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Social Enterprise Academy



Primary Engineer Programmes

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September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Achievements



- We are incredibly proud of our Primary 7 pupils who each applied to become House Captain. We enjoyed watching the video entries and reading their submission forms. All entries are of a high standard and we are very impressed with the '2020 visions' for each house. We will be announcing our new House Captains and Vice Captains next week.
- Chloe Paterson, P.1 has adapted well to her new surroundings and is showing keen interest and understanding of Literacy and Numeracy – well done Chloe!



STEM Nation Award update

We have had our final validation call from Education Scotland as we work towards full certification as a STEM Nation school. This is a very prestigious award from the Scottish government education department inspectors. We are awaiting the outcome in eager anticipation and cannot wait to share the feedback from Education Scotland with the school community. I would like to thank Mr Rigmand for driving STEM forward so passionately in Brediland. I would also like to thank everyone for their work, efforts and inspiration, leading to this outstanding achievement. Every child, every former pupil, every family, every staff member and every partner business or university who has worked with us over the last few years has had a part to play in this significant accreditation, and I extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to you all.

School App for Parents launch!



We are pleased to announce that we have invested in a school app that can be downloaded on both Apple and Android phones and devices. School App for parents will provide instant notifications to your phone and instant access to school information. The app will replace our old system of paper newsletters and should hopefully keep everyone fully up to date with news and events. So this will be the last paper newsletter for a while!

How do I get the App? Search the App store or Google Play for School App for Parents on your device. Once downloaded, open the app and login to Brediland Primary. Alternatively, you can scan the QR code on the leaflet attached – this will also allow you to download My School App.

Children's Reading Books

In line with current guidelines, we are now able to send reading books home as part of your child's weekly homework. Reading books will be sent home on Mondays and returned on Fridays. The books will be cleaned before going home and after they are returned. When returned, they will be stored in isolation for 72 hours before being filed back in bookcases.

Maths Week Scotland – 28th September – 4th October

Maths Week Scotland is a celebration of the importance of maths in our everyday lives. This week will be filled with exciting mathematics activities in school and the chance to participate in a nationwide Sumdog challenge at home! We will also be participating in the First Minister's Daily Challenge on Twitter. Make sure you follow @BredilandSchool on Twitter to catch the highlights from school. You can also 'tweet' any maths activities that are completed at home by tagging @BredilandSchool and #MWSREN.

Reporting to Parents/Carers

This session, due to restrictions, parents' meetings in school cannot go ahead in the usual format. We have instead organised time for teachers to make calls to parents/carers, to discuss how the children are settling in, and/or any issues that you or the teacher need to discuss. From Tuesday 29th September, class teachers will begin to make phone calls to parents/carers. These calls will be made during the teacher's contractual time, when they are not class committed – between 3:15 and 5pm. Please complete the attached slip and return to school with your preferred time slot, and, please note although we will try to accommodate all requests, this cannot be guaranteed. If there is anything in particular you would like to discuss, you can let the teacher know using the attached slip.

Following this, on Monday 9th November, individual child interim reports will be sent home in the same format as last session. The Interim Report gives detail about progress and attitude to learning. As always, Class Dojo provides daily updates to parents/carers on behaviour, progress and dojo points awarded in line with the school values.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Emotion Works



One of our priorities for this session following lockdown is the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils. Last session, we introduced the Emotion Works programme across the school. Emotional Works is an educational programme that helps develop children's emotional literacy and wellbeing. Since our return, we have been following a specifically designed recovery programme, which is delivered to each class at a pace that's appropriate to them. Over the past 4 weeks, we have been focusing on building positive relationships and we have also been looking at regulation activities, which are useful for calming any stress and/or anxieties. When they are ready, the classes will then move on to learning about the Emotion Works cogs again. These cogs are used to help children talk about their feelings. From P1 upwards, we will reintroduce the first 5 cogs to pupils and remind them how they link together. In the older classes, we will also look at the grey cog, Emotion Intensity, and the purple cog, Influences. These are trickier concepts but older children may be able to explain them to you.

If you are concerned about the mental health and wellbeing of your child, please phone the school and ask to speak to a member of the management team to see what we could do to further support your child. We also have access to the Exchange counselling service, mentioned in the last newsletter, for our Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. Exchange can provide targeted support for bereavement, friendships and parental separation.

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 a number of children with severe allergies in the school. With this in mind, we ask for your support to make Brediland a nut-free environment, as nuts can cause a very severe allergic reaction in 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.

Yours sincerely



Mrs MC Temple
Head Teacher

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Reporting to Parents/Carers – Telephone call

Child's name: _____

Class: _____

Preferred timeslot (please tick all options that suit you)

Time	Tues 29 th Sept	Weds 30 th Sept	Thurs 1 st Oct	Fri 2 nd Oct	Mon 5 th Oct	Tues 6 th Oct	Weds 7 th Oct	Thurs 8 th Oct
3:15 - 4pm								
4 - 5pm								

Please use space below to note anything in particular you would like to speak to you child(ren)'s class teacher about:

Parent/Carer Name: _____