

The Braidy Times

October 2020

Head Teacher's Report

I hope this update finds you and your family well.

As I am sure you can imagine it has been a busy start to the session! It is lovely to have our pupils back at Braidhurst and staff are working hard to ensure we all stay safe. I would like to say a huge thanks to all my staff for the effort and professionalism they have shown, and continue to show, in supporting pupils and each other to ensure learning and teaching continues in the school. Desks are being sanitised after each class and hands being 'skooshed' as pupils enter the building. We are also ensuring pupils, and staff, are wearing masks as they move about the building.

Several pupils have commented on the damage to the environment by using disposable masks or the health risk to those who are picking them up when they are discarded carelessly. We would like to purchase reusable, washable masks with the school logo to sell to Braidhurst pupils at a subsidised cost (less than £2) - we do not intend to make a profit from them. Staff are having a raffle to raise money towards the cost. Please consider purchasing one for your child as soon as they become available.

We are grateful for your support with regards our school uniform. There has been no change with PE which will continue to be held outdoors. All pupils should wear a blazer every day (we have spares if anyone needs one). On PE days pupils should wear a plain white T-shirt and black joggers. Hoodies should not be worn in school. Black ones can be worn for PE, but as these may become damp when outdoors, pupils should change into a dry sweatshirt/jumper for classes. This is also more important than ever with pupils wearing face masks as we need to ensure it is our pupils who are in our school grounds.

As winter approaches, and windows are open, pupils are allowed to wear a sweatshirt/jumper in class. We have extra supplies of these items of clothing, including some older sweatshirts with the yellow badge on them, which will be permissible. If your child needs a spare sweatshirt, please let either pupil support or SMT know as soon as possible.

Pupils in S5/6 can wear a black T-shirt for PE. This will be conditional on all senior school pupils always conforming to uniform rules.

All pupils have received a report on their progress for the first session. Please discuss this with your child and, if you have any concerns, either contact their pupil support teacher or complete a form on our website. They have also been given instructions on how to access their glow team for each of their subjects. Again, there is a short form to request help if necessary on the website. Work will be posted on teams if necessary in the future.

This session we are forming a pupil leadership team who will have distinct responsibilities. We are lucky this year to have an excellent S6 and are looking forward to working with them. Part of their duties will be to help produce a series of short, informative clips about life at Braidhurst to keep you informed. Please look out for them on twitter or on our school website at braidhurst.org



School Captains

Amy-Lee McLachlan
Kori Turnbull

House Captain - Atholl

Sharleen Brandt
Emily Irvine

House Captain - Lorne

Ellie McNeil
Eve Nicholson

House Captain - Morven

Ellie Brady
Lauren Wright

House Captain - Rannoch

Chloe Henderson
Craig Campbell

Prefects

Karis Cowan	World of Work Ambassador/Pupil Council
Ellie McCoull	Pupil Equity Fund/Rights Respecting School
Jennifer Smith	Technology Ambassador
Logan Holbourne	Technology Ambassador/Pupil Equity Fund
Lauryn Buddy	Pupil Equity Fund/Technology Ambassador/School of Netball
Sophie Merrilees	Pupil Equity Fund
Olivia Biggart	School of Netball/World of Work Ambassador/Pupil Council
Ellie Murphy	Rights Respecting School/Pupil Equity Fund/Pupil Council
Man-Ching Kwok	Maths Ambassador

I hope your child enjoys their break over the October week and the weather stays dry! Please ensure they stay safe and we look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 19th of October complete with their mask!

