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Braehead Primary School Newsletter
Friday 10th November 2023

Matilda

Rehearsals are in full swing for Matilda, now that the casting is complete. Scripts and songs will be coming home soon. We have volunteers helping with our set and props but would be really grateful for any help with costumes, if you would like to help please let us know!

We have also decided to do an afternoon performance of Matilda on the 19.12.23. A letter will come out next week with more information and to allow you to book tickets. There will not be a charge for tickets but we will have donation boxes on the day if you are able to give us a wee contribution for school funds!

Scottish Book Week and Book Fair

Pupils have been participating in Scottish Book Week activities in class and have loved having the Book Fair in school to visit. Our school community spent just over £300 on books which meant we got £189 worth of books for the school as commission.

I hope the P1-3s have enjoyed exploring the books and activities in their book bags from the Scottish Book Trust, we had a great afternoon on Tuesday exploring them with families and older pupils.

Carmichael Primary Visit

Carmichael Primary are joining us today, (Friday 17th November) for a day of literacy themed fun and opportunities to work with our friends from Carmichael. We have decided to postpone this month's SWAY until next week so that we can include photos from our collaborative day led by pupils from both schools.

Levensseat Acorn Awards

A group of 8 pupils travelled to Longridge Community Centre yesterday for the Levensseat Acorn Award ceremony. We did not win the Acorn award this year, but everyone was very impressed by our entry. There were some really innovative and creative ideas which will give us ideas for the future. Well done to Forth Primary who won the Acorn Award this year!

Remembrance Silence

Pupils made their own beautiful poppy wreaths and took them down to the war memorial to observe a two minute silence and pay our respects. We also had an unexpected visit from the Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who came in to talk to the pupils on his way to the memorial. He was very impressed by our poppies and the pupils' knowledge about why we lay poppies and observe a silence.

Clydesdale Foodbank Christmas Foodraiser

We are supporting the foodbank's Christmas Foodraiser appeal again this year. We had a brilliant response last year which made a big difference to many families in Clydesdale. Watch out for more information in next week's SWAY, we will be collecting non-perishable items such as soup, oatcakes, crackers, tinned meat/potatoes/vegetables, Christmas pudding, custard, biscuits, mince pies or

sweets. We can also accept men's or women's toiletries which will either go to the foodbank or to WomankIND who work with the Foodbank to provide giftbags of basic toiletries for men and women.

Could we please have donations by **Friday the 1st December** to allow the foodbank time to organise and distribute donations. Thank you in advance for any support you can offer for this appeal.

Dress Down Day

Next Friday (24th November) is Dress Down Day! Pupils do not need to wear uniform, but we would ask that there are no football colours or crop tops! In the past dress down days were a way of raising funds for the school by pupils bringing £1 to school because they were not wearing uniform. A move towards schools being cashless, a focus on the cost of the school day, and of course the impact of covid, has meant that we haven't been focusing on the fund-raising element of dress down days. We do not want to put any additional pressure on anyone – especially in the run up to Christmas, but I am aware that this has possibly not been explained clearly to new families. You can make donations via parentpay but there is no obligation and children can dress down regardless!

Curriculum rationale

Thanks for all the contributions towards our revised curriculum rationale, if you have not already, you can leave comments in this Google form <https://forms.gle/xqQeWXuZaHiJuXvo9>

Christmas Outing

Thank you to everyone who has paid the £5 contribution for the Christmas outing. This can be paid through Parentpay.

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!

Twitter Consent Forms

Thanks to everyone who has returned the Twitter (X) consent form, the sooner we have the rest in the better, and we can start posting more photos!

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

Term 2	
17.11..23	Carmichael Primary visiting Braehead Primary
21.11.23	Lanark Grammar multi-sports (P7s)
24.11.23	Dress Down Day
01.12.23	Christmas outing to Purves Puppets Last day for Foodbank donations
05.12.23	Head Teacher drop-in

14.12.23	Christmas Lunch
19.12.23	Christmas Performance 1.30 pm & 6.30 pm
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