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August/September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Parents Portal - Please see attached leaflets about Parents Portal and Parent Pay – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS INSTEAD OF THE PAPER FORMS WE USUALLY SEND AT THE START OF EACH SCHOOL SESSION. More information is available via Renfrewshire Council website - <http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/schools/parentsportal>



Achievements – some news from our children!

The new Primary 1 children have settled well into school with Mrs Reid. In literacy we are enjoying learning sounds and are now beginning to blend these to read words. In numeracy we are writing, counting and ordering numbers within 10. We have great fun out in the playground when doing outdoor P.E.

Primary 2 and Mrs Forsyth have been excited to return to Brediland, where they can play and learn with their friends. We have been revising sounds, blending words and practising letter formations. We have continued to learn addition facts to 10 and explored subtraction through games and play.

Primary 2/3 and Miss McNeil have enjoyed being back at school, where they have been learning, playing and exploring with each other. They have enjoyed reading the book Giraffes Can't Dance, through which they have learned about having a growth mindset when faced with challenges!

Primary 3 pupils and Miss Bell have enjoyed another busy week back at school. We loved making an Emotion Wheel using different pieces of art to express how we feel. We also started our class novel 'The Magic Tree House', which we are studying with the other Primary 3 classes.

P3/4 have been learning all about place value by completing outdoor challenges. P3/4 are beginning their new novel and will be using it to help them develop their literacy skills. P.3/4 have been learning outside in the good weather, trying to stay fit and healthy!

Primary 4 pupils and Miss Bisland have been learning all about number and place value in Numeracy and are about to start class novel study. We have also been getting fit outdoors in the good weather!

Primary 5 and Mrs Ingham are enjoying being back at school. They are learning about how to be a good role model and sharing experiences about lockdown. They have started the class novel Varjak Paw and are keen to hear what adventures Varjak will go on. They have been enjoying outdoor learning too!

Primary 5/6 have settled well into their new routines and have been enjoying their novel study "Kensuke's Kingdom". We have been outside using the space to help us remember how to read clock faces and play social games.

The children of P6/7 and Mrs Callaghan are happy to be back at school and learning together. We are desperate to find out what happens next in our class novel Wolf Brother by Michelle Paver. It is so exciting! We are taking our learning outdoors whenever we can and have enjoyed orienteering style numeracy and comprehension challenges. This week we are learning about place value by creating a human place value chart and jumping columns to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1000. Lots of learning and lots of fun!

Primary 7 and Mrs Hannah are very happy to be back at school and are looking forward to all the exciting things in store for them in their final year at Brediland. They have been outside come rain or shine to learn lots and play some fun new games and are all enjoying doing so!

In all classes, teachers are carrying out assessments to set the correct levels of work for every child. Following the lockdown, this year, I have organised some extra staff who will be supporting learning in all classes, by working with groups. This is being carefully managed to cut down on cross over of children and staff. Mrs Robertson, Mr Rigmand and I will be supporting learning as will, Mrs Wright and a new teacher, Miss Davren. If you do not want extra support for your child, or if you would like to discuss the support your child is being given, please contact me via the school office.

Also, at times, plans may change, as these teachers may need to teach whole classes due to staff absence.



Emotion Works Recovery Programme - in Brediland, in all our classes, we are using the Emotion Works Recovery Programme to support children's mental health and emotional wellbeing during the transition back to school. Emotion Works is a highly regarded and well-established programme of training and resources for teachers that we use in Brediland to help develop emotional literacy and foster resilience. The special 'Recovery Programme' is aimed at supporting the transition back to school following lockdown for teachers, children and their families. The Recovery Programme will run for approximately 4 months in each of our classes. Teachers will provide a tailored week-by-week programme of Curriculum for Excellence lessons & activities.

Helplines and Therapeutic Services for Families

Renfrewshire Educational Psychology Service has a telephone helpline service which is continuing this session, now named **COVID Recovery Helpline: Children & Families Wellbeing Support**. They can provide support with an agreed level of confidentiality to parents or their children through an arranged telephone conversation, including sending on resources that may support them. If you would like to use this service, please contact Mrs Temple for more information.

Therapeutic Counselling Services (TCS) Renfrewshire Council have contracted a new provider for Counselling services available to all children in Renfrewshire schools aged 10 or over. Therapeutic Counselling Services (TCS) are available now to take referrals. In Primary Schools, they provide a highly collaborative model of support for the psychological and emotional wellbeing of children and their families, built around developing resilience. Referrals can be made by school staff.

Their approach following a referral will be:

- To meet the child to complete a resilience assessment and create an agenda for support
- To work with child for up to 6 sessions (8 in total with assessment and end meeting)
- Throughout the process, the service will keep school staff informed of concerns and progress.
- If required, they would meet the parent/carer to provide a summary of progress and outline a plan of continued support, (this might include activities that parents can complete with the child).

If you think that your child, (aged 10 and above), may benefit from this service, please contact Mrs Robertson.



Google Classroom – due to current guidelines about paper going backwards and forwards to school, we have opted to post the children's homework in our Google Classrooms. This will start today, with some interactive activities from Sumdog. The link to the Sumdog app login page can be found in Google Classroom.

Your child should also have access to their Google classroom. *If not, the join code is detailed below:*

P1: fllceix	P2: zzt7jk	P2/3: oisfhha	P3: m22xitw	P3/4: zmqxr2
P4: umuumm6	P5: uokkv3j	P5/6: l23d6un	P6/7: kiqdada	P7: cye45rx

Also, we are delighted to share that we have invested in Sumdog spelling and grammar programmes as further high-quality resources that can be used by your child in school and at home, starting in the coming weeks.



Your child was issued with a login card for both GLOW RM Unify (used to access Google Classroom) and Sumdog today. Please contact the school office if you have any issues in accessing Google Classroom or Sumdog.

Class Dojo - Class Dojo is the digital reward system we use in Brediland. Teachers and children build their classroom culture. They choose skills and values - things like creativity or teamwork – and share feedback on progress with each other. We will send links to allow you to join your child’s class through Google Classroom this week.



Primary 7 House Captains – we will be posting the Primary 7 House Captain application forms on Google Classroom next week (w/c. 7th September). We will explain what is expected to Primary 7 this week. We can’t wait to see the entries!



Upcoming holidays for this term:

- September Weekend** Friday 25th September to Monday 28th September
- Schools reopen Tuesday 29th September
- October Holiday** Monday 12th October to Friday 16th October
- In-Service Day Monday 19th October
- Schools reopen Tuesday 20th October

Reminder - we have several children with severe allergies in the school. With this in mind, we ask for your support to make Brediland a nut-free environment, as this can cause a very severe allergic reaction to those children whom it concerns. Therefore, children should avoid bringing items to school that contain nuts, either for snack or for their lunch. We also discourage the sharing of snacks.

We love to hear about children’s achievements, so if you would like your child’s name and achievement published in the next school newsletter, please use the slip provided below to inform us.

Yours sincerely

Mrs MC Temple
Head Teacher

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Achievement

Child’s Name Child’s Class Date

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Comment/Suggestion:

Name Child’s Class Date