



### 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 10 May 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Transition**

I am now in a position to share with you some of the plans from Lanark Grammar School regarding transition for this session.

A letter was sent home on Friday asking pupils to identify 3 or 4 pupils they think they would benefit from working with in S1. While there is no guarantee that pupils will get their choice Lanark Grammar staff try to take this into account and in the past pupils have always placed children with at least one of the identified children on their lists. I must stress however that this is not guaranteed.

### **Virtual Transition Programme**

**These can be found on LGS Twitter with links to their website.**

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| 11/5 | Transition Mission Final Video   |
| 18/5 | Virtual Video Tour of LGS<br>Link to new Transition Website featuring a 360 Tour   |
| 25/5 | P7 Transition Booklet (Physical Resource)<br>From Me to You - Letters to P7 Pupils (Physical Resource)<br>From Me to You – Tips for P7 Parents and Families from S1 Parents (Physical Resource)                |
| 1/6  | Pupil Support Videos – introducing different aspects of LGS (Attendance, House Activities, Career Planning, Extra Curricular Activities, S1 PSE Programme & Wellbeing)<br>P7 Parent's Information Presentation |
| 8/6  | Welcome Video from Mr Sherry HT<br>P7 Transition Quiz on Google Forms<br>S6 Wellbeing Buddy Video Introductions  |
| 15/6 | Phone calls from Pupil Support/DHT to each family. Speak to parent/carer to introduce themselves and answer any questions  |
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**Braehead Primary School**  
**Small School, Big Ambition**

We hope to receive a further update following 17 May with regards to restrictions in school, any further information will be communicated as soon as possible.

### **After School Club**

Our Tennis after school club starts tomorrow for P1-4 pupils and will run on Thursday for those children in P5-7 who have signed up to attend. There have been several posts on the Facebook page regarding this club as this is being run by the Parent Council and not the school. If you have not signed up and your child wishes to attend please call the school office to let us know at this stage, **DO NOT POST ON THE FACEBOOK PAGE NOW AS THIS MAY BE MISSED**. I have updated the lists on the Facebook page for the final time, any further information must come via school office. It is vital for contact tracing information that our details are up to date.

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Group</b>
Tuesday	11.5.21	P1-4 SESSION 1
Thursday	13.5.21	P5-7 SESSION 1
Tuesday	18.5.21	P1-4 SESSION 2
Thursday	20.5.21	P5-7 SESSION 2
Tuesday	25.5.21	P1-4 SESSION 3
Thursday	27.5.21	P5-7 SESSION 3
Tuesday	1.6.21	P1-4 SESSION 4
Thursday	3.6.21	P5-7 SESSION 4
Tuesday	8.6.21	P1-4 SESSION 5
Thursday	10.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY
Thursday	17.6.21	P5-7 SESSION 5

Please find attached the link to the risk assessment carried out in advance of this event.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/sl/public/braeheadprimary/uploads/sites/11105/2021/05/04/102814/BPS-RA-After-School-Club-April-2021.pdf>

Please note the following points:

- Children should come to school wearing clothes and footwear suitable for Tennis Club – this will be outdoors wherever possible.
- Children should remain in their classroom until all other children from the school have left the school grounds; at this point they will be escorted by their Class Teacher to the Tennis area. They should take all their belongings (bags and jackets) with them as they will no longer be able to enter the school unless they need to use the toilet.
- The Tennis Coach and supervising Parent Helper should remain 2m away from pupils wherever possible. Where this is not possible a note should be taken of those children where direct or proximity contact has occurred.
- Children should bring water bottles for this.
- Parent Helpers are responsible for ensuring pupils leave with their parents at the end of the club – they should sign out pupils on behalf of their parents to comply with COVID-19 restrictions.
- Parents should wait, 2m apart in the side section of the school – where children enter in the mornings. If there is not enough space in this area to space out as appropriate the front playground can be used. When the club is finished parents will be called to move in a continuous fashion, collecting pupils from the back playground and exiting as they normally would at 3pm down the other side.
- Face masks should be worn by all adults, unless exempt while on the school estate.

## **Participatory Budgeting**

Many thanks to those parents who completed the survey sent home last week about our obligations around participatory budgeting of a portion of our Pupil Equity Funding. The next step is to look at the responses received in line with the legal requirements around this spending. Pupil Equity Funding must be spent to help raise attainment and close the poverty related gap and while this can be used to target specific pupils, much of the funding spent at Braehead has a more universal benefit and allows us to raise attainment for all and close the gap for more pupils than those affected by poverty.

It is important to remember that the £110 allocated for participatory budgeting has to be justified as a means of raising attainment or closing the gap between our pupils most and least affected by poverty. The questionnaire was not looking for a preference of spend it was asking which aspects of the school day can typically cause families financial strain. Unfortunately this money cannot be used on a one-off trip and would not be sufficient funds to cover transport costs let alone admission costs but it can be used to subsidise costs to outings. Our PEF budget is very small at Braehead and therefore we are limited in the kind of things we can do with limited funds. Below is a list of the most popular responses from those people who completed the form (56% of parent forum). Our job now is to invite **all parents and those pupils currently in P5-7** to vote on the **one** aspect they think would be most beneficial in allowing all pupils to be included in all aspects of school life and thus contributing to closing the poverty related gap.

This will be sent to families via a google form – no personal details are required, simply put a tick beside the **one item** you think the £110 should be put towards.

Items Listed as Causing Financial Strain	What does Braehead currently offer?
Getting dressed for school – uniforms, coats, waterproofs, wellies, gym kit, gym shoes	We held a very successful uniform swap in summer 2019; unfortunately due to COVID we were unable to repeat this in June 2020 but plan to this session.  Braehead PS facilitated SLC Winter Coat Campaign.  Winter Clothing support was offered to those families in greatest need.
School Trips - Admission costs, bus costs, lunch costs	Currently the school subsidises school trips to keep costs as low as possible.  Advance warning is given for panto and residential trips.
Eating – School/Packed lunches/snacks	While we cannot change the cost of school meals we do offer a free breakfast club where cereals, toast, fresh fruit and milk are served daily from 8:15am and 'Toast to Go' for those children arriving on school transport.
Fun Events – Dress down days, Red Nose Day etc	There is currently no charge for Dress Down Days. Sponsored events have not featured this session at all to eliminate any associated costs and celebrations like World Book Day no longer involve a dressing up element.
School Clubs – Equipment, admission costs	There are no charges for any after school clubs; this has been the case for several years.

The item with the most votes will be looked at more closely to determine ways in which we can support as universally as possible. This is a small amount of money but we do want this to have maximum impact. Again, thank you to those who took the time to complete the questionnaire.

**Here is the link to the google form. It should take less than 30 seconds to complete and would be beneficial to have all parent views.**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDt8998XvAhXFGS8tXuXk\\_YUwJ3Tk4TaLDYiPIM10eiSUifQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDt8998XvAhXFGS8tXuXk_YUwJ3Tk4TaLDYiPIM10eiSUifQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Parent Council**

Those members of the Parent Council who undertake office bearing roles please let me know by Friday, either way, your intentions with regards to your role; whether or not you intend to stand down or continue to offer your services for another session, thanks. This information is required to enable appropriate preparations for our AGM on 7 June at 6:30pm.

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

Kind regards,



Elizabeth Steele  
Head Teacher

### **Dates for the Diary:**

10.5.21	P5-7 Outdoor Learning
11.5.21	P1-4 Tennis Club 3-4pm
13.5.21	P5-7 Tennis Club 3-4pm
18.5.21	P1-4 Tennis Club 3-4pm
19.5.21	P1-4 Outdoor Learning
20.5.21	P5-7 Tennis Club 3-4pm
21.5.21	Reports to Parents
24.5.21	P5-7 Outdoor Learning
25.5.21	P1-4 Tennis Club 3-4pm
27.5.21	P5-7 Tennis Club 3-4pm
28.5.21	Dress Down Day – No charge
1.6.21	P1-4 Tennis Club 3-4pm
2.6.21	P1-4 Outdoor Learning
3.6.21	P5-7 Tennis Club 3-4pm
7.6.21	P5-7 Outdoor Learning
8.6.21	P1-4 Tennis Club 3-4pm
9.6.21	Sports Afternoon 1:30pm – Pupils only.
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
17.6.21	P5-7 Tennis Club 3-4pm
24.6.21	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays Dress Down Day – No charge