

PTA Meeting | Tuesday 30th January 2024

Attendees: Kirsty Holt, Russell Jakeway , Lisa Glashan, Skye Watson, Suzanne Straiton, Jill Wallace

Head Teacher Report

- Printed out and given to attendees. Report included Student staffing in the p1-3 class, new student count, YLL, Skills framework, Staff training, Pupil highlights, Christmas events, Transitions for P1 and secondary school, Buss arrangements, P7 Lockerbie trip and School funding info.
- Head Teacher report attached.

Treasurer/ Funding Reports

- Russell is still working hard in regards to contacting the bank and getting himself and Kirsty put onto the accounts. (ongoing issue).
- Account balance: £1250.66
- Skye managed to secure a £50 grant from Neon Security to go to the school

AOB

Procedure for emergencies (powercut to Braehead, snow etc)

- Due to the recent power cut that affected Braehead and the surrounding area, it has been suggested that a procedure is put into place in the event that these things happen again before or during a school day.
Lisa and Kirsty to work together to form a procedure that will include Kirsty as a point of contact in case of emergencies prior to the school opening on a school day. This will be sent out in a future newsletter to all parents.

Uniform

- It was brought to the Schools attention that light blue is still being used as part of the uniform. This is absolutely fine as we want to lower the cost of the school day, but any future donations of light blue uniform should be donated to a charity shop and all new parents will be informed that the current uniform is navy and burgundy.

P7 Hoodies

- Kirsty to contact Louise to head up organising the P7 leavers hoodies.

Yearbook Idea

- Kirsty to contact Karen to see if she can offer any insight for a yearbook.

World Book Week - 18th March

- Need parents to come in to talk about jobs (Kirsty to ask Tim)
- Skye to ask her sister who is a nurse
- The staff will be organising a big school book swap for that week

Big 2024 Fundraiser

- After some discussion, it was agreed that as much as we all loved the Summer Fair last year, this year we will host a Bingo night and have some extra stalls and activities at that so that all our efforts are focused on 1 big event.
- Possible 5 stalls (held in the classroom before and during the break of the Bingo night). Ideas included Tombola, lucky dip, guess the sweets etc. P7s to organise and host one stall themselves.
- Event date: Thursday 9th May 2024, 6:30pm - 8pm (Let for 5:30 - 9)
- Ticket price to be confirmed. This will include baking (donations from parents hopefully), tea & coffee, juice etc
- Idea of also having a tuck shop (need to contact local supermarkets for donations)
- Kirsty & Russell to contact companies for prizes for the Bingo
- Kirsty to check bingo machine works correctly (especially numbers 90+ as none drawn the last time it was used)

Extra Fundraising Idea (during Spring term)

- Skye mentioned doing a 'Guess the Lamb' and the group loved it!

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Staffing

Support assistant student, Blair Walker, has been working mostly in P1-3 on Mondays and Tuesdays alongside Mrs Wallace and Mrs Straiton.

School Role

We have had four new pupils join us since October, our school role is currently 36.

Revising vision, values and curriculum rationale

- Parents and carers, pupils and staff have been consulted about priorities for our curriculum rationale and there will hopefully be a draft copy ready by the end of February.

Extending opportunities for pupil voice and participation

- Young Leaders of learning Programme (YLL) is about to start, 4 pupils have been selected to represent Braehead primary. The 4 pupils will attend training at Rigside Primary delivered by Education Scotland. We will be working with Carmichael Primary, Kirkfieldbank Primary, New Lanark primary and Rigside Primary. Pupils will be supported

to evaluate an area of school improvement based on the principles and structure of How Good is OUR School (also known as Wee HGIOS). The schools are going to start by looking at relationships, and as part of the programme will have the opportunity to visit and host other schools.

- The focus for our next joint visit with Carmichael Primary will be STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). This time pupils from Braehead will work with pupils from Carmichael to plan and deliver the programme for the day with Mrs Macrae and Mrs Straiton. Visit date 20.02.24.

Development of Play Pedagogy and introduction of Skills Framework

- We are working on finding a balance between increasing opportunities for learning through play within a clear structure established by staff to ensure appropriate pace and challenge for all our learners.
- Mrs Wallace is continuing to work with the Lanark Learning Community professional enquiry group focusing on Play in multi-composite settings.
- Miss Glashan attended training on the skills framework in Carluke High at the end of November, further sessions to follow. We will be introducing vocabulary around skills and in classrooms over the next few weeks.

Staff Training

- Mrs Wallace has attended training in writing and numeracy/maths recovery
- Mrs Straiton has attended training in STEM (engineering & SERCC), Attachment Conference, emotion coaching
- Miss Watson is about to do Bikeability training in March
- Miss Glashan attended Skills Framework training
- All staff have been involved in Learning Community Action Research projects, and continue to work closely with Carmichael Primary staff on school improvement.

Pupil Highlights

- Tam O'Shanter with the Lunch Club
- Halloween Party
- Black History Showcase
- Joint Literacy Day with Carmichael for Scottish Book Week
- Brew and a Book with Scholastic Book Fair for Scottish Book Week
- Visit to Lanark Auction Market funded by RHET

Christmas Events

- Pupils had a very busy Christmas period in-between practising for their own performance!
- Christmas outing to Purves Puppets with games, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa at Gillespie Centre
- Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumpers Day
- Hosted the Lunch Club for a preview of Matilda and Christmas songs
- Pupils put on two amazing performances of Matilda for friends and family
- Christmas Carols in the Bookbarn
- Christmas House Quiz
- Christmas Movie and treats
- Christmas baking
- Christmas Party.

Thank you to everyone who supported us with these events, either by attending, helping children rehearse, or making sure they had everything they needed with them for all the different activities!

We raised £252.65 through donations for our performances of Matilda.

Transition

Primary 1

Enrolment for P1 pupils open. Placing requests can be applied for between January and March, outcomes from placing requests should be confirmed by end of April.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/569/school_placing_requests

Secondary

Transition events for Lanark Grammar and Biggar High have begun, each school has their own transition programme, dates for both programmes are included in the newsletters. If parents wish to make a placing request to a High School outwith their catchment, they should follow the same procedure as primary pupils between January and March, with outcomes confirmed by end of April.

Bus arrangements

Changes to the bus means that it can no longer reverse into the front playground and is an additional hazard at the front entrance and crossing point. Following discussions with our

Support Services Co-ordinator, Health and Safety and SPT, it was agreed that pupils travelling on the school bus or being picked up by Playbarn, will leave between 2.50 and 2.55 to ensure that adults and pupils are able to safely cross the road for pick up.

Lockerbie

Our residential trip is on 17th -19th April, there will be nine pupils from Braehead, travelling will nine pupils from Carmichael Primary. Kit list will be available next week and an information session will be arranged once we have the detailed itinerary from Lockerbie. Full payment is due by Friday 2nd February.

Additional C-touch

School purchased a second C-touch using school replacement Equipment Fund. This is in the P4-7 class and is being very well used!

Equity (Pupil Equity Funding - PEF)

Total available	£1306.61
Browns Books	£75
Football	£140
IDL (Lit & Num)	£500
Still to spend	£591.61

Non-PEF funding

Tesco - £1000 awarded towards transport for swimming

Forth & District Development Trust - £500 towards two blocks of Art and Recycling club

Participatory Budget - £122 to be spent on clubs

Leavenseat - £500 for sustainability projects

Co-op - £250 towards planting for the playground

Matilda donations - £252.65

