



### 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 29.11.21**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Lanark Youth Family and Community Learning Facility (previously Lanark Universal Connections)**

The following information was requested to be shared with the families and pupils within Lanark Learning Community. You will see here some very exciting opportunities available for children and adults within the centre which I hope will be beneficial.

'We are open again and looking to put on groups and activities for the young people of Lanark and the surrounding area, as well as a range of programmes for adults and families as well.

For young people: currently, Wednesday from 6-8pm is the P7 group. We currently have young people attending but are open to new members joining. This is a great opportunity for young people to meet and engage with other young people their age in the local area for transitioning to High School, as well as a safe and nurturing environment for the young people to take part in activities and sessions each week. These sessions are for all genders and are needs led, so if young people have ideas for things they would like to take part in (either things they are already interested in or brand new activities), we try our best to meet these needs and build a programme around the group.

Currently we have great resources for all sorts of arts and crafts, board games, pool, and video games consoles as well as access to the internet. Other things we are working on right now is a media group (learning to use video and picture editing software), a recently funded Music project funded from Creative Scotland, STEM workshops (involving coding, upcycling, cooking and soon 3D printing), as well as the use of VR headsets (these are getting set up this week!). We are in the process of re-establishing our Centre Committee again and this is made up of interested participants from all our groups, which has a steering role in the centre's programme and funding etc.

Lots of interesting things currently running and on the horizon for your pupils to get involved in!

Outside of the Wednesday night, we are open after school for young people to come into the centre. We open generally 3-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday after school (Wednesday we shut for Team Meetings and planning). So young people can come here straight from school and take part in these activities as well. We hope to be able to plan these after school sessions to meet the emerging needs of the participants and get a

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structure around what is on each day, so people know in advance what's on. Whether this be a more focused session on anything mentioned above, or something completely different decided upon by the participants, we are happy to accommodate.

#### **Additional Support Needs**

We also have ASN groups running on a Monday night. These are from ages 8-12 from 4-6pm and from ages 12+ on Monday 6-8pm. These are open to young people of the area with ASN and their parents are also able to attend - if they wish but not necessary. There is a group for adults below that the parents may wish to attend as a result of having a child at one of the groups. Please see below.

Family/Adult learning: Currently we have an ASN Parental Support group on every 2nd Monday morning at 9.30-12.30pm. There, there is an opportunity to meet and discuss issues of support and assistance with other parents in the local area and be sign posted to other support that is available.

On a Monday evening we are also running a Skill Swap group for adults. This is a chance for adults to come and learn new skills and show others their skills in weekly sessions supported by YFCL staff. Ideas so far have been around IT skills development but is open to any new ideas coming in.

Starting on Saturday Dec 11th, we are planning on opening up for Family Learning sessions. Families can come in and take part in different sessions, arts and crafts, play some pool and get a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. Again, these sessions are going to be open to all and aim to meet the needs of the participants that come along.

All in all, a lot of great work is being done in the centre. And, as we move into 2022, a whole lot more will be on offer to the whole community.'

#### **Homework Survey**

We have put together a short survey re homework as we look to gather your views on homework and parental engagement – please take a few minutes to complete the survey using the link below. Please complete one for every child you have in the school, many thanks.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEeIWN8JaVe4-nrkTjrT5yFCHNym3WxpKmt5WE2yxi\\_xXleQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeEeIWN8JaVe4-nrkTjrT5yFCHNym3WxpKmt5WE2yxi_xXleQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

#### **Nativity – The Angel Who Nearly Missed It All**

The children have begun working on the nativity for this year; The Angel Who Nearly Missed it All. While we are unable to have an audience in school we still want the children to experience the performance and the enjoyment of putting this together. We will record their final show and upload this either through our Facebook page or via a private YouTube channel for you to enjoy with your children at home.

#### **Staff Absence**

Sadly Mrs Wallace won't be with us for a few weeks as she is currently on bereavement leave. Our thoughts are with her and we look forward to her return. In the interim I am working with personnel to obtain a cover teacher and try to have some sort of continuity for the children. Given the current circumstances that is proving quite difficult. When we are unable to secure an additional teacher, Mrs Straiton and I will share the class. Thank you for your understanding at this difficult time.

### **Christmas Cards**

Once again we won't be distributing Christmas cards in the school. A suggestion to bring one card and display this on a board was made, this is a lovely suggestion however given the arrival of the new variant in the Lanarkshire area I think we need to be extra careful and avoid bringing anything into school that is non-essential. I feel like Scrooge, but hopefully you will understand the reasons for this decision.

### **COVID-19**

Should a pupil display any of the three main symptoms of COVID-19 then they **must go for a PCR test with everyone in the household isolating until the results of the PCR are known**. Please note completing a lateral flow test is not the guidance when symptoms are present – it must be a PCR. Pupils **should not return** to school simply having had a negative lateral flow test. The purpose of the lateral flow tests are to detect people who may be asymptomatic. If you are in any doubt please see the following:

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19/test-and-protect/coronavirus-covid-19-get-a-test-if-you-have-symptoms>

Here is a reminder of the three main symptoms. Anyone displaying these symptoms should not come to school until they have received a negative PCR/completed their isolation period.

- Cough
- High temperature
- Loss or change in taste or smell

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.



Elizabeth Steele  
Head Teacher

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

3.12.21	Forest Visit
10.12.21	Panto – Britney and the Beast, Lanark Memorial Hall
16.12.21	Christmas Lunch
17.12.21	Forest Visit
22.12.21	School closes 2.30pm for Christmas Holidays Dress Down Day
5.1.22	School reopens 9am
29.1.22	Dress Down Day
14.2.22	HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
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16.2.22	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
26.2.22	Dress Down Day
17.3.22	Cross Country at Lanark Racecourse
26.3.22	Dress Down Day
1.4.22	School closes 2.30pm for Spring Break
19.4.22	School reopens 9am
30.4.22	Dress Down Day

2.5.22	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
5.5.22	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
11.5.21	P6/7 Got to Lockerbie Manor
13.5.21	P6/7 Home from Lockerbie Manor
28.5.22	Dress Down Day
9.6.22	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
10.6.22	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
24.6.22	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays Dress Down Day