

#### 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 1 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Another week of online learning has now been completed and I wish to thank you all for your continued support in helping your child/children access this. Our engagement levels remain consistently high with almost all children online every day, completing their work. As a working parent I know the challenges this presents trying to fit this in around your own busy lives, it really is much appreciated.

### **Online Learning**

As a staff we are in frequent talks around how we can continue to enhance our online learning offer and, in particular, how we can keep in touch with the children and support pupil wellbeing. Today we broadcast our first online assembly. It is important for the children to have their work celebrated, take part in some learning around the theme of the week and in general feel connected to their school community through the work on sign langugae, house points and birthdays. I hope the children enjoyed it.

From Friday 5 February we will be replacing one of our live stream interactions with a Google Meet. Google Meet is a form of video conferencing which will allow the children to see their teachers and, depending on the device being used, their friends, too.

This will not be a lesson so please tell your child not to worry if for some reason they are unable to join the Meet – it will be an opportunity to come together as a class, led by their teacher and chat. I know in our rural areas the internet can be intermittent so again, if the connection is lost please do not worry. To help with those families sharing devices the Meets will be at different times in the day and will replace the stream interaction at that time.

Class and Teacher	Google Meet Time	Replaces
P1-4 with Mrs Wallace	Friday 5 February at 10am	9:30-10:30am Stream on
		Friday 5 February
P5-7 with Miss Ellwood	Friday 5 February at 2pm	1:30-2:30pm Stream on
		Friday 5 February

In line with SLC guidance around safety of staff and pupils these Meets will be recorded, **only the teacher has permission to record the Meet**. There will always be two members of staff present for each Meet. Please see the guidance attached for further information on how to support your child during these sessions – it seems like a lot but once you have done it once I am sure you will find this fairly straight forward. Mrs Macrae is going to post a help video on the Facebook page to help. Please get in touch if you are having any difficulties.

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# COVID\_19 Update

Following the most recent updates we will be continuing with online learning until mid-February. I believe this is to be reviewed tomorrow so hopefully I will be able to share more with you following that.

We continue to post literacy, numeracy and one other curricular area for children to complete daily. As always it is really important that all aspects of the literacy and numeracy are completed. This learning is new learning which will be built upon as time progresses whether that be in school or online.

Please remember staff are happy to accept work in whatever format you find easiest to submit; should you require any help please see the guide attached below or give me a call at the school.

For help with uploading and any other GC issues please see the link to the help guide below:

https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/public/braeheadprimary/uploads/sites/11105/2020/10/09 131526/How-To-Guides-Booklet-Version-2.pdf

# <u>Snow</u>

You will see from the weather warnings issued that we are due heavy snow from tonight through to Thursday. If this impacts your decision on sending children to school please let me know at your earliest convenience. As the government message is to stay at home and avoid unessential travel I need to ensure I do not have multiple staff travelling to school unless necessary.

### Mid-Term Holiday

Please note the school will be closed on Monday 8 February and will reopen for those children currently attending school and for online learning on Thursday 11 February. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes to prepare the online learning and support the key worker/vulnerable pupils attending school. I know everyone; staff, parents and pupils alike will be looking forward to a well-earned rest.

# Parent Council Meeting

There will be an online parent council meeting on Monday 15 February via Zoom at 6:30pm. Mrs Charlene Campbell our Chairperson will post further information on how you can be part of this or contribute any items to the agenda in due course.

Please continue to take care and stay safe.

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Elizabeth Steele Head Teacher

# Dates for the Diary:

8.2.21	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
9.2.21	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
10.2.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS	
15.2.21	Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm	
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	

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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
11.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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

#### South Lanarkshire Council BRAEHEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL READINESS TO LEARN FROM HOME PARENT/CARER INFORMATION UPDATED JANUARY 2021



Within Braehead Primay School, in the event of local restrictions or national school closures, daily learning tasks will be set via your child's class teacher via Google Classroom.

To access your child's Google Classroom they should log into glow as you have been since August to access the homework and home school diary using their username and password.

An individual log on sheet has been sent home with all children with their own personal details.

Where possible your child is asked to be online daily to register for the day, a Google Classroom Register will be taken for this purpose. Information on how your child should register is found on the 'How To Guides.' During the first lockdown from March to June 2020 we made it clear to parents that our main priority was the health and wellbeing of the children and their families, while this remains the case it is also very important for children to access the work allocated for them on Google Classroom.

You will see that from 11 January work posted on Google Classroom is progressive <u>new</u> <u>learning</u> – it is not revision of previously taught work and therefore it is important pupils are engaging with their teachers through the digital platform.

On each school day a number of tasks will be issued for your child to complete. These will include Literacy, Numeracy and a learning task from at least one other curricular area. There will be learning intentions, success criteria and daily support and feedback available to help pupils achieve the success criteria outlined.

Your child's class teacher will be available to answer questions and support learners during the school day via email or Google Classroom. Responses may not be instant, but they will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible. The teacher will be available for instant access/support during the following times:

- 9:30am 10:30am
- 1:30pm 2:30pm

Important

If you have any additional questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the School Office on office@braehead-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk or headteacher@braehead-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk where we will be happy to help.

Log on to glow via the following: glow.rmunify.com Your child's username and password – previously issued Where appropriate IDL username and password – previously issued Teacher emails: gw07macraeclaire@glow.sch.uk gw20ellwoodamy@glow.sch.uk gw13wallacejillian2@glow.sch.uk gw07cardwellalison3@glow.sch.uk



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