



Newsletter

September 2013

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome back to school after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing summer for everyone. We extend a warm welcome to all children and families who are new to the school.

Staff News

Mrs MacIver will be missed amongst the staff this year, however she will soon be too busy to think of the school as she has embarked on her maternity leave. Mrs Macrae our school office Clerical Assistant has taken an opportunity to extend her hours in another post; we wish Margret well for the future, her industriousness in the office will be sorely missed. We would like to wish Mr Edwards, our school janitor, a speedy recovery following a shoulder injury. The school has joined the Facilities Management Service now so we will no longer have a janitor tied to the school, hopefully Mr Edwards will be able to pop back from time to time. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Cameron. Miss Cameron will be teaching our P2/3 class this year and we wish her well for the exciting year ahead.

P7 to Laggania

Our P7 Pupils will be on a trip to Laggania Outdoor Education Centre in Kingussie from the 4th to the 6th September. We wish them a fab time and look forward to hearing all about their outdoor adventures. The school would like to extend our gratitude to Beaully Shinty Club for allowing the school to use their minibus for this trip, which greatly reduces the costs involved.



Cup of Kindness

In 2006 'The Cup of Kindness' was generously donated by local resident Yvonne Goodall and has been an annual award for P7 students. By awarding the Cup of Kindness on a more regular basis and to all ages in the school it is hoped that we will encourage all our pupils to work a little harder at being thoughtful and responsible citizens. This is a prestigious award, which a limited number of pupils will get each year.

Our first recipient of the award in this new format was Michael B. who secured the award with a selfless act in PE. Anyone that knows Michael will know he is a very competitive and sporty young man. However, when playing football last week and presented with a one-on-one goal-scoring opportunity with the goalkeeper, Michael stopped running!



Michael had seen a member of the other team tumble to the floor with a thud and rather than take his opportunity to score, without a second thought he turned around and went to check on his classmate. A worthy winner, we hope you will all agree.

P5/6 Swimming Lessons

The P5/6 will be going swimming on Monday mornings from 26th August until the October holidays.



Dress Down Day

We would like to thank parents and carers for supporting the dress down days which take place on the last Friday of each month. The money raised will help to subsidise school trips, allow us to buy in professional performers, workshops and other fun and engaging cross-curricular learning experiences.

The next Dress Down Day will take place on Friday 27th September

P1 Photo

A photographer from the Inverness Courier will be in school on the morning of Thursday 12th September to take a photo of the P1 children. This will then feature in a future edition of the paper. Could parents please ensure that all pupils wear school uniform on this day.

Listening Bus

On Wednesday 11th September, Braeview Car Park will host the Listening Bus. Many of our classes will visit this resource to develop their understanding. Since its launch in 1996, the Listening Bus has travelled all over Britain, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland visiting hundreds of venues. *Look, Smile, Chat* workshops will raise deaf awareness and close the communication gap between the deaf and hearing pupils. Thanks must be extended to Beauly Shinty Club for providing a power source for the bus to operate.



P7 Save a Life

On Thursday 26th September the school will have a visit from the Scottish Ambulance Service. The children from P7 will take part in a workshop organised through NHS Highland where they will learn resuscitation techniques.

Summer Garden Volunteers

The sun shone and the plants grew and grew and grew.....

Huge thanks to our dedicated garden volunteers for once again keeping our school garden alive during our lovely, long, hot summer.



Please contact the school office if you can spare a little time to help out in our school garden.

After School Activities

We are pleased to confirm the following start dates for our after school clubs;

Karate
29th August 2013



Art Lab
3rd September



Football
4th September



Basketball
13th September



The school is presently making arrangements for a Hockey Club and we hope to get a Science Club up and running later in the year. If you have a talent to share please approach to school office to discuss setting up a club. We will do everything we can to support you with this. Go on, the children deserve it!

Trimtrack Donation

A huge thank to Seona Fraser for the £250 donation received through the RBS Community Cashback scheme. This is greatly received and will be put towards our trimtrack fundraising, which now stands at £1820.00

Nut Allergy

We have a small number of children in the school who have a nut allergy. Could all parents please ensure their children do not bring any items to school which contain nuts, including M&Ms and other similar products, which your child may request as a playtime snack. Many thanks for your support with this.

Meningitis Research

A big THANK YOU to staff, parents and all the boys and girls in the Beaulieu Nursery for the Boogie Fit bonanza on Wednesday 26th June. Both the morning and afternoon groups took to the school gym hall for an epic public performance. A terrific total of £115.05 was raised. A special thanks must also be expressed for all the donations for our raffles and competitions and to our P7 buddies for their help. Well done everyone!

Absence Protocol

Should your child be absent from school for any reason please ring the office to let us know on the morning of each day of absence. We will attempt to ring parents of any children who have an unexplained absence as soon as registers have been taken. This is to confirm that your child is safe and well and forms part of regional policy and guidance for schools. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Contact Detail Information & Medical Forms

These will be issued to all pupils by mid-September. It is essential that these forms are checked, particularly emergency contact details. Children can become very distressed if we are unable to make contact with parents/carers. Please ensure the nominated emergency contacts are contactable and live within a reasonable distance from the school. It is essential that the school office is kept informed of any changes to mobile numbers/contacts throughout the course of the session.



All pupils who have allergies or other health conditions requiring medication will need to complete a medical form. These are available from the school office and should be completed and returned as soon as possible.

School Meals

This is a reminder that tickets should be purchased on a Monday morning in the school canteen. A cheque made payable to Highland Council is preferable to cut down on administration time. School lunch is £1.87 per day.

Snack Prices

Piece of Toast & Spread	0.15p	Glass of Milk	0.15p
Small Piece of Fruit	0.15p	Glass of Pure Fruit Juice	0.15p
Scone/Pancake/Homebaking	0.20p	Aquajuce Carton	0.25p
Glass of Milkshake	0.20p	Cuplets of Pure Fruit Juice	0.25p
Milk Cartons	0.30p	Bottled Water	0.30p

Road Safety

The Parent Council recently noted that the tarmac work completed to the Braeview Path in January 2013 has had a significant impact on reducing the traffic on Croyard Road. However concerns remain regarding parking over restricted road markings, parking close to designated crossing points and parking across resident's driveways. Please park safely and responsibly and carefully consider the potential outcomes for both residents and children. Please use Braeview Car Park, our designated 'Safer Route to School' whenever possible.

There are ongoing concerns regarding ADULTS walking through Braeview Car Park, which the children then copy. Please remember that for the safety of all children (some of whom might be following your example) everyone should be walking on the pavement, particularly as we are encouraging the majority of car users to use this as the school drop-off zone.

Vandalism and Dangerous Play

Sadly there have been lengthy problems with vandalism on the school site for some time. Dozens of windows have been smashed and there appears to be regular and incredibly dangerous access to the school roof. Please do your bit and keep an eye open for such incidents and report these to the police.

Parent Council

The next meeting of the Parent Council will take place at 7pm on Tuesday 17th September in the school library. The Parent Council always welcomes new members and would be delighted if you could join them. This is a great opportunity to support the development of our school and community. As the Parent Council only meets once per term being a member is not an onerous task.

Term Dates 2013-14

School days

Holidays

In-service days

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Distribution of Newsletter

As you are aware the school website is now up and running and we make every effort to update this on a regular basis. Newsletters are also available in an electronic form on the website. **If you haven't already signed up to have an electronic version sent to you we would be grateful if you could complete the form below and return to the school office.** If you are unable to access the electronic version and require a paper copy please complete the return slip accordingly or contact the school. We hope to introduce our e-newsletter later in this school year.

Name of Child..... Class

Email address

Second email address (if required)

Name of Parent

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We value your opinions on the life and work of our school. Any feedback received will be used to evaluate our work and inform future developments for the school and its links with the wider community. Comments can be shared with the school directly in writing or alternatively please e-mail beau.ly.primary@highland.gov.uk