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BREDILAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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February 2020 Update

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Effective Contributors, Responsible Citizens

We hope you have enjoyed all the 'reporting' events so far this term, which are designed to give you opportunities to come in and get involved or hear about or see the learning going on in Brediland. So far this session we have had an Open Afternoon in September for parents and carers to see teaching and learning in their child's class, then the drop-in afternoon in October, which replaced the traditional parents appointments. In November, we sent out a new Interim Report on the progress of every individual child, after that in December, all parents and carers were invited to see the school show and our most recent event, The Brediland Bistro, was again a huge success!

Annual Questionnaire: please find attached the annual Parental Questionnaire. This is a valuable way for us to canvas opinions and collect ideas to inform the continuous drive to improve our school. The school's Standards and Quality Report and the summary of the School Improvement Plan are on the website – these will give you some helpful reminders of the work we have done over the past year. Please complete and return the attached questionnaire to your child's teacher.

At assembly this week, we will be launching a reading challenge. Children can collect a worksheet from the school office and will have to complete a number of reading challenges over the next few weeks. The challenge sheet has to be completed and returned to the school office by Monday 23rd March for them to be in with the chance of winning Heroes and Classic Football Heroes books for children aged 7-12. His fun, action-packed biographies tell the exciting life stories of the world's greatest footballers, from Maradona through to Messi, from Beckham through to Kane.

Just a reminder that the next reporting event is RARA Day (Raising Attainment Raising Achievement Day) on Thursday 27th February. The children will be showing their achievements and attainments from the session so far – this is a time for us to share and celebrate success in the classes with all children. Times for parents and carers to work with children in classes are as follows:

- 9.30-10.00 - Primary 1, 1/2, 2/3
- 9.45-10.15 - Primary 3, 4, 5
- 10.00-10.30 - Primary 6, 6/7, 7

World Book Day will be celebrated in Brediland on Thursday 7th March – children and staff can come to school wearing pyjamas and bring their favourite bedtime story to share. Every child will receive a book token, which gives details of how and where to purchase/swap for books. These tokens can be also be used at our Scholastic Book Fair in March.



STEM - Our Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Clubs have been running every Wednesday/Thursday at lunchtime for a few weeks now. Miss McNeil and Miss Johnstone are working with the P2 - P4 children to make a moving vehicle using a shoe box, which they will decorate. Miss McNeil has also been working with the P5, P6 and P7 children to create an electric driven vehicle, using pulleys and motors. An engineer from Doosan Babcock, Mr Brackenridge, visited a few weeks ago to introduce the clubs and to give some words of advice. The children have had to use their Maths skills to measure and solve problems, Science skills to select materials and Technology skills to saw wooden dowelling to the correct length and also to create working electrical circuits. In the next few weeks, they will test their engineering to ensure that the productions can travel in a straight line, allowing the children to use problem-solving strategies to make any amendments.

On Tuesday 10th March, Mr Rigmund will represent Bredland at the Holyrood STEM 2020 Conference. He will share Bredland's journey in developing STEM capital for our children and young people, showcasing best practice to practitioners and professionals across Scotland. We can't wait to hear all about it!

On Friday 13th March, Network Rail and Doosan Babcock, will visit every class across the school to talk to the children about their ideas and designs for the Scottish Leaders Award project. Last year, three of our pupils had their work awarded as highly commended by judges and their designs were showcased at the Barony Hall in Glasgow. We are very excited to work with our engineering partners to see what we can achieve this year!

Annual Easter Competition - Our House Captains will be organising our annual Easter Competition again this year. The Primary 1 children will be asked to create an Easter bonnet with a theme, decided by the House Captains. Every year the children in Primary 2 to Primary 7 will be invited to submit an entry for our painted egg competition. Every year the entries are more magnificent than the year before! Both competitions will be judged within the four Houses, with a first and second place prize per house. The House Captains will send a letter home with more information soon.

Reminder: Parent/Teacher/Pupil conferencing will take place on 26th March from 3pm until 8pm. Appointment request letters are attached and should be returned to the school at your earliest convenience.

PTFA meeting on Wednesday 6th March at 6.30pm.

- UPCOMING EVENTS:**
- Wednesday 26th February
 - Thursday 27th February
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 - Thursday 5th March
 - Wednesday 18th March
 - Thursday 19th March
 - Primary 6 cohort visit to Whitelee Wind Farm
 - RAA Day
 - Euroquiz (heats) at Todholm Primary School
 - World Book Day
 - Renfrewshire Netball Final
 - World of Work event

HOLIDAYS: School will close for the Spring Break on Thursday 2nd April at 2.30pm and re-open on Monday 20th April at 9.00am.

Finally, as usual, I have included a comments and achievement slip below.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Lisa Robertson
Depute Head Teacher

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