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September 2021

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have had a fantastic start to the new session! The weather during the first few weeks was fabulous and the children are enjoying the return to cooked school meals. Remember to apply sun cream on sunny days, although we may not have too many of those left! Overall, the children seem happy, are looking super smart and there is an industrious buzz around the school!

Reporting to Parents and Carers: under normal circumstances, by this time we would have invited parents/carers in for an informal visit in September, to see their child's classroom environment and to see them working on some fun activities. We would also have planned to meet parents and carers face to face in October, to report on progress. This year, again, we find ourselves in the situation of the unknown, in terms of predicting the behaviour of Covid 19 and the governmental advice that would follow. We have therefore made the decision to keep the same arrangements as last year, as these arrangements should not be affected by any change to levels or restrictions – in this way, we all know the arrangements in advance and we do not have to disappoint at the last minute. Consequently, class teachers will again make phone appointments to speak with parents about their child's start to the session, i.e. settling in/any concerns/general behaviour. This will be within the two weeks beginning 28th September; you will receive a letter with your individual time for this telephone appointment next week. In November, we will send you a written Interim Report, detailing your child's progress – this will be sent home in week beginning 8th November.

Self-isolating pupils: If your child is unable to attend school due to Covid 19, either because they have it or are a close contact, then if they are well enough work can be sent home, please let the school office know if you would like this when you are reporting your child's absence.

Also Renfrewshire Council offers support for those having to isolate – more information can be found using the following link - <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/remoteteachingprimaryandey/>

There is also a Google Classroom available for pupils to "Ask the Teacher", there will be set times when teaching staff from Renfrewshire Council will be available for isolating pupils to go to ask a teacher for help with work.

To access this, pupils need to go onto Google Classroom then join with class code: mbc7xbw then they can ask any questions in the 'stream'.

In all classes, teachers have been carrying out our annual assessments to set the correct levels of work for every child. I have also 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 Temple, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Callaghan, Mrs Howat, Miss Bisland and Miss Bell will all be supporting learning, to ensure that all children catch up with any missed learning – this is of course different for every child. Some children will not need any additional help, while others will need a bit more intensive teaching. 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.

Active Schools – We have 3 after school clubs live on the Renfrewshire Leisure app; one for P3 on a Monday, one for P4 and P5 on a Wednesday and one for P6 and P7 on a Thursday; these will run for 3 weeks. These classes are completely free of charge and will be based on the interests of the children that attend, as we are hoping to encourage our children to be as active as possible! More classes will be available after the break. You can sign your child up by visiting <https://rl-brediland.class4kids.co.uk/>



Emotion Works Literacy Programme – This session, we will continue to use Emotion Works across the school. Emotion Works is a highly regarded and well-established programme to help develop emotional literacy and foster resilience. The goal of the new Emotion Works Literacy Programme is to support schools to focus on improving both Literacy and Wellbeing outcomes at the same time since these are 2 vitally important aspects of education to get right during the Covid Recovery period. Learning outcomes for Emotional Wellbeing and Literacy (including vocabulary extension, talking, listening, reading and writing) will be identified across Early, First and Second levels of Curriculum for Excellence.

Therapeutic Counselling Services (TCS) Renfrewshire Council have extended the counselling services available. All primary and secondary aged pupils in Renfrewshire can be referred to The Exchange Counselling Service. 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. Last session, pupils in Brediland really benefited from the support that The Exchange offers.

Their approach following a referral will be:

- To speak to the parents to explain how their service works and to gather any important background information
- 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.
- To provide the parent/carer with a summary of progress and outline a plan of continued support, (this might include activities that parents can complete with the child).

If you would like to find out more, please contact Mrs Robertson, or you can visit www.exchange-counselling.com

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. Last week, you should have received a link via text message inviting you to link with your child. Please click on this link to do so and download the Class Dojo app in order for you follow your child's progress. *More exciting news coming about Dojo soon!!!!*



Primary 7 House Captains – On Friday 3rd September, our Primary 7 children received an application form for House Captain along with an explanation of what is involved. If your child missed out on this or has lost their form, please contact Mrs Callaghan. We can't wait to see the entries!

Primary 1 photographs – On Wednesday 29th September a photographer from Paisley Daily Express will visit Brediland Primary to take a class picture of all our Primary 1 pupils, full school uniform on this day please.



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.

Annual forms have been issued to all children, we are still waiting on some being returned. It is of the utmost importance that we have correct contact details for every child, therefore if there are any changes after these forms are submitted please let the school know in writing. Media consent forms are required for sharing information on Class Dojo, Twitter, School App etc., so the sooner we get all forms back, the sooner we can start tweeting our good news stories! If you require new forms please contact the school office.

Flu Immunisations – The NHS immunisation team will be visiting the school on Tuesday 19th October, letters were issued with consent forms to be completed at the start of term.

Also, physical distancing and wearing masks continues to be a priority for safety within Brediland. This extends to the playground and the street outside the school when dropping off or collecting your child, as per Government guidelines.



Upcoming holidays for this term:

September Weekend	Friday 24 th September to Monday 27 th September Schools reopen Tuesday 28 th September
October Holiday	Monday 11 th October to Friday 15 th October
In-Service Day	Monday 18 th October Schools reopen Tuesday 19 th October

Our School App is updated regularly with dates for your diary and other important information.

Finally, I have included a comments and achievement slip below, if printed this can be completed and handed into school alternatively you can send these via email to bredilandenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk and as you know, we can be contacted via the school office by phone.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs MC Temple
Head Teacher

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Suggestion/compliment/complaint

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Name..... Date.....

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Achievements you would like to be included on newsletter and/or school app.

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Child's Name..... Date.....