



Braidwood Primary School

January 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2022. We've had a busy couple of weeks since returning to school, even the snow arrived in week one! Please enjoy reading our newsletter, and get in touch if you have any questions.

Curriculum News – What are we learning?

Here is a snippet of what's happening in the classrooms, from our pupils.

P1 – 'We've been learning our numbers and letters. We've been reading our common words too, 'the' and 'at'. **Chase Mc**

P2/1 – 'We've been counting up to and back from 100. We have been doing adding and take away sums up to 30 as well.' **Anna F**

P3 – 'We have been learning about the rainforest and the animals you find there. You get red eyed tree frogs in the rainforest.' **Llyr D**

P4 – 'Our topic is the Romans, it's great. We learned that they invented public baths!' **Charlie L**

P5 – 'Our topic is the Titanic. We've been learning about the design of the boat, and the different classes of the passengers. We made models of the ship too.' **Jack B**

P6 – 'We have been learning about symmetry in maths. We have been finding the lines of symmetry in shapes and items, and drawing them on.' **James R**

P7 – 'Our topic is World War Two. We've been learning about concentration camps, it's really interesting and quite surprising it happened.' **Oliver G**

Mid Year Learning Reflections

Our pupils have been busy writing their mid year learning reflections. This gives them a chance to share with you their learning. These will be sent home at the beginning of February. Please enjoy reading them with your child, and discussing their learning together.

Participatory Budget

A portion of this year's Pupil Equity Fund was set aside for our pupils to have their say on how it was spent. They have spent it on some lovely equipment for our playground and very soon are going to have it organised and outside for everyone to play with. They hope that having these items will increase the enjoyment out in the playground.



New School Website

You may have noticed our school website is currently unavailable. Mrs Naismith is in the process of creating a brand new website for the school. This will be ready soon. In the meantime, please check your emails as we will email you information via parent pay to your email address. Please also follow us on twitter, and myschoolapp.

Be the best you can be!

Braidwood Bistro

We have set up a 'Braidwood Bistro' in school. This is our cooking area fully equipped for pupils to start taking part in food technology lessons. P2/1 have made porridge, and P5 made scones. We aim to get other classes having a go over the rest of this school year, and further develop this next session.



School Lunches

Please note that all Primary 5 pupils are now entitled to a free school lunch. As before, P1 to P4 pupils are also entitled to a free lunch.

Can you help?

Our pupils are setting up 'Buddy Benches' in our playground! If you, or your friends and family, have any garden benches you no longer use, we would love it if you could donate them to school. Please let us know on 01555770279 if you are able to donate a bench and we will be happy to come and collect it from you.



Food Bank Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the food bank donations. Before the Christmas holidays the pupils in Primary 4 organised the items and sent them to the local food bank. Well done Primary 4! You should be proud of your community enterprise.

Road Safety

This week the zebra crossing on the hill outside the school has been repainted.

We have discussed using the zebra crossings at school again with pupils to help them to cross the road safely. We would ask that parents and carers encourage their children to use these in the morning and at the end of the day when crossing the road. Thanks.



Best wishes,

Gwen Sinclair

Head Teacher

Be the best you can be!

Dates for your Diary

If parents and carers are invited along to a school event, it will state 'Parents invited' next to the event.



January

Friday 21st – NSPCC Speak Safe assemblies online

February

Monday 7th – Parent Council Meeting online 7pm

Monday 14th – Holiday

Tuesday 15th Holiday

Wednesday 16th – In-service Day (school closed to pupils)

March

Thursday 3rd – World Book Day

Monday 7th – Book Fair arrives in school

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