



### Our Vision

Our vision at Braehead is to provide a positive and engaging learning environment which challenges and supports all children to be the best they can be.

## **Braehead Primary School Newsletter** **Week beginning 9.9.19**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Cost of the School Day Survey Feedback**

In May of last session we asked for parental views on the cost of the school day and schools could help with some of the associated pressures of this. Two thirds of our families responded to this questionnaire raising the following points for us as a school to take forward when considering what else the school could do to help families with costs:

You said....	Our response....
Introduction of a Breakfast Club would allow parents to return to work.	Breakfast Club introduced August 2019 for all pupils who wish to attend. Adaptations have been made to ensure this is inclusive of those children who travel to school by school transport.
Uniform bank of pre-loved yet good condition clothes.	Pre-loved uniform stall, free of charge, made available for all in June 2019. This will continue to operate annually.
Provide greater notice for Bikeability to allow parents to purchase a bike chain thus preventing possible loss.	This happens every 3 years and takes place in the summer term so our current P3,4,5 will undertake Bikeability training in April-June 2022.
Avoid unnecessary costs e.g. 2 activities for Children in Need.	Staff to plan a fundraising calendar to ensure excess fundraising is avoided.
Make parents aware that should they be struggling with costs they can contact the school for help.	As stated in newsletters when costs are requested, please contact a member of staff should you require any help. This applies to all families and will remain confidential.
Costs around residential.	Residential Centre requirements in terms of footwear and clothing to be shared early with parents to allow appropriate time to plan and purchase.
Keep trips within the local area.	While we try to source appropriate outings for pupils locally this is not always possible. We will however limit outings further away to one per session. We have been fortunate in the past with local bus companies funding transport and our Parent Council subsidising the costs of buses.

Provide free music tuition to all who wish to have it.	There is nothing as a school we can do with regards to this. These costs are not controlled by the schools themselves.
Scrap ParentPay	Once again this is not something the school has any control over – this is now compulsory for all schools.
Avoid dress down day costs for second, third children.	This will remain under review – at the moment dress down money is used to pay for things out with school budgets e.g. Hallowe'en, Christmas Party at which all children benefit equally.
Value for money with School Meals.	An example of the Red Tray, Blue Tray and Sandwich School Lunch will be made available at the first Parents' Evening to allow parents the opportunity to see exactly what is on offer for the cost.

Cutting the cost of the school day remains a priority across South Lanarkshire Council and will remain a topic under review at the school. Many thanks for your contributions, these are helpful in shaping the way ahead.

### **Parent Council Meeting**

We are having our first Parent Council meeting of the session in the school on Monday 16 September at 6:30pm. All parents are very welcome to attend. There will be an opportunity to discuss future fundraising and possibilities for this – your views are important so please come along to share your thoughts.

### **Football Festival**

Just a reminder that our P5-7 pupils will be attending the first of the football festivals on Wednesday 11 September at Lanark Race Course. School kits will be provided for pupils to wear to this event. Children should come to school in uniform as normal to change back into once the festival has finished. Please ensure your child has suitable footwear for this event – either ordinary trainers or astro turf football trainers. Spectators are welcome at the Race Course from 10-12 noon. An EV5 is enclosed with this newsletter.

### **Road Safety Awareness Morning**

A huge thank you to our Junior Road Safety Officers Taylor McGougan, Adam Mastaglio and Niamh Blunsum for planning and running an excellent road safety morning. Twelve stations were set up across the school for pupils to participate in games and activities focused on staying safe near the road.



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### **Rag Bag**

We have a rag bag collection on Friday 22 November – this is still a while away but please do not throw out any textiles – drop them off at our collection bin instead.

### **School Photographs**

Tempest will be coming to take photographs of the children on the morning of Wednesday 20 November. There will be individual photographs/family groups, a Primary 1 group and a Primary 7 group photograph taken. We are assured that all orders will be back in time for Christmas should you be thinking of gifts for others. Please note it is not compulsory to buy the photographs, a proof will be sent home of your child/their group and should you wish to order you can.

### **After School Clubs**

We were delighted with the return on children attending the Yoga Club tonight. We are committed to promoting health and wellbeing across the school and as well as the two PE sessions per week and outdoor learning we are very fortunate to have all teaching staff willing to offer 3 physical after school clubs to further encourage the children to be active.

### **Swimming Costs**

Just a gentle reminder that £3 per week for swimming lessons should be paid via ParentPay.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



Elizabeth Steele  
Head Teacher

**Dates for the Diary:**

9.9.19	Yoga 3-3:45pm Primaries 1-4
12.9.19	Open Morning for Parents to visit learning environments 9.30-10.30am
16.9.19	Yoga 3-3:45pm Primaries 1-4
23.9.19	Yoga 3-3:45pm Primaries 1-4
27.9.19	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
30.9.19	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
7.10.19	Yoga 3-3:45pm Primaries 1-4
8.10.19	Parents' Evening 3:30-6.30pm
9.10.19	Dance Club 3-4pm Primaries 5-7
11.10.19	School closes 3pm – October Week
21.10.19	School reopens 9am
23.10.19	Dance Club 3-4pm Primaries 5-7
30.10.19	Dance Club 3-4pm Primaries 5-7
6.11.19	Dance Club 3-4pm Primaries 5-7
18.11.19	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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20.11.19	Netball 3-4pm Primaries 5-7
27.11.19	Netball 3-4pm Primaries 5-7
4.12.19	Netball 3-4pm Primaries 5-7
16.12.19	Christmas Service –Time TBC
20.12.19	School closes 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays
6.1.20	School reopens 9am
7.2.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
10.2.20	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
11.2.20	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
12.2.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
24.3.20	Parents' Evening 3:30-6.30pm
3.4.20	School closes 2.30pm for Spring Break
20.4.20	School reopens 9am
7.5.20	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
8.5.20	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
22.5.20	Reports to Parents
10.6.20	Sports Afternoon 1:30pm
11.6.20	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
12.6.20	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
18.6.20	Summer Celebration – Time TBC
24.6.20	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays