



Braidwood Primary School

January 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. It has been lovely to see our pupils back this week and hear all about their holidays. We love to be busy in Braidwood and look forward to a term full of learning and fun. We look forward to seeing friends and family in over the term at events in school.

Infant Enrolment

This week is Enrolment Week for any child due to start P1 in August.

If your child is due to start school in August 2024, you can enrol your child online at the link below. Placing requests to our school should be completed online too.



Please share this information with friends and family who may have children starting school this year. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils to Braidwood. If you would like any further information please call us at the school on 01555 770279.

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200186/primary_school_information/392/enrolling_your_child_for_school



Can you help?

Our school Captains are setting up a Travelling Trunki full of books to make its way around the classes. One problem, we have no Trunki! If you have one at home that is no longer needed, could you please get in touch with the school if you are happy to donate it? Thank you.

Class Assemblies

It was lovely to see so many of our families at P3's Nativity and P6's class assembly before Christmas. The pupils love performing on the stage and sharing their learning with you this way. Dates for future assemblies are:

Primary 5 – Friday 8th March 2pm

Primary 4 – Friday 22nd March 2pm

Primary 2 – Tuesday 30th April 2pm

Primary 1 – Friday 31st May 2pm

Primary 7 – Friday 21st June 2pm



Saint PHNX

We are delighted to say that local band SAINT PHNX are joining us on 24th January to work with P6 and P7. They will be performing some of their songs, and pupils will take part in a workshop exploring emotions and how we promote positive mental wellbeing.

Be the best you can be!

Attendance

We always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you if we are worried about a child's attendance.

The table below highlights the importance of being in school.

100%	0 days missed.	Best possible chance of success and reaching full potential.
95%	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 days learning missed.	Is likely to make it harder to achieve full potential and secure the best possible outcomes.
90%	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed.	
85%	27 Days of Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed.	Almost half a term missed. Is likely to impact significantly on learning and progress which can lead to poorer outcomes in achievement, wellbeing and social and emotional development.
80%	36 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed. Half of a term missed.	

Mid Year Learning Reflections

Our pupils will soon be 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.

Food Bank Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the food bank donations before Christmas. We are going to continue collecting donations and deliver them to the food bank weekly. Any donations you can make would be kindly received.

X (formally Twitter)

If you have requested to follow us on X and your request has not yet been approved, it may be because it is not obvious to us via the username that you are a parent. Please give us a phone at school if this is the case and we will accept your follower request.

Road Safety

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

Monday 15th – Parent Council Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 24th – P1 to P4 Judo Sessions

Wednesday 24th – P6 and P7 workshops and music performance with Saint PHNX

February

Monday 12th – Holiday

Tuesday 13th Holiday

Wednesday 14th – In-service Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 21st – P1 to P4 Attending a Play Festival (info to follow)

Wednesday 21st – Netball Tournament (some pupils attending)

March

Thursday 7th – Football Festival (some pupils attending)

Friday 8th – P5 Class Assembly 2pm (parents invited)

Wednesday 20th - P7 Transition Coffee Morning 9.30am – 10.15am in Braidwood
(P7 parents invited, info to follow)

Thursday 21st – Parents' Evening (info to follow)

Friday 22nd – P4 Class Assembly 2pm (parents invited)

Thursday 28th – School closes for Easter holidays 2.30pm

April

Monday 15th – School reopens 9am

Be the best you can be!