



Braes Weekly Newsletter

Week: 30th October 2018

Braes High School

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Celebrating Success:

BrAW Awards

The following pupils have gained elements of their BrAw award so far this session:

- **Chiara Bianco** 2/4L – Success
- **Kimberley Fuzzard** 2/4L – Success
- **Eva Robertson** 2/4L – Success
- **Emma MacPherson** 2/5L - Success
- **Esha Sardar** 2/5L – Success
- **Anya McCheyne** 2/6L – Success
- **Lyla Taggart** 2/6L – Contributions
- **Ty McCann** 2/11P – Success

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S2 Football

Our football squad for S2 put in a strong performance in the Scottish Cup this week, with a convincing win through to the next round. Well done to all the players who played with great enthusiasm and sporting behaviour throughout.

Senior Basketball

Our Senior Basketball team played a tough match against Larbert High School this week. A strong Larbert side won the match which saw both teams play with great commitment and style. Thanks go

to the senior pupils who refereed the match and also to the fellow pupils, staff and parents/carers who came to watch.

Braes Youth Theatre – Heroes and Villains

Braes Youth Theatre put on two excellent and well-attended performances this week, performing a number of Disney classic to an appreciative audience. It was encouraging to see so many pupils involved in the performances and the amount of younger stage talent coming through. Well done to all concerned.

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Braes Buddies.





1 - Jamie

As part of “Onwards & Upwards” we are trialling a pilot project working with Canine Concern Trust Scotland—a charity that provides Therapets and the Reading with Dogs literacy programme. Dog-assisted learning programmes have been shown to help students with a variety of issues such as confidence, relationships, self-regulation as well as anxiety and attendance. This means we will be getting our very own Therapet, Jamie.

Our Braes Buddy is a Whippet and will be working with 6 pupils alongside our Canine Concern Volunteer. The programme will take place over six weeks, every Friday from Friday 27th October – Friday 30th of November 2018.

Canine Concern are really keen that Jamie and Janette become an intrinsic part of our school community here at Braes so you may see them out and about around the school and they have shown interest in getting involved in school events. We are hoping Jamie will be a familiar and friendly sight for all of our pupils and after our initial pilot project we hope to assist more pupils in Braes High.

#RRSA #Article24 - the right to the best health possible

Braes on Screen

As part of our “Onwards & Upwards” attainment challenge at Braes we have focused on increasing engagement and participation through digital learning. Braes on Screen has enabled us to make school activities and events accessible for our learners, their parents/carers and our school community. Filming and uploading events to our school YouTube channel means learners and their families can access learning from home, catch up on events they were unable to make or watch an event again. We hope to develop this further with our “Braes Bites” programme which is a series of short videos where pupils demonstrate learning that can be used at home and/or in the Community. Our first video was uploaded this week with S2 Science students teaching how to do Hands Only CPR. Next up is the PE Department with “Command Words” followed closely by the English & Media Faculty with “How to Write a Critical Essay”.

#RRSA #Article 17 & 24 - the right to collect information from the media and the right to the best health possible



2 - video

Braes Breakfast Club.



BRAES BREAKFAST CLUB

HWB FACULTY

"All happiness depends on a leisurely breakfast"

- John Gunther

WHERE?
Health and Wellbeing Hub
Room 104

WHEN?
Monday and Fridays
07:45-8:30am

WHAT?
Drop in and out sessions
Choose a recipe (20-50p)
Make your own breakfast
Enjoy a delicious breakfast

WHY?
Energy to start your day
Socialise with your friends
Nutrition and cooking skills
Enhance Mood
Brain food

For breakfast ideas, contact
Miss Kelly / Miss Sullivan / Mr Rooney

#Article15 #Article24





3 - #RRSA #Article 24 - the right to the best health possible

The Royal Observatory in Edinburgh.

The Physics Department recently took a group of senior Physics pupils through to the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh. There the pupils got to see the Crawford Collection which is one of the best collections of rare and first edition scientific texts and materials from history (including first editions of Newton and Copernicus). Stephen Watson, one of their engineers, gave a fascinating and informative talk about his job and possible career pathways. The pupils also got a tour of the Victorian dome, meteor handling and a virtual tour of the night sky. Sadly the weather did not allow for actual observing of the night sky but this did not spoil the evening. Many thanks to all involved for a great trip. **#RRSA #Article 29.**



4 - Physics visit.

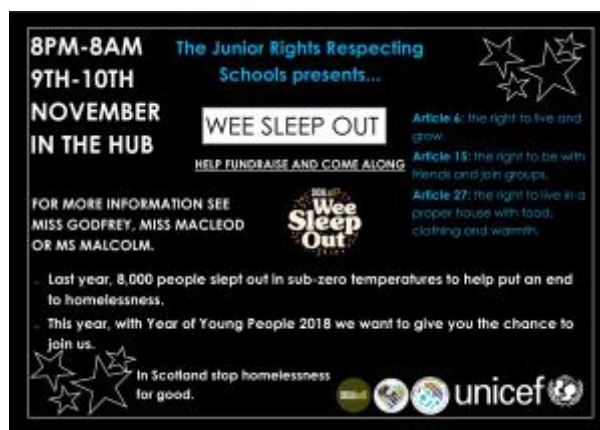
California and Shieldhill Community Council

Two of our senior pupils addressed California and Shieldhill Community Council this week, speaking about their own development and experiences as a Braes High School pupil. Jack Stevenson and Aqsa Anwar answered questions from the Community Council on a variety of topics. Thanks go to the Community Council for their invitation and warm welcome.

Friends at Braes

Our parent-led fundraising group, Friends at Braes met this week to discuss ongoing funding and practical support for pupils. Thanks go to FAB for their support with refreshments at last week's Braes Youth Theatre events.

Wee Sleep Out



We are taking part in 'The Wee Sleep Out' on Friday 9th of November between 8pm and 8am. We will be sleeping over in the Hub to raise money to help homeless people across Scotland. There will be lots of fun activities taking place on the night.

Those who do not want to take part but wish to donate some money please find the link on Braes RRSA twitter account.

#RRSA #Article27 - the right to a good standard of living (proper home, food and clothing)

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?userUrl=fionamalcolm&pageUrl=1>

Clarks Shoe Share.

SHOE SHARE



**We are hosting a shoe collection on
September 28th—November 7th**

All you need to do is bring your old and unwanted shoes to Miss Macleod or Miss Godfrey in the History department.

We will deliver the shoes to Clarks, who will donate money to Unicef to help children around the world—just like you—to be able to go to school!



As part of our Rights Respecting Schools Award we have teamed up with Clark's shoes to get involved in their 'Shoe Share.' If you have any old or unwanted shoes please bring them to Miss Godfrey or Miss Macleod (History) prior to Friday 2nd of November.

Clarks will recycle the shoes and use the money that they make to donate to education in the developing world.

#RRSA #Article28 - the right to an education

Food Bank Collections.



We are collecting any long life food items along with toiletries and baby supplies. Any donations are greatly appreciated!

The Braes Foodbank now has its own twitter account, @braesfoodbank, where I'll be supporting and promoting our good cause, so please follow us.

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Friday 5: Pupil feedback



Article 12 – You have the right to an opinion

Answer the following questions reflecting on the lessons you have had this past week and in as much depth as possible. Responses Below:

- Have you been able to learn in ways that suit your needs or are you expected to do the same things the same way as everyone else?

I have been able to learn in a way that helps me – teachers are good at this
In most subjects I learn in ways that suit me in some we do textbook work all the time and this is boring I prefer practical learning
Every teacher tries as many ways as possible to explain if you are stuck. Teachers give you a choice
Teaching in most classes is individualised. Most teachers take different approaches

- To what extent do you use digital technology to support your learning? Could this be improved?

Digital technology is used in every one of my classes...the amount of technology used is good
You can use it if you need it
The subjects I chose don't really use it
I use it in some subjects but it could be used more in Maths
I use the internet, word and powerpoint. I use things like Photoshop in IT

- Have teachers shared Learning Intentions and Success Criteria with you this week

- All of the time X1
- Some of the time X4
- Not at all

Bonfire Awareness

Bonfire Night Assemblies

All S1 pupils are to go to the Main Hall for a presentation by the Fire Service on Thu 1st Nov as follows:

1:30pm All S1 Campsie and Lomond pupils

2:15pm All S1 Ochil and Pentland pupils

Class teachers will accompany classes to the hall.

BUNN S. W.
BURTON I.
BURTON W.
BUTCHER J. W.
CALDEO

HAWES W. E.
HEAD A. V.
HENLEY F. G.
HICKS A. H.
HILLS E. J.
JAMES H. D.

REMEMBER
THE POPPY
FOR THE
SACRIFICE
OF THE
FALLEN
SOLDIERS
AND SEAFARERS
WHO
DIED FOR
OUR COUNTRY
IN THE
WORLD WAR
1914-1918

Thank you for your service,
we will remember
you in our hearts
and in our prayers
for ever
The Poppy
is the symbol
of remembrance
for the fallen
of the British
Empire
in the
World War
1914-1918

During this ceremony we will be examining the human cost of the war, reading some letters from the trenches and laying a wreath in memory of all those who were lost.

After the event, you will be invited to the senior social space to view our First World War Exhibition which was created, and curated by our current third year Historians.

Senior Events.

University of Edinburgh Career Events

The University of Edinburgh are offering the following careers events in 2018:

So you want to be a Nurse?** Friday 23rd November

So you want to be a Social Worker? Friday 2nd November

So you want to be a Vet?* Wednesday 17th October

Any S5/6 pupil who is interested should visit <https://www.ed.ac.uk/student-recruitment/widening-participation/projects/other/careers-events> or speak to Miss Wilkinson for more information.

Braes the Movie

Enjoy a snapshot of last session at Braes...



<https://sway.office.com/Lp5LquFtrQ0sjicf#content=llq0ROVXSDEK1s>

Stay informed!



"Build Respect and Earn Success: Be Part of It!"

We have many ways in which you can stay up-to-date with all things Braes...

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