



Braidwood Primary School

December Newsletter 2024



Welcome to our December newsletter. The countdown to Christmas has truly started in school! Over the past couple of weeks we've decorated the school, enjoyed a Santa Dash, made our hall look festive with lovely Christmas displays, and enjoyed a Christmas Nativity. In the photograph you'll see our tree decorating team, hoover in hand, ready to tidy the mess! This week, P7 will enjoy a Christmas trip to the cinema, and P1-6 will dance the afternoon away at their parties.



A reminder that school closes at **2.30pm** on **Friday 20th December**.

When the time comes, I hope you enjoy some relaxation, and festive fun with your friends and families. Thanks for all your support during this school session. We'll see everyone back refreshed on Monday 6th January 2025.

Nativity

A big 'well done!' to all our P1, P2 and P3 pupils for a wonderful performance of 'Whoops a Daisy Angel'. Your singing and storytelling of the Christmas Story was super.

You made us all feel very festive treating us to some wonderful Christmas songs and even taught us Makaton Signs to Feliz Navidad. Thank you!

Thanks to everyone for joining us for the performance, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we all did in school.

Parent Council

I'd like to say a big 'thank you' to the Parent Council for continuing to help support our pupils. The Christmas Raffle was a great success, as was the tea/coffee and crafts during Nativity. These raised approximately £1000! This money will be used to provide transport to events and other fun activities for our pupils.

In January we will start plans for the Spring Fair, and also for the Gala Day. These seem like a while off yet, but come round very quickly and require lots of planning and helpers! Please get in touch if you can help with these events.



Whoops a Daisy Angel!



Be the best you can be!

Attachment Award – See the Whole Person

I'm delighted to say we have successfully achieved our next Attachment Award! The accreditation group were impressed with the work we do in school to support our pupils' health and wellbeing. They said:

'It was clear that you use a variety of different ways to support pupils' individual needs with a particular focus on relationship building and emotional regulation. We loved some of the nurture tool ideas you are implementing such as the 'worry shredder' and 'affirmation station' and we also really liked the way that some of your emotions check-ins were not public (e.g. names in pockets next to emotions) which shows that you are prioritising the dignity of children whilst recognising their feelings and needs.'

Woodland Trust Silver Award

Our Outdoor Learning Leaders have been working hard alongside Mrs Hardisty, and submitted all our evidence to the Woodland Trust. We have achieved our Silver Award! Well done to all the pupils and staff in school for continuing to look after our local area, learn about nature and take action to help protect our woodlands.



ASDA Rewards – Thank you!

We are delighted to say that £154.43 has been raised for school funds by people adding to the ASDA Rewards cashpot for our school! Thank you everyone.



Christmas Parties

A reminder of dates for the Christmas parties:

Tuesday 17th - P5 and 6 Christmas Party 1.00pm

Wednesday 18th - P3 and 4 Christmas Party 1.00pm

Thursday 19th - P1 and 2 Christmas Party 1.00pm

Pupils can get changed into their party clothes here in school, or you may wish them to come home for lunch that day. If on their party day your child is a home lunch, please note it in their diary. They can be collected from the main front door to go home at 12.15pm and come back for their party starting.

Class Assemblies

Our P4 to P7 pupils look forward to sharing their learning with you over the next few months through their class assemblies. The dates of these are:

P5 – Friday 24th January at 2pm

P6 – end of March – Date to be confirmed

P4 – May – Date to be confirmed

P7 – Friday 20th June at 2pm

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P1 Enrolment

If your child is due to start school in August 2025, you can enrol them online from Monday 6th January 2025. Enrolment should be done online via the South Lanarkshire Council website. Placing requests can also be made online. We look forward to welcoming our new P1s into our school next year.

Parking Plea

Can I please ask you to share with anyone who drops off or picks up at the school, that cars should not park on the pavement on the hill outside the school. This is dangerous. A number of times now cars have been seen parked on or near to the zebra crossing too, which is extremely dangerous. We appreciate your support in ensuring all our (and your) children are kept safe.



Thank you very much for all of your support this school term. It really is appreciated. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a lovely Christmas break and good health and happiness for 2025.

Best wishes,

Gwen Sinclair

Mrs Gwen Sinclair
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

DECEMBER

Tuesday 17th December – P7 Christmas Cinema trip

Tuesday 17th December – P5 and P6 party 1pm

Wednesday 18th December – P3 and P4 party 1pm

Thursday 19th December P1 and all P2s party 1pm

Friday 20th December – School closes 2.30pm for holidays

JANUARY

Monday 6th – School Re-opens

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