



Braehead School Newsletter



Staffing Update

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Gillian Low has now joined us as class teacher in our Nursery and Mrs Lesley Gardner has also joined us as class teacher in P4. We are now fully staffed and are looking forward to working with and getting to know our new team in the coming months. With the changes that have happened in school over the last few weeks please see an updated list of Braehead School Staff -



Mrs D. Duncan	Head Teacher
Ms P. Baxter	Depute Head Teacher
Mrs G. Low	Nursery Teacher
Miss L. McLean	Primary 1 Teacher
Miss W. Grainger	Primary 1/2 Teacher
Miss S. Michie	Primary 2 Teacher
Mrs S. Clyne	Primary 3 Teacher
Mrs F. Fairhurst	Primary 3 Teacher (Monday)
Mrs L. Gardner	Primary 4 Teacher
Mrs C. Walker	Primary 5 Teacher
Mrs K. McNulty	Primary 6 Teacher
Mr A. Taylor	Primary 7 Teacher
Mrs L. Mundie	Non Class Contact Teacher
Mrs J. Murray	Nursery Nurse (Job Share)
Miss L. Young	Nursery Nurse (Job Share)
Mrs M. Bain	Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs W. Elrick	Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs B. Mitchell	Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs S. McIntosh	Pupil Support Assistant
Miss A. Gunn	Pupil Support Assistant
Mrs A. Edwards	School Administrator
Mr A. Walker	School Janitor
Mrs L. Keith	School Cook

Fundraising at Braehead School

Denim for Dylan Day

We raised £712.81 when we held a 'Denim for Dylan Day' on Thursday 13th February for this local charity. Thanks to all who donated and a special thanks to the family who kindly donated £500 to this great cause which was included in our final total.

Charlie House

The Primary Five class raised £56.00 for Charlie House at their recent Harry Potter afternoon. Charlie House is a Charity which is raising funds to build a Respite Care Centre for children in Aberdeen. Thanks to all who contributed to this and a big 'Well Done' Primary Five.

AFC Healthy Lifestyle programme

Primary 6 recently attended an interactive healthy lifestyle session at Pittodrie Stadium where they had the opportunity to investigate how much/what they should eat for a healthy diet. They then were involved in a practical football coaching session on the indoor pitch at Aberdeen Sports Village. This was an excellent opportunity that fits well into our health and well being curriculum. I am very pleased to share that the children represented Braehead in a very positive manner and were highly commended for their effort throughout the event.



Students

We are delighted to welcome three Post Grad Students to Braehead. Mr Timmins, Mr Coyle and Mr Airey are working in P1, P2 and P3 and will be with us for the next few weeks. They will also return next term for another few weeks. We look forward to working with them and I'm sure the children will enjoy having them in school.

World Book Day

Thanks to Miss Michie for helping to co-ordinate the variety of activities the children took part in during World Book Day last week. It was very tricky to select winners for the best costume - everyone put in so much effort. The potato characters were amazing and every child who completed the homework task were awarded with a small prize for their great effort. These are on display in our school reception - pop in to have a look and guess the tattie character!



Winning Costumes were -

- P1 - Rhiannan Diack as Red Riding Hood
- P1/2 - Charlie Mair as Charlie Bucket
- P2 - Maddox Palmer as A Troll
- P3 - Katie Mowat as Ma Broon and
- P4 - Beth Cormack as Poirot Doll
- P5 - Struan Clubb as Oor Wullie
- P6 - Caitlin Mair as Violet Beauregrade
- P7 - Eve Brown as The Mad Hatter

Top 3 Potato Characters

Ellie Ong P2—Red Riding Hood

Caitlin Mair P6—A Mermaid

Jon Taylor P7—Harry Potter

Please check out our school blog to see lots more photos.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/ac/BraeheadSchoolBlog/news/>

Diving

You may remember some time ago that we have a series of Diving Workshops in school. The trainers could only select a small number of children from across Aberdeen to go on to receive further training. A huge 'Well Done' to Layla Kivlin.



Northsound One

A group of our P2 children will be taking part in the exciting radio programme 'Topple the Class'. This is usually aired at about 8:20am each morning. Listen out for our budding DJ's over the next couple of weeks!

Curriculum Evening

As part of our on going developments we have organised a Curriculum Evening at 6pm on **Thursday 14th May** in the school hall. The focus for this evening will be on the Active Literacy Approach that we are currently developing in school. The evening will start off with a presentation in the hall around the three main aspects of Literacy - Spelling, Reading and Writing. There will then be an opportunity for you to look round the classroom areas where there will be resources and activities set up for you to see the kind of things the children are working on. There will then be a chance on Wednesday 28th May to visit the school during the day to see it all in action. This event is intended for parents.

Football

Our school football teams continue to represent the school on a weekly basis.



Thank you to Brandon Murray's mum for the photos and the families who come to support our two teams.

Parent Helpers

Just a thanks to all of our recent parent helpers who have been creating new resources, supporting in classes and helping on trips. This is very much appreciated and is a real support to the staff and pupils. If anyone else would like to become a parent helper please contact the school office or your child's class teacher.

Aberdeen Youth Games

Working in partnership with Active Schools, P4-P7 will shortly have the chance to take part in some active sessions linked to the Commonwealth Games. Aberdeen Youth Games (AYG), is a Commonwealth Games-themed sport and culture project run jointly between RGU and Sport Aberdeen's Active Schools Team. Second Year BSc (Hons) Applied Sport and Exercise Science (ASES) students from RGU will deliver Athletics, Badminton, Netball and Commonwealth culture sessions to our P4-7 classes. The children will receive four sessions over a four week block. Our school has been allocated a Commonwealth country to learn about during the culture part of the project. We will be learning about Pakistan. The training sessions start on Wednesday 23rd April.

Earlier this term our P6 and P7 children entered AYG's 'design a baton' competition. Reece Carson (P6) was selected as a finalist and had the opportunity to go to Gray's School of Art to make his model into 3D.

The competition was entered by hundreds of children across Aberdeen and I am delighted to announce that Reece has won the overall competition and will now get the chance to make his baton for the actual Aberdeen Youth Games. We are all so pleased for Reece and he should be very proud of this amazing achievement.



Maths Challenge

A group of our senior pupils attended the Maths Challenge at Aberdeen University earlier this week. Jordon Bennett, Danielle Irvine and Dylan Littlejohn worked really well as a team throughout this challenge and found it a very rewarding experience. Thanks to Mrs Bain for taking the pupils along. Well done to them for their great effort.

Rotary Club Quiz

Well done to our P7 Team who took part in the Annual Rotary Club Quiz on Wednesday 12th March at Oldmachar Academy. Niamh Rennie, Amy Gibb, Eve Brown and Marie Lebedeva practiced every week and were faced with some very tricky questions on the night. Well done girls for such a super team effort. Sorry that Freya Campbell-Smith missed out due to being unwell. A special thanks to Alison our

Administrator who gave up her lunch times to help tutor the girls—let's get going for next year!!



Nursery—Stay and Play

It was great to see so many Parents/Carers at our Nursery Stay and Play this week. We would appreciate any feedback or comments on how we can enhance this event. Mrs Low is currently working on her very own first Nursery Newsletter. Look out for this coming soon.

Newspaper

A group of our senior pupils have been very keen to start up a School Newspaper. With the help of Mrs Little one of our Parent Helpers we now have a committee organised and the pupils are working on their First Edition. This is a great example of how our pupils are becoming independent learners and how they are taking a lead in their own learning.

Aberdeen & North East of Scotland Music Festival 2014

Our infant department will be taking part in the above Festival next term during the month of June. Their choice of songs this year is Eek! A Mouse and Gravity. Once we have dates and times I will inform parents. Our Senior Choice will also be singing at the festival and their choice of song this year is 'Just a Single Voice' and again information will follow once we have this.



Pupil Council

At our recent Pupil Council Meeting pupils came up with some super ideas as to how we can improve things here at Braehead School. Some of their ideas were—

- * Golden Groups—Suggestions to how this can be improved these will be taken into account for next term.
- * iPads to use in classroom.
- * More books with Happy Endings!

We are always keen to hear parents views and ideas too so remember you can always email in your thoughts.

Primary 2

Throughout this term Primary 2 have been learning about shopping and how it has changed over the years. In order to find out more they organised an open afternoon when they invited their grandparents into school. The children interviewed their grandparents and had the opportunity to share their learning. It was lovely to see so many visitors in school - the children were super and are always delighted to show off their learning.



Class Blogs

As part of our work on continuing to inform and involve parents in the learning we are beginning to develop class blogs. So far P5, P6 and P7 have started to blog about their recent experiences in school. Please visit our school blog and click on the class blog tabs to see what your child's class has recently shared. We hope to extend this to more and more classes in the future.

Mobile Phones - reminder

Just a reminder about the use of mobile phones in school. Children are permitted to take their phones into school but they should be handed to the class teacher to keep safe throughout the day. We have discovered that some children are taking them into the playground and using them in and around the school. This is not necessary and should not be used at all during the school day.



Primary 5 - Pizza Express

In relation to their Food Around the World topic Primary 5 recently visited Pizza Express where they had the opportunity to learn about and taste a variety of different pizza toppings. They then got to make their very own pizza and take it home to eat. Again they were very good ambassadors for Braehead School - well done!



Assembly

Each week we have a whole school assembly where we focus on a variety of different things from encouragement, Eco Schools to developing social skills. Our recent focus has been on "Marvellous Manners." I can genuinely say that children in and around the school have been making a great effort with this which is being rewarded on a daily basis with House Points by all members of staff. Our new members of staff have commented on how polite and welcoming the children have been on their arrival. This is brilliant to hear and we will continue to promote this in school.

Primary 3 Big Breakfast

It was wonderful to see the P3 children being so involved in their learning when they all experienced a Big Breakfast Session on Wednesday. This linked to several areas of the Curriculum and shows how we are bringing the Curriculum for Excellence to life.

School Improvement—Homework Survey

As part of our journey to improve experiences for all children here at Braehead we would like to seek and collate your views on Homework. Please complete the survey by clicking onto the links below—there are 2 so please make sure you do both sets so you can share your views. If you require a paper copy then please contact the school office. Once we have collated parents, pupils and staff views we aim to create a homework policy that will clearly state the expectations of homework across the school.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H7FJMK7>

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H7H8WY9>



Parent/Teacher Consultation Nursery - Primary 7

We would like to offer you and your child an opportunity to have a consultation with their teacher on either Tuesday 1st April or Wednesday 2nd April 2014 to discuss their progress. The class teachers are aware of pupils with siblings in school and try to ensure parents in such a position have appointments reasonably close together.

Tuesday 1st April, 2014 4 - 7pm

Wednesday 2nd April, 2014 4 - 7pm

There will also be a chance for you and your child to visit the 'Book Fair' which will be set up in the school hall. The children will have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair during the school day so they can see the selection of books on sale. The books will be available to buy during the parent/teacher consultations.

Any lost property will be on display in the hall. Please ensure you check this as we will be adding it to our Rec a Tex collection at the end of term.



Please indicate your preference at the end of this newsletter and return the slip or email to the office by **Wednesday 19th March, 2014**

Book Fair

The book fair which arrives on Tuesday 1st April and will be with us until Thursday 3rd April. As already mentioned in the Parent Evening information you will have the opportunity to purchase on Parents Evening or on Thursday during the day. The children will get a leaflet home with them early next week for you to have a look at the selection of books that will be on sale.



Netball Team

Our Netball Team took part in a Netball Tournament at Mile End School. The girls had great fun.



Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 4 th April | - | End of Term 3 School closes at 3.15 p.m. as normal |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | - | School returns after Easter Break |
| Monday 28 th April | - | P7 Pupils off to Nethybridge Activity Week |
| Friday 2 nd May | - | In Service Day school closed to pupils |
| Monday 5 th May | - | Public Holiday School closed to pupils |
| Wednesday 14 th May | - | Curricular Evening |
| Thursday 22 nd May | - | School closed to pupils due to school being used as Polling Station |
| Wednesday 28 th May | - | Open Afternoon - Literacy (details to follow) |
| Thursday 26 th June | - | Sports Day |
| Thursday 3 rd July | - | School Disco |
| Friday 4 th July | - | 9.30 a.m. Church Service and P7 Presentation - all parents welcome |



Please detach and return by Tuesday 18th March

PARENT / TEACHER CONSULTATIONS

(Delete as necessary)

I/we do not wish an appointment

I/we would like an appointment on Tuesday 1st April

Wednesday 2nd April

Child(ren)'s Name(s)	Class	Your appointment time(s) are as follows. (For office use only)

Parent Signature

Or alternatively you can email at braehead@aberdeencity.gov.uk your choice of evening.