



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 7.12.2020**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Snow!

Friday's snow came as a bit of a surprise in terms of the amount of snow we woke up to! Hopefully the communication from the school was timely and clear; it is always a challenge taking the decision to close and awaiting authorisation from SLC knowing the forecast was to change later in the day however in terms of staff and pupil safety it was not possible for many to get to Braehead and school transport understandably was not operating on Friday morning. Google Classroom was therefore set up with literacy and numeracy tasks to allow continuity of learning for your child/children and we were pleased to see the uptake this received. Staff were available to support learners from home and any queries were resolved quickly to allow pupils to continue with tasks.

Outdoor Shoes

As previously intimated children are welcome to change their shoes when they arrive in school especially on wet, snowy days, there is absolutely no problem with that. I have to make clear however that the change of shoes should be stored in a carrier bag and placed under the child's seat. We must keep our surfaces clear to allow for the enhanced cleaning which is taking place four times per day in the school. You will appreciate too that we are trying to avoid children being huddled together in cloakroom spaces and with the additional time the hand washing takes from time in class we want to avoid unnecessary time being lost to change shoes. While it may seem like only a few minutes it is a few minutes as many as eight times per day. Over the course of the week this time adds up to quite a significant amount.

Christmas Plans

As you are aware the Christmas Parties and Activity Days are Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December. We have purchased a pantomime for the children to watch and had planned for this on Wednesday 16 December following our festive lunch. You will by now have seen the news that schools will be closing and reopening on the original planned dates therefore we will be showing the panto on Monday 21 December instead as we hope to keep learning and teaching as normal as possible until the party days.

Our panto is called A Lad in Govan (Aladdin) and features some stars from River City; we hope it will be enjoyable for the children. As a small school I have managed to obtain a 50% discount on the cost of this however there will be no cost to the children this year.

For our festive lunch we are hoping to be able to bring the children together into the hall with appropriate distancing being observed and ventilation in place at all times. It certainly helps

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add to the atmosphere however I would like to reassure all parents that there will be at least 4m distance between each class in the hall.

Change to Menu 22 December

Instead of chicken sandwiches on Tuesday 22 December it will be ham sandwiches.

Enrolment Week

This year enrolment week takes place week beginning 18 January 2021. As always I would encourage all parents to spread the word to those people who have children who live within Braehead Primary catchment and are due to start school in August 2021. Parents require the full birth certificate and two utility bills dated within the last 3 months showing the home address in order to complete the enrolment. We await further guidance around the physical process of enrolment itself and parents being in school; when this is received it will be communicated.

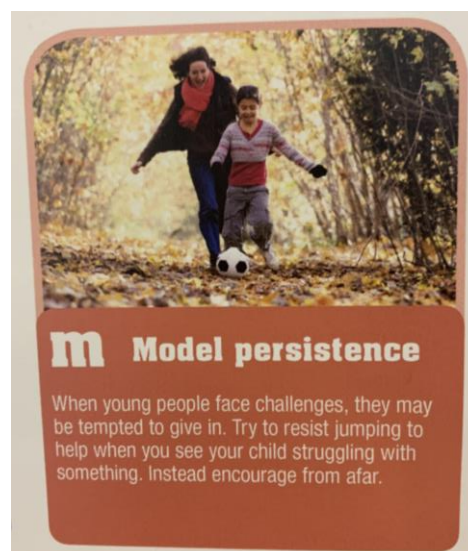
A-Z of Attachment and Resilience

This week we focus on M – Model persistence.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Elizabeth Steele

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Head Teacher



Dates for the Diary:

16.12.20	Christmas Lunch at Braehead Primary Panto afternoon at Braehead Primary
17.12.20	P1-4 Christmas Party – Come in Party/Dress Down Clothes P5-7 Christmas Craft/Activity/Movie Day – Children to come in Christmas Jumpers/Dress Down Clothes
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22.12.20	School closes 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays Dress Down Day – No charge
6.1.21	School reopens 9am
29.1.21	Dress Down Day – No charge
8.2.21	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
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10.2.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
26.2.21	Dress Down Day – No charge
1.4.21	School closes 2.30pm for Spring Break Dress Down Day – No charge
19.4.21	School reopens 9am
6.5.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
3.5.21	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
21.5.21	Reports to Parents
28.5.21	Dress Down Day – No charge
9.6.21	Sports Afternoon 1:30pm
10.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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21.6.21	Summer Celebration – At this time we are unable to confirm if parents will be invited.
24.6.21	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays Dress Down Day – No charge