

Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,

I hope you and the children have had a positive and steady return to school following the Easter break. We have a busy couple of months ahead with many activities and events planned.



Congratulations to the P7 children who celebrated the sacrament of <u>Confirmation</u>, with their families in All Saints' Church on 21st April. The boys and girls worked very hard in their preparation and we were proud of them all. We hope you all enjoyed your special day.

Children from P4 will celebrate their First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May @ 11am.

King Charles III Coronation Celebration: Friday 5th May

Next Friday we will mark the Coronation of King Charles' with some fun celebration activities in school. In fact, P6F this week have already been engaged in making the Coronation Quiche! A special menu is available that day (see Menu on school website) and certificates will be distributed to all children.

Additionally, we will have a non-uniform day next Friday 5th, when the children may come dressed as a King/Queen/Prince/

Princess for a Day! We'd love to see the children come in their fanciest attire, or just in their own clothes as you wish. To participate in the non-uniform day, we ask for a small donation (£1-£2) which will go towards the NI Children's Hospice. As King Charles has designated the Mon 8th holiday as the "Big Help Out", we hope your donations will support this worthy cause and local charity.



Across the next few weeks, children from P2-P3 will complete the annual English and Maths standardised assessments. The outcomes from these allow us to track each child's progress in maths and English and provide a basis for teachers to plan for future learning.

Also ongoing in school this term, we have daily Breakfast Club, Jo-jingles, Just Dance, Healthy Kidz sessions (both in school and after school) as well as Cycling Proficiency which has just started for P7 pupils.

Parents are reminded that bookings and payment for both Breakfast Club and Stay & Play must be made in advance the week before. This helps maintain accurate records and ensures that food items and supervision are correct.

School Holiday List 2023~24

The school calendar for 2023-24 is now available to download on the school website. We ask that parents use this to identify term-time dates and to avoid family holidays during the school term.

Some dates for your diary:

Sports Day: usually held in May, dates to follow and as always are weather permitting.

Sustrans Activity Day: Friday 9th June (info to follow in due course)

Healthy Eating Week: 12th~ 16th June Leavers' Assembly: Tuesday 27th June

The website is regularly updated with dates for events and activities, so please do

refer to this.

We look forward to welcoming our new Nursery and Primary pupils for September '23 in June and further dates and information will follow.

School will be closed on Monday 1st May for the May Day Holiday and Monday 8th May for the King's Coronation Holiday. We hope you all enjoy the long weekend!

Yours faithfully,

_____*J WcAuley____* Principal