



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 Friday 27th October 2023

School Values

Thank you to everyone who voted for our school values, having consulted with pupils, staff and pupils our revised school values are **respect, ambition, resilience, confidence, and kindness**. This term we will start to review our curriculum rationale, staff have already been working on this and we will be seeking views of pupils and families as we move forward.

Twitter

The outcome of the consultation on Twitter is that a majority of parents said that they would prefer to have an open Twitter/X account. As discussed, parents and carers can still stipulate that they do not want their pupils to be identifiable in any photos. I will get a new consent form out next week for any future photos that are posted on Twitter. You will find our Twitter feed at [@BraeheadPrim](https://twitter.com/BraeheadPrim)

Cauliflower Cards

Please check bags for information about Cauliflower Cards, orders must be returned to school by Monday 30th November so that we can get them posted on in time.

Tam O'Shanter

Our P4-7 class joined the Lunch Club for a performance of Tam O'Shanter by Braw Clan in the Village Hall yesterday. We were very grateful for the invite.

School Halloween Party

We will be having our Halloween party in school on the afternoon of Tuesday 31st October. Pupils may bring their costumes with them to change into for the afternoon, but we would ask that they start the day in uniform or the whole day will be chaos! We would also encourage homemade and recycled costumes again and ask that costumes are not too gory or scary, or involve weapons, being considerate of our younger children. We have a number of preloved costumes that pupils are welcome to take, please drop into school or contact Kirsty.

Black History Showcase

Pupils have been celebrating Black History month this week with a range of activities, parents are invited into school to see our Black History showcase on Thursday 2nd November from 1.45-2.45pm to allow us time to get pupils ready for the bus. Please note this is a slight change from the time given in the previous newsletter.

RHET Food and Farming Day

We have managed to secure places for our P6 pupils at the RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) Food and Farming event at Lanark Agricultural Centre on Wednesday the 8th May. This is entirely funded by RHET – including transport! **Please note, this may be affected by the industrial action!**

Lanark Grammar Transition After School Club

A reminder for paperwork for the transition sessions to be returned as soon as possible so we can pass it on to Derek and the Active Schools team who run the clubs.

Industrial Action

There is a letter attached informing parents and carers of the possibility of industrial action on Wednesday the 8th November. We will keep you posted as and when we have information, it would also be advisable to keep an eye on South Lanarkshire's social media pages.

South Lanarkshire Council Budget Consultation

We have been asked to share a link about very difficult decisions that have to be made about budget cuts. The council are seeking views about future funding for important services such as Education. Please see the link below.

<https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/budget-consultation>

Braehead stories and history

We are starting to plan our next project with Arty Bits, there are a few ideas being discussed but something we are really keen to do is gather stories and photographs about Braehead Primary and village in the past. We know we have loads of family members and friends who were ex pupils in our school – parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles or neighbours! We need your stories – funny, spooky, happy or sad, if you have photographs that would be even better! You can contact the school by phone or email or send information in with children, we might get back to you for more information. Help us create a Braehead memory lane!

Parent Portal

If you have not yet registered for the parent portal you can do so here,

<https://parentsportal.scot/pportal/> you will need your MyGovScot details (ParentPay) if you do not use ParentPay you can register here <https://www.mygov.scot/myaccount> .

Parents have fed back that it is easier to use through the app which can be accessed here for android <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.tcs.digigov.parentsportal&pli=1> or here for apple <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/parentsportal-scot/id1670563383> .

If you are still having problems, you are welcome to come into school and register using one of our chromebooks and Mrs Forrest can guide you through the process.

Dates for the diary

Term 1	
27.10.23	Dress Down Day
31.10.23	School Halloween Party
03.11.23	Black History Showcase 1.45-2.45pm
16.11.23	Vaccinations Levensat Award ceremony
17.11..23	Carmichael Primary visiting Braehead Primary
24.11.23	Dress Down Day

05.12.23	Head Teacher drop-in
19.12.23	Christmas Performance 6pm
22.12.23	Christmas Party am Schools close 2.30 pm
Term 3	
08.01.24	Schools return
26.01.24	Dress down day
30.01.4	Scots Performance
06.02.24	Head Teacher drop-in
12.02.24	February Break – school closed
13.02.24	February Break – school closed