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BREDILAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Assessments: we are delighted with the results we are seeing from the assessments so far! Teachers will be contacting parents to report progress by phone, starting in Week beginning 31st May, followed by the final reports, which will be coming home on 14th June.

Each year, during the month of May, most schools in Scotland carry out **Scottish National Standardised Assessments** at Primary 1, Primary 4 and Primary 7. These tests are done in class on laptops, with headphones, and to the children they feel like normal class work, with no extra pressure to 'perform'. In Primary 1, they will be set up as a play activity that the children will enjoy. The results of these tests are used to measure how well the children are achieving Curriculum for Excellence levels at Early, First and Second Level, compared to other children across Scotland. As an extra this year, we have bought a licence for an online reading resource called IDL, which is a programme that will help to improve reading for all of our children. This online resource also has a tool built into it, which shows the child's 'reading age', and also flags up information about dyslexic type difficulties. These difficulties can then be followed up with very targeted support for the child. If you do not want your child to be tested using this assessment, please let us know via the school office or by email. If the resource shows that your child seems to have dyslexic type difficulties, we will contact you to discuss this.

New Primary 1: we are looking forward to meeting the children who will be coming into Primary 1 in August! We are still in the midst of the pandemic, and therefore bound by national rules around visits to schools, however, we still want to make this important time special for our youngest pupils! We hope to deliver our Welcome Packs to our new children in May, and will organise individual visits to the school for each child with one adult, to meet their new teacher and visit the Primary 1 classrooms. These visits will take place in the afternoons of the week beginning 24th May. We also have a dedicated page on our school website for our new Primary 1s. We can't wait to meet the new Primary 1 children and their family!

Primary 7 Activities: as we are still in the midst of the pandemic, we have to be very careful not to plan any activities that we may have to cancel at the last minute, to avoid causing disappointment to the children, or to ensure that parents are not out of pocket. With this in mind, we continue to plan our Primary 7 leavers' celebration, whilst trying to stay safe, but still make it a special event. We intend to have a calendar of activities ready for Primary 7 very soon!

Given that we are bound by national rules around visits to schools, we are working closely with Gleniffer High School to arrange at least one transition visit in the month of June for our Primary 7s. On the 1st of June, our Homelink Worker, Miss Helen Orr will be giving a presentation to the Primary 7s on what they can expect in secondary school.

Relationships, Sexual Health and Parenthood (RSHP): is a comprehensive programme for children in Primary schools, designed by the NHS. The overarching aim of the relationships and sexual health programme is to assist children and young people to make healthy and respectful decisions that will promote positive sexual health and wellbeing for themselves and others. During the month of June, P.5-7 will be using the RSHP programme. Please refer to the leaflets on the school website, in the Health and Wellbeing section, which give details about each level, or follow this link to the RSHP website: <https://rshp.scot/> Having looked at this information, if you do not want your child to take part in the RSHP lessons, please contact the school office before the end of May 2021.

Homework: since returning to school, some children are not completing homework. Homework is especially important now, following the period of remote learning, so I would ask that you support your child or children, to continue to reach the high standards of homework that we are used to in Brediland. If your child has not been engaging in homework, I will send a letter to you, so that you are aware of this and can support them to do so.

Vision Screening: we have received communication from Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership colleagues regarding vision screening. They are hoping to complete P1 and P7 screening prior to the end of June. Dates to follow.

As our thoughts turn to planning for the new session, starting in August 2021, I would like to remind everyone of the agreed school uniform for Brediland and ask that when purchasing new clothes for returning in August that we return to the normal uniform in a more normal session! Grey trousers or skirt, white polo shirt and royal blue sweatshirt, or white shirt and Brediland tie with grey cardigan or jumper. Given that we will be continuing our drive to develop outdoor learning, footwear such as trainers and wellies are still a comfortable alternative to traditional black school shoes.

Upcoming holidays for this term:

Local Holiday Monday 31st May

Last day of session Friday 25th June – school closes at 1pm for summer break

Pupils return for 2021-2022 session on Monday 16th August

Lost Property –Unfortunately due to Covid restrictions we are unable to store lost property within the school, therefore please ensure all items your child brings to school are clearly marked with their name.

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 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, please remember to email us with children's achievements - we can celebrate by sharing them on the school app! School email address is bredilandenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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