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Braidbar Primary and Nursery Class



Newsletter – January 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2017. I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year on behalf of the staff at Braidbar. I hope this issue will keep you informed of the many and varied events that have been happening in the school recently and also give you some detail about forthcoming dates for your diary.



Dates for your Diary

New P1 Admissions Week
P1 & P7 Dental Inspections
Jotters Home (French and Writing)
P2 Class Assembly
Burns' Celebrations
Sports Achievement Assembly
In-Service Day (Pupils do not attend)
Mid-Term Holiday
School Re-opens
Parent Council Meeting

Monday 16th – Friday 20th January
Monday 16th January
Friday 20th January
Friday 27th January
Wednesday 25th January
Friday 3rd February
Friday 10th February
Monday 13th, Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February
Thursday 16th February
Thursday 23rd February at 7pm



Christmas Performances

Our successful P1-P4 Nativity was the result of a lot of hard work from staff and pupils. Special thanks to Mrs McCowan, Miss McCaskie, Miss Paterson, Mrs McNaught and Mrs Andrews. Thanks also to all of our Pupil Support Assistants for all their hard work in preparing the children. I am sure you will agree that the children were great and I, as I'm sure you did too, thoroughly enjoyed their performance.

Well done to the children in the Nursery Class for their wonderful Christmas concert. Thanks to Mrs Phee, Miss Hardie, Mrs Nimmo, Mrs Elliott, Mrs Atherton, Mrs Murray and Miss Campbell for preparing the children for the concert. I am sure you will agree the children were very entertaining.

Many thanks to our choir and Mrs Young for their performances at the Nativity and in the local community during the festive period and to our instrumentalists and their teachers Mr Doherty, Mr McAllistair

Parent Council Funding

Many thanks to our Parent Council who supplied snacks and drinks for pupils at their Christmas Parties. It was much appreciated by the children and I know that they thoroughly enjoyed their parties.

Our Christmas Fayre was well attended by many parents, friends and family members and it raised a magnificent £1994. Thank you so much for all your support and to the many people who helped set up, run, organise and tidy up the varied stalls we had on offer. Your continued support is hugely appreciated.

Staffing Update

I would like to congratulate Mr Andrew Howie on securing the post of Acting Principal Teacher at Mearns Primary. Mr Howie will start at Mearns Primary on Wednesday 11th January and Mrs Jillian Brown will be responsible for Primary 7 from this date until the end of session.

We welcome Mrs Pamela Bignall to Braidbar Primary. Mrs Bignall will support across the school and teach in the Nursery on a Wednesday and P5B on a Thursday.

Celebrating Scotland's Culture – Burns' Celebrations

On Wednesday 25th January, we invite pupils to wear something tartan to commemorate Robert Burns' birthday. During this week we hope to promote a Scottish theme within our learning and teaching e.g. Scottish poetry, Scots language. Workshops focusing on Burns and other texts including The Gruffalo in Scots, Nessie and Hairy McClary have been arranged for pupils in the Nursery and School on Monday 30th January and Tuesday 31st January.



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Primary 1 Admissions

East Renfrewshire Council has set up one week when you should register your son or daughter at your local primary school for school education in East Renfrewshire. You must register at your catchment school, even if you intend to make a placing request to another school or to defer your place and keep your son or daughter at nursery for another year.



If he or she is aged five between 1 March 2017 and the end of February 2018 you should go along to the primary school between 1.30pm and 3.30pm any day during the week of Monday 16 January to Friday 20 January 2017. You should bring your son or daughter's birth certificate, your child benefit statement, a copy of your current council tax notice, and mortgage statement or

rental agreement. The school can also accept Driving Licence, Utility Bill or Bank Statement if the child benefit statement is unavailable.

Closure due to Winter Emergency

During the winter months there may be occasions when emergencies make it necessary for pupils to be sent home prematurely. It is very rare for a school to close, however, if a decision was made for this to happen, the school would use the following communication to inform parents:

- Email
- SMS (Text Messaging)
- School website update (<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/er/BraidbarPrimary/>)
- Twitter (@BraidbarPS)

We have systems in place to contact individuals by SMS or Email. For this reason I would ask that if you haven't already done so, you provide this information to the school office. Please ensure that you keep emergency contact information up to date to ensure the safe dismissal of pupils. The local authority's website page, along with Twitter(@EastRenCouncil /Facebook accounts will also be updated on a regular basis, ensuring that you are well informed of any closure decisions. The local press and radio will also have information. The decision to close a school rests with the Director of Education and parents will be notified through the communication means listed above.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff, pupils and the many parents I have already met for making my first few weeks at Braidbar so enjoyable. Everyone has been very welcoming and I have been really impressed with how polite and well behaved the children have been.

If you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school and we will do all we can to address them.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Karen Cumming'.

Miss Karen Cumming
Acting Head Teacher

We value your views

Please let us know if you are particularly pleased about something or have any suggestions or concerns.

Name _____

Child's class _____

Please hand into the school office or alternatively email to schoolmail@braidbar.e-renfrew.sch.uk

Thank you