



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.

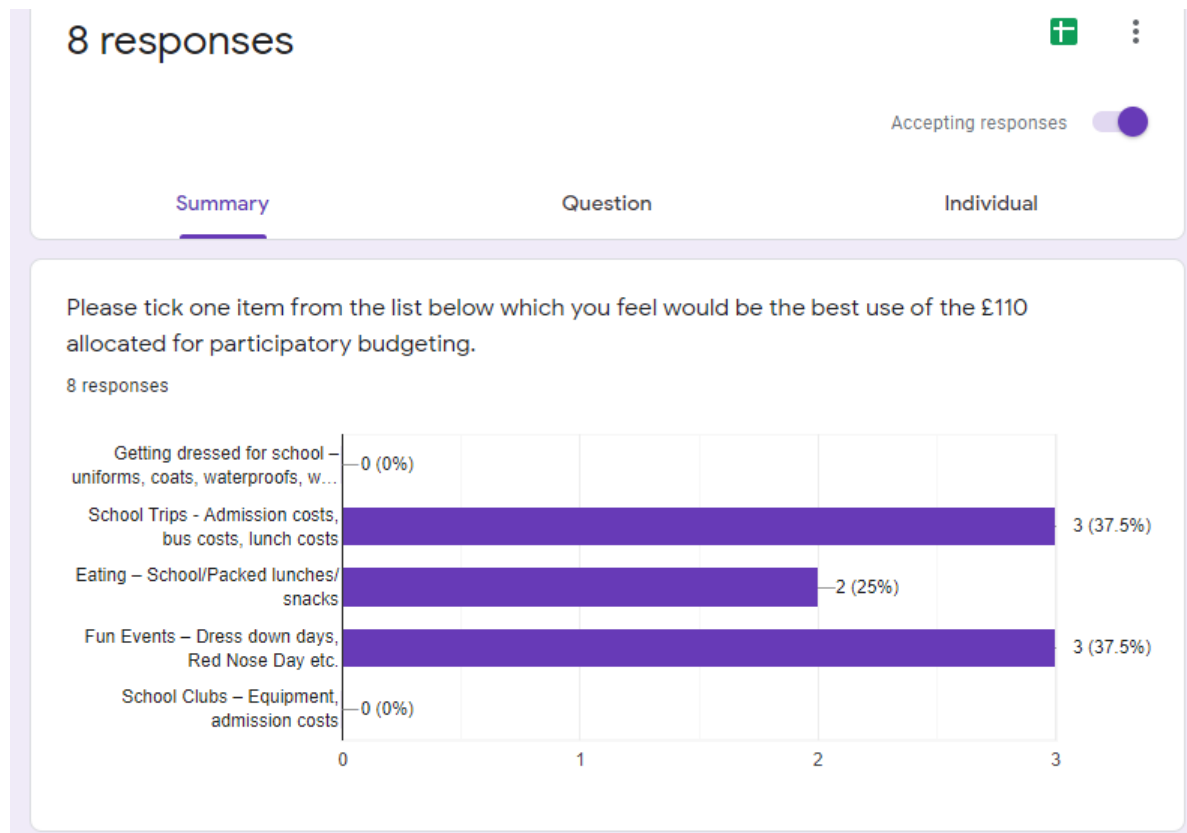
Braehead Primary School Newsletter **Week Beginning 24 May 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Participatory Budgeting

Thanks to those who have completed the google form regarding PB, this has now closed. We received a total of 8 votes which is 32% of our families. I think the poor response is largely due to the high percentage of parents for whom no help is required however it is very important that all parents have their say in terms of how the money is spent, even if that will not directly impact them or their children.

The results from the PB are as follows:



These results will now be actioned and the appropriate families will be supported in the areas identified above. Thanks once again for your participation in this.

Parent Council – Plea for Office Bearers

Our Parent Council AGM takes place on Monday 7 June at 6:30pm via Zoom. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Mrs Charlene Campbell to receive the link to join. As intimated in last week's newsletter we have three roles which require to be filled. We are looking this session for:

Chairperson
Treasurer
Secretary

Anyone who would like to be considered for the role of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary should communicate this in writing either to the school office or by email to me by Friday 4 June 2021. Where more than one person is interested in the role, in line with the constitution, a name will be drawn 'from a hat.' As of yet we have had no expressions of interest for Chairperson or Secretary. If you have time 4-5 times per school year to meet and discuss continued school improvement and are keen to support fundraising please give this some thought and get in touch, as a school we are so incredibly well resourced which benefits **all** children in the school. This is largely down to the efforts of the Parent Council.

School Outings

The following guidance was issued from SLC on Friday:

Updated guidance from the Scottish Government confirmed that residential visits could recommence 31st May (residential outdoor expeditions as of 10th May) and day trips from 10th May subject to conditions. However careful consideration has been taken of insurance risks and of Public Health information (May 2021 APS Group Scotland) stating that:

- *Areas in Lanarkshire still have high incidences, as do parts of Glasgow, Moray and other areas.*
- *Average contacts are still higher than was seen during the lockdown period and rising with the re-opening of shops and premises etc, the highest numbers since December 2020. Has increased by 16% in the last two weeks.*
- *Contacts within work environments, schools, homes and other settings have increased and will continue to do so.*
- *Vaccinations are helping but are still be rolled out further.*

As a result the South Lanarkshire position is to continue to pause on residential excursions and full day trips to keep us all safe and take account of evidence based information from Lanarkshire Public Health.

A review will be taken following further Scottish Government advice expected for session 2021/21.

South Lanarkshire Council then outline what type of trips are permitted. They allow 'short local excursions to promote outdoor learning, such as a visit to a local park or green space near the school, can take place as long as these are appropriately risk assessed. Where possible, it is preferred that children walk however where transport may be required for a local journey compliance with existing transport guidance is essential e.g. the wearing of masks, opening of windows, adults keeping 2 metre distance and seating plan arrangements based on class groups/class bubbles. Be aware that any transport cancellation e.g. due to a positive case/self-isolation may not be covered by insurance.'

This year we had planned to take the P7 to Wiston Lodge as they had missed out on the residential experience but given the rising contacts and number of cases in Lanarkshire and insurance related issues it is with regret that I am not willing to proceed with this plan due to the associated risks involved. I appreciate this is a disappointment although we had not openly talked about this with the children as there was always the possibility of it not going ahead. Other schools in the learning community have planned local outdoor learning activities where the children remain on site or can walk to participate but due to our location there is very little

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available at Braehead within walking distance other than what our children are fortunate enough to participate in all year round. The health and safety of the children remains my priority and I am sorry that this is the outcome.

We will now speak to the children in the school to see how we can still give the children going off to secondary a good send off and celebrate the end of term with all children in a fun yet safe way.

Transition Visits

We welcome our new Primary 1 children to school on Wednesday this week and next week for a short outdoor visit. It will be lovely to meet Sophia, Sophie, Ailsa and Oliver. Unfortunately parents are unable to stay with the children this year and visits must be outdoors but I am sure they will still be enjoyed by all!

Final Class Configurations

Following the results of the placing requests in and out across the local authority I can now confirm we will have two classes P1-3 with 14 children and P4-7 with 19 children. Mrs Wallace will remain in P1-3, 'the wee class' and Mrs Macrae will move back in to P5-7, 'the big class.' We are delighted to welcome Mrs Straiton back to Braehead next session. Mrs Straiton will continue to cover teachers' non-class contact time and support learning across the school. Further information on pupil/teacher timetables will be communicated in due course when final staffing allocations from HQ have been determined.

Mini-Olympics/Sports' Week

As previously intimated the children will be participating in Sports' Week/Mini Olympics week beginning Monday 7 June. We have organised for visits from three different sports' coaches that week to work with the children in their class bubbles. We have Lanark Tennis Club, Biggar Rugby Club and Andy Malone's Hibari Kan Judo. This will be a great experience to try out a new club and perhaps continue with in the community following the taster session.

School Meals

There has been a decrease in the number of children ordering school meals across Clydesdale since the introduction of the new menu. I have been asked by Facilities to seek the views of parents/carers and pupils on the new menu. Please feel free to email or write down your feedback so that this can be taken to Facilities and actioned appropriately.

Uniform Swap

We would like to offer another uniform swap this year, as we have done in the past. The date of the uniform swap will be Monday 14 June at 2:30pm -3pm. Should you have any items of uniform which no longer fit your child and are in good enough condition to be re-loved please send these to school by Wednesday 9 June to allow us to sort the items and post on Facebook what we have available.

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

Kind regards,



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary:

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 Sports' Week – wear PE clothes
8.6.21	P1-4 Tennis Club 3-4pm Sports' Week – wear PE clothes
9.6.21	Sports' Week – wear PE clothes
10.6.21	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
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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