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Broomhill Primary School

October 2021 Newsletter

In-service Day

School is closed on Friday 8 October for in-service. During this day staff will evaluate the school's approaches to digital learning and attend training to enhance pupil voice in interdisciplinary learning (an approach that connects learning and allows children to apply knowledge and skills in real-life context).

October Holiday

We hope all our families and staff have a relaxing, well-deserved mid-term break from Monday 11 - Friday 15 October. We look forward to having everyone back in school on Monday 18 October.

Staff Updates

Mrs Marshall, our Principal Teacher, has taken early retirement after 22 years teaching, including 16 years supporting children in Broomhill Primary. I am sure the school community joins me to thank Mrs Marshall for her service and to wish her health and happiness for her retirement plans.

Mr Thom, our Depute Head, will take up an Acting Headteacher post (maternity cover) in Toryglen Primary School after the October holiday. We wish Mr Thom all the very best for this new position and haste ye back!

Mr Mills, our P6 teacher, was the successful candidate after interview for the Acting Principal Teacher post. Mrs Bush, our P1c teacher, will take up the Acting Depute post until Mrs Connor returns from secondment in Term 3.

Standards and Quality Report & School Improvement

Our Standards and Quality Report 2020-21 and School Improvement Plan 2021-22 accompanies this newsletter and is available on our website. These reports are provided to inform parents and carers about school recovery last session and improvement priorities for this session.

Show Racism the Red Card

Show Racism the Red Card's annual Wear Red Day will take place on Friday 22 October 2021. This session Broomhill Primary will participate in this national event to highlight our school improvement focus on anti-racist education (outlined in our improvement plan 2021-22). All children are invited to wear red and donate £1. Funds will go towards enhancing the school's equality resources, including expanding Black and Asian ethnic representation in our library books. Currently a very small minority (<5%) of our library books represent ethnic minority characters.

NHS School Programmes

- Vision screening for P7 children with parent/carer consent is on Tuesday 5 October.
- Flu vaccine (nasal spray) for P1-7 children with consent is on Thursday 7 October.

Parent Council Meeting

All parents and carers are welcome to attend our online Parent Council Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 6 October @ 7.15pm. This is a great opportunity to become more involved in school decisions and events. During this month's meeting we will discuss arrangements for **Halloween** celebrations later this month and **parent/teacher consultations** in November. Please email Colin Hamilton for joining details at broomhillparentcouncil@gmail.com

ParentPay – Online Payments Go Live on 21 October

As you know we are now live with ParentPay in our school. You will have been issued with a letter to show you how to activate your account to enable you to pay for all school related items. Hopefully, you have already done so. However, if you have not already activated your ParentPay account, please do so as soon as possible.

From Thursday 21 October 2021 all meals (breakfasts and lunches) must be paid via ParentPay. Our school cannot accept cash from this date.

If you have any queries or concerns about this or activating your ParentPay account, please contact the school office. They can also advise on how and where to top-up your account using PayPoint, if you are unable to do this online.

Functionality of Online ParentPay System

Parents and Carers – to have the ability to:

Set up a secure online account for each child.

Pay online for all school-related purchases, including meals and non-meal purchases such as trips, events etc.

Have real time balance information displayed online for each child.

Top up balances online by all major credit and debit cards

Subscribe to receive notifications/alerts by email and by SMS when payments are due.

Pre-order meal choices (from 01/02/22).

Link together sibling accounts into a single account so that, within a single transaction, the parent can pay for all offers for all siblings, including meals and non-meal purchases for children at the same school or at different schools within the authority.

Give parental consent online to their child's participation in a school trip (or other activities) for which parental consent is required

When selecting offers, to view any supplementary information associated with school trips and activities necessary for a child's participation

Upload, edit or delete details of specific medical conditions or medication pertaining to their child/ren.

Seasons for Growth

Our school offers a Seasons for Growth programme (one hour a week, over 8 weeks) to support small groups of P2-P7 children impacted by loss and change experiences. Click [here](#) for more information about Seasons for Growth. If you think your child would benefit from the programme please click [here](#) to make a referral. Children can also make a self-referral, with parent consent.

Nut Allergies

A reminder that children and adults should not bring nuts, or food containing nuts, to school. We have several pupils with a nut allergy who may suffer an anaphylactic reaction if he/she eats comes into contact with nuts or products containing nuts.

Safer Internet Newsletter

Our latest Safer Internet newsletter is available by clicking [here](#), with information and advice on how to make the online world a safer place. We ask that you regularly take time to discuss relevant aspects of these safety newsletters with your child/ren.

A reminder, that all children using online chat forums should be kind to each other and report any concerns.

You can view our school's updated anti-bullying policy [here](#).

Broomhill's Got Talent Competition

Our annual Broomhill's Got Talent competition will be held online for a second year. All children will be invited to **submit a short film audition on Seesaw by Monday 1 November**. Classes will then nominate one class entry for our talent competition final on Friday 12 November, in aid of the **Children in Need appeal**. Pupils can enter as an individual, pair or group, and can sing, dance, play an instrument, put on a short play or tell jokes etc. Friday 12 November will be a non-uniform day.

Driving and Parking Behaviour

You may be aware of our ongoing concerns regarding driver behaviour outside the school which is putting children in danger.

To those drivers who put their own convenience before the safety of children, we urge you to avoid double parking or parking at the corners outside Broomhill Primary. If you cannot find a safe parking space outside the school then please park a short distance away. This will ensure a safe crossing area for pupils, families and local residents, and your child/ren will benefit from the short walk to and from school.

We will continue to work with our Parent Council, police and the local authority to eradicate this risk to pupil safety, but it is only parents and carers who can truly eliminate this danger.

A reminder of the **School Car Free Zone** - moving vehicles (apart from residents with a permit and key services) are banned from Elmwood Avenue and Elmwood Lane during the hours of 8.30am-9.15am and 2.30pm-3.15pm.

