



### 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 October 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Biodiversity project**

The Leavenseat judges were in school on Wednesday to look at how our biodiversity project is progressing. They were very impressed and so were we which is why we want to give parents an opportunity to see the pupils' presentation. It is not a traditional 'assembly', parents and carers will be guided around different elements of the presentation by pupils, so we need to limit visitors to groups of 6. There were three timeslots, but one is already full. We still have a couple of spaces at 10.00 and 11.45. the google form is below.

<https://forms.gle/pBNzd5JJsixGvHh8>

### **McMillan Coffee Afternoon**

Our McMillan Coffee morning was a huge success, we raised £300! Huge thanks to everyone in the community who supported us by attending or donating baking and raffle prizes. It was particularly nice to have the Lunch Club join us. Thank you also to all the pupils and staff in Braehead who worked hard to put on such a wonderful show, it was a fantastic team effort!

### **Food Bank Collection**

We are still accepting donations for the food bank until the end of this week, then I will arrange delivery during the October Week.

### **Be Bright Day – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Friday will be our 'Be Bright Day', we are looking for pupils to wear the brightest clothes they can to raise awareness of the need to be seen as the days get shorter and it is darker outside. There will be prizes for our winners from the Junior Road Safety Officers.

### **School App**

We have decided to invest in the School App which will become our main means of communication with families. Facebook has served an important function but there are limitations to what we can do with it. The school app will be automatically integrated with general South Lanarkshire information such as school dates, lunch menus, etc, we will still be able to post information and photos securely without the stress of connectivity issues on our personal phones, it links to parent and carer emails, and it fits more closely with our High Schools who all use School Apps to communicate.

On Parents' Night we will be available to discuss the App and assist parents to download it, we also have a parent guide which will be available online and in print. Staff are receiving training this week and we are hoping to trial it after the October week. We will continue to use Facebook while we support parents to make the transition, but we will be looking to move to the App only by Christmas.

### **Parents' Night**

We are looking forward to discussing how pupils have settled into the new session on Thursday afternoon/evening, appointments have been given out to everyone who requested one, if you do not have an appointment please contact us as soon as possible.

### **Recycled Halloween Costume Challenge**

In line with our school improvement priority focusing on sustainability, this year we are holding a recycled Halloween costume challenge for pupils who wish to take part. We are looking for costumes that have been homemade, recycled or 'upcycled' using resources to hand rather than buying more 'stuff' and creating more landfill! Winners will be announced at the Halloween party on the afternoon of the 28th October!

Kirsty Holt is helping to organise our pre-loved costumes and we will have some available at Parents' Night. We would really appreciate donations of clothes hangers if anyone has some spare!

Below are some links with ideas for costumes.

<https://cleanriver.com/blog-recyclable-halloween-costumes/>

<https://earthfriendlytips.com/best-diy-halloween-costumes-for-an-eco-friendly-halloween/>

<https://www.kabode.co.uk/blogs/blog/diy-halloween-costumes-for-an-eco-friendly-halloween>

### **HT Work Pattern**

After the October week I am planning to change my work pattern to Tuesdays, Thursdays, and alternate Fridays in Braehead, this will be reviewed in the New Year. This arrangement fits better with staff work patterns and allows me to link more easily with key community groups in both schools. Mondays have historically been difficult in Carmichael due to connectivity issues, requiring the Headteacher to stand in the Car Park to upload the Newsletter to Facebook! As we move to the School App this will no longer be an issue.

Kindest regards,

Lisa Glashan  
Head Teacher

## Dates for the diary

Date	Event
13.10.22	Parents' Night Climate Action Conference
14.10.22	Be Bright Day
17.10.22- 23.10.22	October week – School closed
24.10.22	Pupils return to school
03.11.22	Glasgow Science Centre visit to school
07.11.22	Parent and Carer drop-in session 1.00-2.30pm
08.11.22	Flu immunisation
14.11.22	In-set Day 3 – School closed to pupils
08.12.22	Panto – Maw Goose
22.12.22	School Nativity
23.12.22	School closes 2.30pm for Christmas Holiday
09.01.23	Pupils return to school