



Braidwood Primary School October Newsletter 2024



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your families well. It was lovely to see so many of our families at Parents' Night recently. Next term, we will be inviting you in to visit your child's classroom to find out more about how and what they are learning. More information regarding this will follow, but keep the morning of Wednesday 20th November free. We have had a busy first term back and have lots to look forward to in the run up to Christmas. Please enjoy reading about what's been happening in school and note some dates for your diary.

Skills for Life Week

In September we had a week full of learning that focussed on developing our skills for learning, work and life. During activities pupils were asked to consider the skills they were using and how they would help them in other areas. We used the SLC Skills framework to help us. During the week we had lots of fun too. Pupils also earned tokens over the week for showing key skills of self awareness, social awareness, self management and social management.



P1/2 practised their chopping and slicing skills while making fruit kebabs.



Here are some P4 skills week token winners!



Pupils learned about risk and planning taking risks safely while making smores on the campfire!

Here are P6 having fun in the forest, building dens, lighting fires safely, and learning about wildlife.

P7 made sushi in our Bistro, it was delicious!



P5 made Hamantaschen cookies as they were learning about Purim.



Be the best you can be!

Pupil Voice and leadership

Our School Captains and House Captains have now been elected. The School Captains have been busy gathering the views of the pupils. Our Captains will be taking on the role of 'Young Leaders of Learning' and have some exciting work ahead of them with Netherburn Primary.

School Captains

Blake Burgess

Nina Leckie

Vice School Captains

Blair Gilmour

Erin Low

Baird House

Captain – Lola Doak

Vice Captain – Beth Bridges

Burns House

Captain – Charlie Liddell

Vice Captain – Megan Lattimer

Murray House

Captain – Josh McIvor

Vice Captain – Logan McFarlane

Wallace House

Captain – Lucas Scott

Vice Captain – Evan Young

Our Primary 7 pupils have taken part in Sidekicks training with Active Schools. They have now set up playtime clubs and are running these for younger pupils. They are doing a fantastic job.



Improvement Planning - Participatory Budget

The PB group are up and running and have gathered views of the staff and pupils. Thank you to everyone who returned the slip with your choice of project to be funded from our Participatory Budget. These votes have been added to yours, and the winning project is 'Obstacle course/show or event for pupils'.

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 Monday 16th September the following committee was elected.

Chair Person – Claire Mackenzie

Secretary- Lorna McFarlane

Treasurer - Christina Smith

The Parent Council have arranged a Halloween Disco for all pupils on Wednesday 30th October. Please check your child's school bag for a letter with further details. The Parent Council works hard to plan and lead events over the year which raise funds for the pupils. These funds are used to pay for things such as Christmas party snacks and prizes. Your support is hugely appreciated, and if you are able to help out at any events over the year please get in touch.

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Class Photographs

John Wilson Photography are coming back out to school on Friday 29th November to take photographs of each class in the school. Please send pupils in on this day wearing full school uniform. Thanks.

Pupil Absences

As we get further into the Autumn/Winter season, the number of pupils absent with colds, illnesses etc starts to increase. Please notify the office in the morning if your child is going to be absent from school. This way we can ensure we know they are safe and understand why they are not at school. This allows the absence to be recorded appropriately. If we have not heard why they are absent a member of staff will call you to check their whereabouts. Thanks for your support with this.

We know and understand that ill health and injuries do happen but we always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you if your **child's attendance rate drops below 90%** or if they are **often late** for school.

100% Attendance	0 Days missed	Gives a child and young person the best chance of success and ensures that their full potential is achieved
95% Attendance	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% Attendance	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed	
85% Attendance	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% Attendance	36 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed Half of a term missed	
75% Attendance	45 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 day of learning missed Almost 1 whole term missed	

Harvest and Foodbank Collection

We will be collecting for the Foodbank from now through to Christmas. Any donations you can make would be gratefully received. Please send donations in to school with your child.

We will be discussing Harvest in assembly and linking it to the Rights of the Child.

October Rights Of The Month

Theme:
Harvest/
food banks



Article 6 (Life, Survival & Development)
The right to be alive.

Article 24 (Health, Water, Food, Environment)
The right to health care, safe drinking water, nutritious food and to learn about being healthy.

Article 27 (Food, clothing, a safe home)
The right to a safe place to live, appropriate clothing and food to eat.

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LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT

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HEALTH, WATER, FOOD, ENVIRONMENT

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FOOD, CLOTHING, A SAFE HOME

Be the best you can be!

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

Best wishes,

Gwen Sinclair

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.



Friday 11th October – Finish for October Week Holiday
Monday 21st October – Return to school
Wednesday 30th October – Halloween Disco
Monday 11th November – Inservice Day (school closed to pupils)
Tuesday 12th November – Maths Week (activities in school)
Wednesday 20th November – Open Morning (info to follow)
Friday 29th November – Class Photographs Day

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