

The Braidy Booklet



Update from the Head Teacher

As we near the end of term at Braidhurst High School I thought I should update you on our recent events and also give you some information on what is happening before the end of term. As always Braidhurst is a hive of activity with various things happening before we finish on June 29th. I hope you will be able to join us for some of them!

Art Exhibition

Braidhurst High Art and Design pupils recently had their work exhibited in the North Lanarkshire Youth Arts Exhibition.

Pupils from S2 to S6 submitted work for this and we are very pleased to announce that Braidhurst High School's Art Display was given the award of 'Best School in Exhibition'.

This was a great reflection of the solid effort that the pupils had put into their art work.



S1 Outdoor Classroom

This year's annual IDL project: Outdoor Classroom, saw some minor changes to an already successful project. All S1 pupils were given the opportunity to experience activities organised by a range of departments which had a common theme and focus on developing problem solving skills. This year's activities were: Habitat Sampling (Biology), Bike Tour (French), Orienteering (Maths), Water Sports & Team Challenge (P.E.), Scavenger Hunt (English) and Bridge Building (Technical). The project took place across three days both in school and at Strathclyde Park.

The pupils had an excellent time and thoroughly enjoyed learning and doing new things that they often wouldn't have the chance to do.

Karla Luxton (1.4) gave her comments about her experience of the project.

"I really, really enjoyed it. It gave me the chance to talk to and work with people in my year who I wouldn't normally speak to"



The pupils should also be highly commended for the very good standard of behaviour and conduct that was on display throughout the three days.



Football News



SFA Performance School Graduation

Saturday 21st May was not only a big day for two of Scotland's top football teams as they competed in the Scottish Cup Final at Hampden, it was also the day and venue for the first year of the SFA performance programme graduates.

Fifteen S4 pupils from Braidhurst High school were amongst the 83 graduates from across the 7 performance schools in Scotland, with each receiving their medal and certificate from Scotland National team manager Gordon Strachan. The group were also treated to a ticket to watch the main event at 3pm after being presented to the crowd on the Hampden pitch prior to the match.

This was a fantastic culmination to 4 years of hard work and dedication from the pupils involved. Congratulations to all!



Scottish Cup Semi-Final

Braidhurst under 14's took on St Andrew's Secondary in the Scottish Cup Semi-Final. Both teams were cheered on by a sizeable crowd and it wasn't long before the deadlock was broken, with Braidhurst unfortunately getting off to the worst possible start. A corner failed to be cleared and the ball was fired home from close range, putting St Andrew's into a one goal lead. Chances were few and far between, but from another corner – this time from Braidhurst – Adam Kettings looped a header over the keeper to equalise and keep the tie level going into the break. After the restart, Alistair Small won his side a penalty which Mason Kelman converted at the second time of asking, following a terrific save from the St Andrew's goalkeeper. Braidhurst put the game beyond doubt when Adam scored his second of the game, rounding the keeper and slotting into an empty net. The game ended 3-1 with Mr Clarke and Mr O'Toole delighted at the outcome and performance from the team. The boys now have a Scottish Cup Final to look forward to against St Ninian's High School from Giffnock for which we are awaiting a date and venue.

To date we have not charged pupils who are going to sporting activities any money towards the cost of buses. For other trips, for example to the theatre, this is factored into the total cost of the trip. Unfortunately, due to the reduction in our budget, we need to review this situation. We are proposing that pupils pay 50p for attending lunchtime and after school sports clubs, matches and events which will go towards any travelling costs. This would prevent us having to ask for larger amounts on certain days.

In the meantime, please feel free to offer other suggestions on how we raise money.

Literacy Day

To help launch the school's very first Literacy Day we welcomed author Keith Gray into the library for a talk with our S1 pupils. Keith spoke about his own journey from being a self-confessed 'hater' of reading to a published, prize-winning author of 21 young adult books. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed Keith's talk and asked him many interesting questions. Later that day a select group of pupils were back in the library for a Literacy quiz which proved very competitive. All pupils enjoyed the fun questions with the team from 1M the eventual winners. A big well done to everyone involved.

Netball 2015/16

Braidhurst's netball girls have had a great season this year. With all teams getting to the semi-finals for the North Lanarkshire League and enjoying every minute of it. Our senior team qualified for the quarter finals of the Scottish Cup before winning the open section of the North Lanarkshire League. It was a delight to witness the girls achieve this in, for many, their final year at Braidhurst. We were delighted when

Sarah Leighton of S2 stepped up to help the girls when a crucial team member broke her foot.

The girls come along to training every Monday night after school to help them develop as a player, learn new skills and techniques, as well as playing games in their teams to improve their play and team work, particularly before games.

The girls show commitment coming along every Monday to training as they recognise this is crucial in allowing them to succeed and gain trophies in recognition of their talents.

I hope to see all the girls return next year for another successful season.

Uniform

Our uniform is extremely important to us. Not only does it help pupils to take pride in the school, it makes them very easily identifiable. Full uniform should be worn when your child is going on a trip and representing the school. For security purposes it also helps immediately identify anyone who should not be in the building. We really appreciate your support with this matter and thought you would want to know this information before the holidays.

Uniform consists of: black blazer, white shirt, school tie, black skirt/trousers, black shoes and school sweatshirt.

For P.E. pupils should wear:- plain white t-shirt, black shorts or training trousers and training shoes which have only been worn indoors.

Can we reinforce that jeans, leggings and jeggings are NOT school trousers. If you wish to purchase a sweatshirt they are available from the school office at a cost of £10 or £12. The uniform supplier is Academy Uniform, Tel no. 01355 244879, website: www.academyuniformsltd.co.uk. Any uniform already ordered can be collected on Friday 5th August between 10.30am and 11.30am.

A locker can be purchased for £10 (with £5 being returned at the end of the term when the key is returned) to store outdoor jackets in the winter.

Music Pupils see Annie

This month some of our budding music pupils took a trip to Edinburgh Playhouse to see Elaine C Smith performing in Annie, Elaine a former pupil of Braidhurst! Pupils thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to putting all that enthusiasm into our own school show production this year 'Sunshine on Leith'.



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As always the school is a busy place with a lot happening. Please check out our website www.braidhurst.org to keep up to date with all our news.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS/EVENTS

School will close at 2.30pm on Monday 13th June, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th June due to this year's School Show 'Sunshine on Leith'.

The school will be used for polling on Thursday 23rd June, pupils should not attend on this day, school will resume at 8.55am on Friday 24th June.

Prize giving will be held on Monday 27th June at 1.30pm. We have a very special guest presenting the prizes.

School will close for summer holidays at 1.00pm on Wednesday 29th June. Pupils should return for the new session on Wednesday 17th August.

SQA results are due on Tuesday 9th August 2016.

Recoursing day for S5/6 Wednesday 10th August 2016.

I hope you have a lovely Summer Holiday.

