



Braidwood Primary School

February 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. This month, Mrs Naismith and I have enjoyed learning observations in all classes, seeing the range of activities and learning experiences the pupils were taking part in. We are very proud of the progress all our pupils are making, and the enjoyment they get from their learning was clear to see.

As Covid 19 restrictions begin to ease in schools, we are able to make plans for the term ahead. Each class is planning a trip, as restrictions on outings have been lifted. We also look forward to inviting our new P1 pupils and their parents in for transition events. Details of this will follow soon.

Curriculum News – What are we learning?

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

P1 – ‘Our topic is Toys. We’ve been learning about Jack in the Boxes, and other old fashioned toys. A Jack in the Box springs up.’ **Jennifer S**

P2/1 – ‘We’ve been reading and finding new words in our books. We’ve been doing our common words too.’ **Lily C**

P3 – ‘We have been reading Poppet our novel. It’s really fun because we get to do all our reading strategies. Metalinguistics is the best!’ **Charlie F**

P4 – ‘We’ve been learning curling in PE. It’s great. It’s been in the Olympics!’ **Blair G**

P5 – ‘Our topic is the Titanic. We learned about how it hit an iceberg.’ **Keir C**

P6 – ‘We have been reading Eagle in the Snow. I like it as it has lots of cliff hangers. It’s hard to stop reading it as it’s so good!’ **Gregor C**

P7 – ‘In maths we’ve been learning to divide decimals. It’s fairly easy.’ **Pixie H**

Indoor Shoes

A number of pupils do not have indoor shoes to wear during the day in school. In order to keep the snow, mud and leaves off of the classroom floors and areas in which children are learning, we ask that every pupil changes in to indoor shoes in the morning and after break times. In this snowy weather it's particularly helpful. We would appreciate your support in ensuring your child has a pair of indoor shoes to wear at school. Pupils also wear these for indoor PE. Lots of them are now too small for the children too. Please ask your child if they no longer fit, and a new pair for them to wear would be really appreciated.

Parents’ Night

Our Parents’ Nights are on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th March. These are going to be telephone appointments once again. Unfortunately, large gatherings of visitors or parents is still not permitted in the Covid 19 school guidance. Therefore we cannot have in person appointments. A letter will be issued soon with further details.



Be the best you can be!

Wellbeing Focus

We have been focusing on our wellbeing in assembly recently, and on being 'Fit for Life'. We have been talking about physical, social, emotional and mental wellbeing. Last week, we focused on our Emotion Works programme and linked our learning of the cogs to our topics or our novel study.



Scottish Government National Child Online Safety Campaign

The Scottish Government recently launched its national Child Online Safety campaign. The campaign aims to increase awareness of the importance of online safety to parents and carers of children aged 8–11-year-olds and reassure and inform them that the skills they apply offline to help keep their children safe can be used to protect them online too.

The campaign includes Digital TV and radio coverage, social media activity, website advertising, and press coverage. A supporting hub at parentclub.scot/online-safety is packed with practical ideas and advice for parents to feel more confident and informed on the steps they can take to keep their children safer online.

School Clubs

We are pleased to say that lunchtime and after school clubs are now back up and running. We have multisports, STEM, homework, dance, netball, rugby and gardening. Some of these have started already, and some will start fairly soon. Your child will receive a letter with details if the club is for their class.

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.



Best wishes,

Gwen Sinclair

Head Teacher

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Dates for your Diary

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



February

Wednesday 23rd – Netball Team to tournament

Thursday 24th – Football Festival (some P6 pupils away)

March

Thursday 3rd – World Book Day activities in school

Monday 7th – Book Fair arrives in school

Wednesday 23rd – Parents' Night telephone appointments

Thursday 24th – Parents' Night telephone appointments

April

Friday 1st – School closes for Spring Holiday 2.30pm

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