



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 19 April 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back!

It is lovely to see all the children back in school today after the Spring Break. The weather on the whole was kind and hopefully with the easing of restrictions people were able to enjoy a more 'normal' break outdoors with family and friends. With the full return of secondary children it feels like we are edging ever closer to life as we knew it before. Let us hope this continues in the weeks and months to come.

Lunches

We have been informed that the price of a school meal will increase to £1.95 per meal from Monday 26 April. The new summer menu begins on this day also and can be accessed here: <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/primary-menu>

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.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club restarted today after more than a year without it. For those children attending Breakfast Club for the first time they should make their way to the back playground and enter the school building via the back entrance. Parents are welcome to assist children by walking them round to the back door however parents should not enter the school building. There is now a lever handle on the back door to assist the younger pupils with entry to the school. After leaving their child/children in the back playground parents should leave via the 3pm gate rather than going back down the entry path – please keep this operating as a one way system in the mornings. Once in the school building children should deposit coats and bags on the coat pegs and make their way to the dining room where staff will be waiting to assist pupils. As was the case last session the back door and gates will remain locked until 8:15am, pupils should not be in the school grounds before this time.

Work Programme

There will be changes to my work programme over the coming weeks due to mandatory training and planning for visiting services' safe return to school buildings. Where possible I will stick with my usual routine in terms of days in each school but should you wish to speak to me urgently and I am not in Braehead, I can be reached at Carmichael Primary on 01555 880216 or via email on headteacher@braehead-pri.s-lanark.sch.uk where I will endeavour to return your call/email.

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Outdoor Learning

We welcome forest visits from Wednesday 21 April. These visits will take place **fortnightly** with each class attending with their class teacher and Mrs Forrest every second week. Please note that the day for outdoor learning for our P5-7 pupils will be a Monday this term. **We begin with P1-4 on Wednesday 21 April; Primary 5-7 will attend on Monday 26 April** with Miss Ellwood and Mrs Forrest. A full list of dates and classes can be found on the 'Dates for the Diary' section below.

Parent Consultations P1-3

Mrs Wallace will complete those parent consultations planned prior to Spring Break on Monday 26 April and Tuesday 27 April. The previous appointment times will apply to these new dates. If for any reason you are unavailable on these dates/times please let me know so that we can rearrange.

Instrumental Music Service – Spring into Summer

Mr Bryce from the IMS will be hosting a 10 week music programme for pupils in P5-7 beginning on Wednesday 21 April, hence the need to change the outdoor learning day. This looks to be a fun interactive programme which I am sure the children will enjoy. This will take place weekly via Google Meet.

Transition Visits

This term is usually very busy in terms of transition planning for our new Primary 1 children and what will be the new S1 children come August 2021. At this time we are hopeful that we will be able to have visits to Braehead and Lanark Grammar/Biggar High however we are not in the position to outline dates or guarantee this will be able to proceed at this time. We await further guidance and will hopefully be in a position to update parents soon. There is, in the meantime, a virtual meeting for the P7 children and Mrs Ewing, pupil support teacher from Lanark Grammar School where the children will be able to hear about life at LGS and ask questions. This is planned for Tuesday 18 May at 10:45am. Please keep your eye on Lanark Grammar Twitter feed for any further information re transition as this is usually posted on Tuesdays.

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

Kind regards,



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary:

19.4.21	School reopens 9am
19.4.21	Parent Council Meeting 6:30pm
21.4.21	P1-4 Outdoor Learning
26.4.21	P1-3 Parent Consultations with Mrs Wallace
26.4.21	P5-7 Outdoor Learning
27.4.21	P1-3 Parent Consultations with Mrs Wallace
3.5.21	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
5.5.21	P1-4 Outdoor Learning
6.5.21	ELECTION – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
6.5.21	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
10.5.21	P5-7 Outdoor Learning
19.5.21	P1-4 Outdoor Learning
21.5.21	Reports to Parents
24.5.21	P5-7 Outdoor Learning
28.5.21	Dress Down Day – No charge

2.6.21	P1-4 Outdoor Learning
7.6.21	P5-7 Outdoor Learning
9.6.21	Sports Afternoon 1:30pm - TBC
10.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
11.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
16.6.21	P1-4 Outdoor Learning
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