



# Braehead Nursery Newsletter



May 2020

We would like to say a very BIG hello to all our children and families. We hope you are all keeping well during this worrying time of lockdown and illness. It is very strange for us all being confined to our homes for such a long period of time and we are all missing the children and nursery very much. Some of our staff are out working in the childcare hubs, taking on the important job of looking after the children of key-workers to enable them to go to work and care for others. Other staff are busy beavering away at home, tackling the normal nursery paperwork as well as all the new and varied tasks generated by the lockdown. None of these jobs come near to providing the joy and satisfaction that we get working with the children every day, but sharing with you and hearing back from you through Facebook is keeping us smiling through this tricky time.

## Facebook

We hope you are enjoying our Facebook page. For us it is a great way to stay in touch with children and families and to share a little bit of our home lives with you. We love reading your comments and seeing photographs of the children so please keep posting in response to our activities.

If you are not yet accessing our Facebook page and you would like to you can find it if you type in Braehead Nursery and select the one with the picture of the daisies beside it.

We will be issuing a short questionnaire via email asking for your views about our Facebook page. Any feedback you can give us about the activities and information provided would be very much appreciated. Also if there is any other additional information you would like to see included, please do let us know.

## School Website

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/st/braeheadprimaryschool/>

All our learning activities presented by educators on Facebook are now available for you to view in written form on the school website. To access the home learning grids please go to the school website (above), click on the nursery tab and then click on home learning links. There you will find learning activities, song sheets and links to other websites that may be useful to you and your child.

## Nursery Admissions / Session 20/21

Virtual admissions panels took place earlier this month. Unfortunately, however until we receive further details from the Scottish government about the reopening of educational establishments we will not be able to confirm the sessions offered to families. This is simply because we do not yet know what our provision will look like as we move forward. This will also affect children returning to nursery next session for their pre-school year. We appreciate that the 'unknown' is frustrating and a little frightening but we thank you for your patience at this time, and as soon as we have further information we will pass details onto families.

## Staffing

As you know the nursery team has undergone several staffing changes in recent months. Megan and Lesley left earlier in the year to take up new posts in Clackmannanshire and as a result we have had support from several supply ECEs and SLAs, including Vicki, Annemarie and Donna. You may also know that Gayle was successfully appointed to a permanent post with the team (she was previously on (very) long term supply with us). Finally, Catherine is hoping to appoint a new ECE within the next few weeks and a new SLA to work the opposite days of the week from Caroline – we will update you with further information once details are confirmed.

## Playroom Developments

As you will be aware we were hoping to be in our new build by this point in time. Issues with the contractor and now the current lockdown situation have delayed the build somewhat. The latest information that we have been given is that the build could start as soon as next month. If all goes to plan this could hopefully see us moving into the new build next spring. We will keep you up to date with any further developments as we get them.

## Transition Arrangements

We understand that it must be a worrying time for families with children moving on to P1 after the summer holidays. Please be assured that support will be put in place to support all our children moving from nursery to school, to help them settle into their new classrooms and get to know their new friends and teachers.

Although our traditional transition programme is not in place this year there will still be opportunities for children to 'meet' with their teacher and to 'see' their new classrooms.

## Classroom Experiences

As part of this year's programme our P1 teachers will set up SeeSaw classrooms for children moving on to P1. These are on-line learning journals that families can access at home with their child. Your class teacher can make videos (e.g. reading stories or delivering learning activities) and share them with your child and can also receive information back from your child. In the current situation this will provide a good opportunity for the teacher to get to know her new class and for your child to meet their new teacher. Further details about SeeSaw will be sent to families soon.

All children attending nursery at Braehead will already have had the opportunity to be out and about in the school environment e.g. going for lunch, visiting the school office, taking part in gymn sessions and playing in the early years open area. We appreciate that this will seem a very long time ago for most children so in addition we plan to create videos to introduce your child to their new classroom and wider school environment.

## Buddies

As in previous years every child moving into P1 will be allocated a buddy from the current Primary 6 classes. Your child's big buddy will create a 'getting to know you' guide and send it to your child on SeeSaw (via their teacher). Once we are back in school your child's buddy will be able to 'show them the ropes' as they

settle into school life. A little buddy will also be allocated to your child on return to school. They will be able to include your children in their games and introduce them to life in the early years wing.

### Transition Diary Dates

#### Tues 2nd June at 7.00pm Parent/Carer Induction Evening

Google Meet - <https://meet.google.com/age-xqsg-pai>

If you are joining from the Google Meet app on your mobile phone the code is [agexqsgpai](#)

This is an opportunity for you to find out about daily routines and expectations of our Primary 1 pupils and families. You will be able to meet the senior leadership team and to hear from some of our current primary 1 pupils and their views of their first year at the school. If we can do anything else to support the transition process for you and your child please let us know. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any catering or dietary requirements with representatives from Stirling Council catering team.

#### Friday 22nd June at 12pm - P1 Virtual Teddy Bears Picnic

Children will have the opportunity to spend time virtually with their class teacher and the senior leadership team. Google meet - <https://meet.google.com/fuh-zpjr-ofc>

Code for app - [fuhzpjrofc](#)

You and your child are invited to prepare your lunch/picnic and join us for lunch. This will be a nice opportunity to enjoy lunch together before the summer holidays begin and another opportunity for your child to get to know their teacher.

If you are unable for any reason to access the programme through digital technology, please contact the school and we will try to accommodate an adapted transition experience where possible. Email us at [braeheadps@glow.sch.uk](mailto:braeheadps@glow.sch.uk)

Finally we would like to send our love and best wishes to all our families. We are missing the children's smiley faces and chatter and hope we can be back together soon. Please let us know if there is any additional support we can provide for you (you can contact us via the nursery email address [braeheadnu@glow.sch.uk](mailto:braeheadnu@glow.sch.uk) )

Stay safe

From

All of the nursery team at Braehead.