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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 14 February 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19

Thanks to all families for updating myself and the school office with regards to positive COVID-19 cases. It looks like the outbreak has not missed many of the children and sadly some families too. I hope everyone is keeping well enough and is on the mend. As previously intimated where symptoms exist it is vital to have a PCR test. Lateral flow tests are meant, primarily to identify asymptomatic people - not to rule out or determine COVID-19 where symptoms exist.

In-service Day

All staff had a very productive in-service day yesterday as we continue our 'Emotion Works' journey. As a team we undertook further training and were looking ahead and planning for the remainder of the term. With the requirement for bubbling no longer in place it will be good for the school to work collaboratively in House Teams once again, something all our children gain a lot from.

Staffing Update

Welcome back to Mrs Wallace, it is lovely to have you back in school with P1-3. Miss Ellwood will now revert back to her role working with P4-7 on Wednesdays at Braehead.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs begin on Monday and will run for 6 consecutive weeks.

Monday	Yoga with Mrs Straiton	P1-7
Wednesday	Dance with Mrs Wallace	P1-7
Thursday	Craft and Sewing with Mrs Macrae	P4-7

All clubs will finish at 4pm and to allow for distancing in schools parents should collect their child/children from the back playground as normal.

Clydesdale Dance Festival

Children participating in the dance after school club will have the option to take part in the Clydesdale Dance Festival at the Memorial Hall in March. The children will be working on a routine during the dance club to perform in front of other schools and an audience. Braehead have participated in this in the past and it is always a super event. It would be lovely if all children were able to come along to the evening event on either 30th/31st March – date for Braehead has still to be determined by SLC Active Schools. Once the final date has been confirmed details will be shared on how parents can purchase tickets and meeting arrangements will be put into place.

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Absence

If your child is going to be absent from school please alert the bus company if possible in the morning.

Adverse Weather

The forecast for tomorrow is not looking good; Storm Eunice is set to bring wind and heavy snow is forecast for most of the day. I will update the Facebook page before 8am to inform of a delayed start should this be required. As always this will be determined in relation to staff and pupils being able to travel safely to work and school.

Good News!

I have received confirmation that we are now able to proceed with the residential visit and will be taking children from P6/7 to Lockerbie Manor from 11-13 May. Lockerbie have been excellent in holding our booking and I would now ask, on their behalf, that parents pay £50 deposit before 25 February, I appreciate this is a quick turn around and hope that the earlier indication of the possibility for this has allowed families to put aside funds. The payment for this should be made through Parentpay. The balance of £155 towards the residential should be paid by 22 April. Transport costs return from Braehead to Lockerbie are £18 per person – I am trying to secure a grant to help the bus payment and will keep in touch regarding this.

It is important to be aware that should your child develop COVID symptoms or test positive for COVID while at Lockerbie you would be expected to collect them from the residential centre and transport them home. Monies would be returned for lost days from Lockerbie Manor in these circumstances where proof of a positive test can be shown however where children are generally unwell and have to miss the residential, there is no refund – it is for COVID cover only.

All pupils in P6/7 will be coming home with the necessary permission form to have completed and returned to school should they wish to attend Lockerbie. I am aware that we have collected this information in the past but due to the time which has elapsed it is necessary for us to gather this information once again.

I attach a link to Lockerbie Manor website for you to look at in further detail. We will arrange for an information session prior to the event. Lockerbie Manor Activity Centre Scotland (manoradventure.com)

Should you have any other questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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Elizabeth Steele Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary:

25.2.22	Dress Down Day
3.3.22	P1 Dental Check
8.3.22	P4-7 at Sky Academy
17.3.22	Cross Country at Lanark Racecourse
24.3.22	Swimming Session 1
25.3.22	Dress Down Day

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31.3.22	Swimming Session 2
1.4.22	School closes 2.30pm for Spring Break
19.4.22	School reopens 9am
21.4.22	Swimming Session 3
28.4.22	Swimming Session 4
29.4.22	Dress Down Day
2.5.22	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
5.5.22	IN-SERVICE DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
11.5.22	P6/7 Go to Lockerbie Manor
13.5.22	P6/7 Home from Lockerbie Manor
19.5.22	Swimming Session 5
26.5.22	Swimming Session 6
27.5.22	Dress Down Day
2.6.22	Swimming Session 7
9.6.22	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
10.6.22	LANIMER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
16.6.22	Swimming Session 8
23.6.22	Swimming Session 9
24.6.22	School closes 1pm for Summer Holidays
	Dress Down Day