us know.

School Lunches

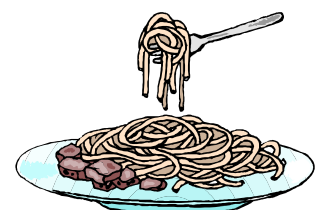
New Menus will be given out on the first day back from the school holiday. The first day back's menu is as follows -

Butcher's Steak Mince with Boiled Potatoes & Sliced Carrots

Herbie Spaghetti with Sliced Carrots

Southern Style Chicken Poppers with Boiled Potatoes & Sweet Corn

Garlic Bread



Apple Crumble & Custard

Available every day - Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit, Milk Fruit Juice & Water, Free Bread, Salad Bowl & Cheese & Biscuits.

Church Service

It was great to see some parents at our Church service today. The Church team did a super service which was enjoyed by all. We hope to have an end of term service at the end of each term - we look forward to welcome more parents/carers in the future.



Eco Schools



We have now begun work towards a Silver Award from Eco Schools Scotland. Each class has nominated a representative who will attend meetings and be the 'voice' for their class. The first task for the Eco Group this year is to carry out an environmental review to help shape up an action plan for the year ahead. Each class has been asked to think about what they could 'pledge' to do to help contribute towards this award.

Class News

PRIMARY 1

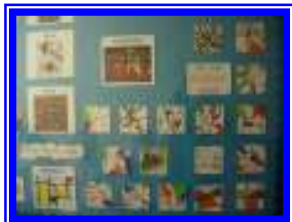
This term Primary One have been learning about Percy the Park Keeper and his friends. We have been on a treasure hunt made by Primary Two and had to follow lots of picture clues around the school just like Percy did in the story 'The Treasure Hunt'. At the end we found snake curled around our treasure! We have also learned about primary and secondary colours and had lots of fun finding out what colours we could make by mixing primary colours together.



PRIMARY 1/2

P1/2 is doing Percy the Park Keeper for their project until Christmas. They made Percy's hut. P2 did an experiment to test roofing felt to see if it was waterproof. They made a treasure hunt for P1s to follow. They got gold coins for their treasure. Daniel thought it was fun.





P1/2 used lines to make pictures like the artists Miro and Kandinsky. They also mixed primary coloured dots and made new secondary colours. This is called pointillism. We thought that our art was very good and so did the rest of the school (Emily). James from P7 told us they thought it was fantastic. "It is better than we can do in P7!" he said.

PRIMARY 2

Primary 2 have been enjoying the Fairyland topic and reading all the letters we have received from the friendly dragon. We really liked setting a table, making a placemat on the computer and eating porridge together. "I would like a second bowl." - Aaron, "Can I have sugar in my porridge." - Sophie.



PRIMARY 3

Since the weather has been so mild this term, P3C have been taking part in many activities down in Kinta Woods. They have been accompanied by parent and grandparent helpers and Ola and Tiam (6th year pupils from BODA). The children have enjoyed Numeracy, Literacy and Technology experiences.

PRIMARY 4

In our topic, Scotland, the children have been particularly keen to study castles and food. We have looked at life in castles, the sorts of foods people ate and where food came from, the jobs people did and how they stayed healthy. In Music and PE we have learned Scottish songs such as Flower of Scotland and Scottish Country Dances like Strip the Willow and Dashing White Sergeant.



PRIMARY 5

This term we have been transforming our class room in to Hogwarts. We made wooden panels, owls, a drawbridge and much more. We made the wooden panels by using brown paper, the side of an oil pastel, and dark brown paint. We used cardboard, crayons and brown paint. We created the owls by using a4 paper and used oil pastels to colour the owls in.



PRIMARY 6

This term Primary 6 have been working with Active Schools' coordinator Mark Payne to learn how to become 'Young Leaders'. Each week they have been exploring how to set up and lead a team game. They have learned about equipment, the use of space, safety, organisation and communication. The aim of this enterprise is to help run games with the younger children outside in the playground. They have worked very hard and hope to be helping the little ones play games next term.

PRIMARY 7

This term Primary 7 have been learning lots about World War 2. They made ID cards and gas masks, which they have to carry everywhere they go! As part of their topic they took part in a 2 day workshop that explored many different aspects of the war.



They found out what it was like to be in a World War 2 classroom (the teacher was very strict!).

They were able to experience lots of World War 2 equipment and materials first-hand.

School Crossing Patrol @ Balgownie Road

After the October holidays, there will no longer be a School Crossing Patroller on Balgownie Road for the foreseeable future.



Christmas Fayre Raffle Books

You should have already received an envelope of raffle books for our Christmas Fayre. Please return your raffle book stubs and money in the envelope provided before Monday 25th November. Thanks.

Have a safe holiday and we will see you all when we return on Monday 28th October.

Yours sincerely,



Diane Duncan
Head Teacher