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Braehead Primary School Newsletter
Friday 3rd November 2023

School Halloween Party

The children had a great time at their spooktacular Halloween Party on Tuesday, well done to everyone for their fantastic costumes – especially the home made and recycled ones!

Black History Showcase

We hope many of you manage to visit our Black History showcase this afternoon to find out what our pupils have been learning about the importance of equality. Miss Watson's Bhangra sessions were definitely a highlight!

Matilda

By this afternoon the casting process for Matilda should be completed and song sheets and scripts will be sent home soon. We know you will help our children to get ready for their big performance over the next few weeks, thank you for your support! If parents have offered to help with other aspects of our performance we will be in touch!

RHET Food and Farming Day

Unfortunately, the P6 visit to Lanark Agricultural Centre with RHET (Royal Highland Education Trust) is highly likely to be affected by the planned industrial action. RHET have assured us that if the visit cannot go ahead they will automatically book in next year's P6s and P7s for next year's session. So this year's P6's will not miss out but will need to wait until next year!

Scottish Book Week and Book Fair

Scottish Book Week starts on the 14th November, staff have organised lots of 'bookish' activities. We will have the Book Fair in School Pupils will have time to visit the book fair to select books, parents are welcome to pop into the book fair at 3pm, or from 2pm on Tuesday 14th, or simply send back the slip if they wish to buy books for their children.

The Scottish Book Trust have sent us bookbags for our P1-3 pupils. Parents and carers of our P1-3 pupils are welcome to join us from 2-2.45 pm on Tuesday 14th for a 'Book and a brew' when we give the bookbags to the children.

Carmichael Primary Visit

On the 17th November as part of our Scottish Book Week plans Braehead Primary will again be inviting Carmichael Primary for a day of literacy themed activities. On Tuesday the 7th November representatives from Carmichael's Reading Schools group will come to Braehead for a planning meeting with Braehead's reading ambassadors, ensuring our planning is driven by 'pupil voice'.

Tesco Blue Tokens

I am delighted to say we were informed yesterday that we were second in the Tesco Blue token customer vote, which means that we will get a grant of £1000 towards the transport costs for our

P5s and P6's to go swimming! This also benefits the whole school because the money we would have ringfenced for swimming can now be used for other projects across the school!

Christmas Outing

This year for our Christmas outing we are going to see Cinderella at Purves Puppets in Biggar on Friday the 1st December to officially kick off the Christmas season. We are also planning to visit Atkinson Pryce Bookshop and squeeze in a festive hot chocolate in the Gillespie Centre before heading back to school. Our Christmas trip will cost £5 per pupil and this will be set up on Parent Pay soon. We have been able to keep the cost of the trip low thanks to a generous contribution from the Parent Council.

Ragbag

A wee reminder that there will be a Ragbag uplift on 22nd November, now is your chance to have a clear out and raise some funds for our school!

HT drop-in

The next Head Teacher drop in is Tuesday the 7th from 1-3pm. If there is anything you want to discuss, please feel free to drop in for a chat!

Industrial Action

As intimated, we are expecting industrial action on Wednesday 8th November, unless we send out a message on the parent portal and/or Twitter, please assume that school will be closed to pupils. If this changes we will let you know as soon as possible. Pupils will be given tasks and activities to complete at home.

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, aunties, 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!

Dates for the diary

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| Term 1 | |
| 03.11.23 | Black History Showcase 1.45-2.45pm |
| 07.11.23 | Head Teacher drop-in 1-3pm |
| 16.11.23 | Vaccinations Leavenseat Award ceremony |
| 17.11..23 | Carmichael Primary visiting Braehead Primary |
| 24.11.23 | Dress Down Day |
| 01.12.23 | Christmas outing to Purves Puppets |
| 05.12.23 | Head Teacher drop-in |
| 14.12.23 | Christmas Lunch |
| 19.12.23 | Christmas Performance 6.30 pm |
| 22.12.23 | Christmas Party am Schools close 2.30 pm |

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| 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 |