



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 22 March 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to begin by saying how well the children have settled back into school life. It genuinely feels like they have never been away! I am sure many people will have felt anxious about children returning to school after so long at home but I am delighted to report this has been a seamless transition for all pupils of Braehead.

Parent Consultations

Unfortunately once again we are unable to offer the usual face to face parent consultations this term but feel it is important to provide parents with some information on how their child/children has/have settled back into school following the recent lockdown and to report on progress and attainment across the curriculum.

Appointments have been allocated following the choices selected in the Google Form and have been emailed to parents, we hope these are still suitable for you.

- Please note your allocated time for the phone-based appointment, this will be found in your email. Appointments will last around 7 minutes.
- The phone call from your child's teacher is likely to be displayed as a 'withheld' or 'unavailable' number.
- Please do not put the call on 'loudspeaker' until you have confirmed with the teacher if this is suitable. You do not have permission to record the call.
- Before starting the consultation your child's teacher will ask you to confirm your child's full name and DOB.
- If you get cut off for any reason, your child's teacher will try and call you back, unless your allocated time has already been used.
- If, for whatever reason, you are unable to take the call, please call the school office on 01555 811252 or email the HT on headteacher@braehead-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk and we will try to rearrange a time for you.

Timings need to be adhered to in order to ensure that each parent gets the same opportunity to discuss their child's progress. The teacher will 'close' the meeting at the end of the appointment to ensure that they can move onto the next call - should you feel there is something else you need to discuss in more detail please contact the school office to make an appointment to speak to Mrs Steele.

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Rag Bag

We have a Rag Bag collection arranged for 19 May, anyone with anything to contribute can do so before that date, thank you.

Lockerbie Manor Residential March 2022

As you are aware we are unable to proceed with the planned residential visit to Lockerbie Manor this year which I appreciate is hugely disappointing for the current Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils. In our attempts to ensure the children currently in Primary 6 have this experience before heading to secondary school we have provisionally booked Lockerbie Manor for 23-25 March 2022 for the current Primary 5 and Primary 6 pupils. The cost of this residential would be £173 (excluding transport) which includes full board, 2 nights' accommodation in the Manor and 9 activities across the three days. Like everyone, we are unaware what the next 12 months will bring in terms of restrictions or SLC policy on taking children on residential outings but I think it is important to book something provisionally to ensure we have a slot should things open up in the coming weeks. At this point in time the booking has been made for all P5/6 pupils but there is no obligation for them to attend, we can get final numbers when we are clearer on the circumstances.

Ordinarily we would take a £50 non-refundable deposit per child; again we are unsure what the position will be regarding refunds so, for now, I suggest no money changes hands but wanted to alert families as soon as possible to allow families to establish a savings plan of their own for this. It may be the case that the full amount will require to be paid within a short period of time so having some extra time to save is always useful.

As always we will be going with the current Primary 5/6 children from Carmichael Primary so in total there will be 24 children and hopefully 4 adults to accompany the group.

Wiston Lodge

To compensate in some way for the disappointment our current Primary 7 group have had this session we are looking into taking the children to Wiston Lodge for a full day of activities, funded by the school, before the end of session. Further details in the coming weeks when we are able to proceed with bookings.

Communication

Can I please remind everyone that all communication should be made to the office or Head Teacher email address with regards to school related issues. Only urgent information should be sent using any other platform e.g. Messenger/Facebook. While we aim to respond promptly to parental queries it is not appropriate to message teaching staff on evenings or weekends with non-urgent issues – at this time this would only include positive COVID cases. Thank you for your co-operation in this.

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

Kind regards,



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary:

29.3.21	Parent Consultations 3:15 – 5:00pm
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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
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