



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 7 June 2021**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wear Yellow Walk

Well done to all the children on completion of the Wear Yellow Walk! We had the perfect weather for a walk in the Moss and have managed to raise £85 for St Andrew's Hospice. Anyone who still wishes to make a donation can do so using the link below. On behalf of St Andrew's Hospice 'thank you' to those who have donated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/BraeheadPrimarySchool>

Uniform Swap

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; hopefully there will be enough to make the swap worthwhile - it was a great success in 2019.

Staffing Update

We say goodbye to Mrs Cardwell and Miss Ellwood at the end of this session. Both ladies have been an asset to the school and I wish to say thanks for their hard work in what has been a very challenging year.

Welcome back to Mrs Straiton, our Principal Teacher who returns to school in August from maternity leave. Mrs Macrae has once again done a wonderful job acting as PT in Mrs Straiton's absence and will continue with her acting role on a Wednesday as Mrs Straiton returns 4 days per week.

Last week we received news from HQ on our staffing allocation for next session. We have been awarded 0.6 (3 days) from Scottish Government to target recovery and help support raising attainment following what has been two disruptive sessions for pupils, and 0.1 (half day) rural additionality. To have 0.7 (3.5 days) additional teaching allocation is a fantastic amount for a school the size of Braehead.

To fill this 0.7 vacancy I have liaised with SLC to secure staffing to suit the needs of the school and as a result I am delighted to report the continuation of full time for both Mrs Macrae and Mrs Wallace and the addition of a new member of staff working 0.3 in the school (1.5 days).

In order to reduce numbers and stages in the classes and to help target needs across the school we plan to have P4 and P5 working in the hall with Mrs Straiton 4 mornings per week and the new member of staff one morning per week. Any children who currently work with what will be next session's P4 or P5 for literacy or numeracy will join those stages in the hall with Mrs Straiton.

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Children will return to a two way split with Mrs Wallace and Mrs Macrae in the afternoons and Mrs Straiton will continue with her additional responsibilities as Principal Teacher. Class contact reduction time (half a day per week) will be covered by our new member of staff for both Mrs Wallace and Mrs Macrae.

Local Holidays

Please note the school will be closed on Thursday 10 June and Friday 11 June for local Lanimer holidays. Let's hope the sun continues to shine on those days.

Primary 7 Transition to Secondary School

I can now confirm the details of the P7 transition visit to Lanark Grammar School.

Braehead Primary will visit the school on Tuesday 15 June as previously intimated for a visit lasting from 9:30-11:30am. A bus has been booked to take the children from Braehead Primary and bring them back to the school at the end of the visit. We will be back in time for lunches so there is no need to bring packed lunches.

The following information has been received:

Tuesday 15.06.21 (9.30am – 11.30am)

Robert Owen Memorial Primary
Braehead Primary
Carmichael Primary
Underbank Primary
St Mary's Primary
Carstairs Junction Primary

Wednesday 16.06.21 (9.30am – 11.30am)

Lanark Primary
Carstairs Primary
Douglas Primary
Rigside Primary
New Lanark Primary
Kirkfieldbank Primary

A few points to note about the morning:

- Pupils will meet LGS staff and experience a tour of the school and two outdoor activities.
- Pupils can arrive from 9.20am, for a prompt 9.45am start, and should report to the large astroturf pitch next to our car park where they will be grouped in their schools/bubbles (please remind pupils they cannot venture out with their groups to meet with other pupils.)
- Wear school uniform and bring a weather appropriate jacket/sun cream as we will be outside.
- Pupils should bring a drink and we will provide a snack.
- Unless exempt, all P7 pupils should wear a face covering while in the LGS school building for the tour.
- All pupils will receive their Maths Folder as a gift from LGS.

Mrs Macrae will accompany the children for the visit and will remain on site throughout the morning should she be required to support any of the children.

Biggar High School are holding transition events for their new S1 intake during the August in-service days; further information will be communicated directly with parents of those attending BHS in August.

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

Kind regards,



Elizabeth Steele
Head Teacher

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Dates for the Diary:

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