



# Braidwood Primary School

## October Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,  
I hope you are all well. It was lovely to see our families during Parents' Night recently. We hope you found being back in school, seeing your child's work and speaking with their teacher helpful. Thank you to everyone who managed to fill in our homework survey during Parents' Night. We will use your comments and views to make further changes to our homework planning in school. We will let you know of any changes we plan to make.



September seemed to fly by, and October looks to be doing the same!

### Skills for Life Week

Pupils had an absolutely brilliant Skills for Life Week! There was such a buzz about the school and pupils enjoyed activities helping develop their skills for life, learning and work. One of the activities involved pupils writing a CV to apply for a job in the school. The successful applicants became a 'Mini Me' for the staff. They shadowed us and saw some of the things we do in a day. Here are a few comments from our Mini Me pupils.

'I was Mrs Allan's Mini Me. I enjoyed it! My favourite part was helping the P2s with their painting activity.' Kenzie P7

'I was Mini Mrs Nutt! I loved it. I liked organising and helping the P3s with their art activity.' Rosie P4

'I was Mrs Sinclair's Mini Me. I liked observing all the classes and seeing how they were working. I'd like to do her job!' Nairn P7

'When I was Mrs Sinclair's Mini Me I loved giving out some values bands to people because when they deserved it they were surprised and smiled. It was nice feeling.' Annie P4



Be the best you can be!

## **Pupil Voice**

Our School Captains and House Captains have now been elected and have been very busy this term.

### **School Captains**

Lottie Barnstaple  
Harrison Pollock

### **Vice School Captains**

Megan Benyon  
Gregor Crutchley

The School Captains have been busy running their Captain's Surgery, gathering the view of the pupils.

They have also created displays for the COS1 event they are attending. They will represent the school on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the Sustainability COS1 event, and are really looking forward to it!

### **Baird House**

Captain - Logan Boyd  
Vice Captain - Heather Andrews

### **Burns House**

Captain - Lucy Lattimer  
Vice Captain - Lilly Laird

### **Murray House**

Captain - Jack McFarland  
Vice Captain - Lucy McFarlane

### **Wallace House**

Captain - Emmy Rogers  
Vice Captain - Abbey Watt

Our House Captain Team have been busy preparing and launching their 'Manners and More' Month.

During October we are having a huge focus around the school on manners. The House Captains led our recent assembly reminding all the pupils what good manners look like. They are rewarding Manner Marks to pupils for saying please and thank you, for holding doors for people, and for walking through the corridor. Oliver the October Owl is their mascot. He will be sitting in the corridors looking out for good manners! The winning class at the end of the month will receive 20 marbles to add to their class marbles.

## **Improvement Planning - Participatory Budget**

Thank you to everyone who returned the slip with your choice of project to be funded from our Participatory Budget. The PB group are up and running and have gathered views of the staff and pupils. These votes have been added to yours, and the winning project is 'Out of School Trips'. The PB group have already met to come up with some super ideas of places for classes to visit! Watch this space!



## **Parent Council**

A huge thanks to everyone who managed along to the Parent Council meeting, and to those new members for joining us. At the Parent Council AGM held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September the following committee was elected.

Chair Person – Laura Swindell

Secretary- Jen McGarry

Treasurer - Christina Smith

Thank you to the Parent Council for all of the hard work over the course of the year, and fund raising activities which help support our pupils. A letter has gone out for the Halloween Disco. Thank you to the Parent Council for organising this event.

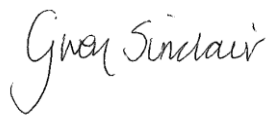
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## Social Media

Social Media, and its use by pupils has been causing fall outs in our school significantly this term. Pupils do not use their mobile phone in school. We have been working with pupils to resolve conflict stemming from incidents that often start out with school. I would ask for your support as parents and carers, to check age restrictions and guidelines for apps and social media as these are in place for a reason, and to regularly speak to your child about their use of these apps. We as teachers can educate, encourage and influence pupils on appropriate use of apps and sites, we do not have the authority to tell a child not to use it. We very much appreciate your support in this matter. During this school session we will be carrying out further activities to ensure our pupils know how to stay safe online. More information for parents and carers can be found at <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

We hope you have a lovely October holiday with your family.

Best wishes,



Mrs Sinclair  
Head Teacher

### Dates for your Diary

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



Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – Football Festival for some pupils

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October – School Captains to COS1 event

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Finish for October Week Holiday

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Return to school

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Travelling Theatre Company in school for pupils

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Halloween Disco (letter came home from Parent Council)

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