

Braidwood Primary School November Newsletter 2025



Welcome to our November newsletter. I hope you are all well and look forward to seeing you soon at our Open Morning. Please read on for school information and dates for your diary.

November

Open Morning

We look forward to welcoming you to your child's class to see the types of activities they do at school. Please join us on **Wednesday 19th November** from 9.30am – 9.55am, or 10.05am to 10.30am depending on the House Group your child is in.

9.30-9.55am – Baird and Wallace Houses 10.05-10.30am – Burns and Murray Houses

A reminder....
Houses are organised by surname starting letter:
Baird – A to F
Burns – G to Mac and Ma
Murray – Mc to P
Wallace – Q to Z

Food Bank

We are looking for any donations you can make to contribute to the local Foodbank in Carluke. Please hand donations in to the school office or send them in with your child. Thank you.

Parent Council

A huge 'Thank You' to the Parent Council for organising the Halloween Disco, it was a super evening and the pupils had a ball. The money raised from this and the Christmas Cards will be used to provide pupils with prizes, and snacks at the Christmas parties.



If you are keen to help out at Parent Council events, and with school trips etc we would really appreciate it. The more helpers, the better! If you are interested in helping, please contact the school office on 01555 770279 and we will chat through completing a PVG application form.

Mobile Phones in School

In line with safeguarding and GDPR, can I please remind you that if your child brings a mobile phone to school for use on the way to school, or the way home from school, it should remain in their school bag switched off during the school day. A number of pupils are also wearing smart watches, and a few have been seen receiving or sending messages. This is not acceptable. Can you please ensure that during school hours the watch is set so it does not send/make calls or messages. Thank you.



Masterclasses are back!

Our Masterclasses started back this week. Pupils chose a group to attend for four weeks where they will learn different skills, and work with different pupils across the school. This time we have card making, yoga, golf, crafts, bingo, choir, STEM, basketball, passport around the world, and badminton to name a few! The pupils and staff love Masterclasses. Here are some photos of us in action.











'I'm in Passport Around the World. We looked in the suitcase and we visited Brazil. I liked my Masterclass!' Amelia P1

'You can do fun activities and play.'
Lochlan P6

'I liked Bingo because it was really fun. We had to search for numbers. It's good working with people from a mixture of classes.'

Brody P5

'You get to learn new things like STEM, and it's fun to make friends with new people.' Erin P6

Braidwood Starbucks

Primary 2 pupils with the help of our Support Staff, set up our very own Starbucks coffee shop! They had a wonderful afternoon taking orders, calculating change, and making the drinks for their customers (staff and classmates). They used so many of their literacy and numeracy skills without even realising. The hot chocolate was delicious!







'Visit Us!' Cards

Our pupils have enjoyed sending their 'Visit Us!' cards to Mrs Sinclair or Mrs Naismith asking us to see their super work in class. It is lovely to see the exciting activities pupils are taking part in. Here we saw mummification of tomatoes in science, a buoyancy experiment, and Indy Robots for compass points on a map.









Be the best you can be!

Christmas Parties

At the end of the newsletter you will find the dates for the Christmas parties. 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 at 1pm.

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 10th December. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the form on Parents Portal with your child's lunch choice.

Best wishes,

Mrs Gwen Sinclair

Gray Sindair

Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary



NOVEMBER

Wednesday 19th - Open Morning

DECEMBER

Tuesday 9th – P1-3 Nativity Show (P1,2 and 3 Parents invited) Wednesday 10th – School Christmas Lunch (letter to follow) Monday 15th – Pantomime in school for all pupils Tuesday 16th - P5 and 6 Christmas Party 1.00pm Wednesday 17th - P3 and 4 Christmas Party 1.00pm Thursday 18th – P1 and 2 Christmas Party 1.00pm Friday 19th December – School closes 2.30pm for holidays

JANUARY

Monday 5th – School Re-opens