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## ***Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School***

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Dear Parents,



What a busy March we have had here in school! From World Book Day, to British Science Week, The Big Walk and Wheel, Odd Socks' Day and the Mother's Day event last Friday, there has been so much happening in school. We are grateful for your support with all school and class activities and as always I would encourage you to take a look at our school website for more information. On the homepage you will see news posts and school

highlights but, please remember to view your child's class page for their particular news and activities.

As we approach the last couple of weeks of this term, there is still lots happening. For example, this week we have had the first assembly since 2020! To mark and recognise **Integrated Education Month**, we are having 2 separate assemblies, one for each key stage when we bring the children together in our spacious hall. Teachers are also beginning to organise and consider trips, where appropriate, for their class. And just this week, there has been information from the Department of Education to inform schools that new guidance in relation to Covid may be issued before the end of this term. We will of course keep you informed of any changes as they occur or impact the school day.

### **[Visit the New School](#)**

As noted previously, our governors are now planning for school tours and in order to assist with this, we would be grateful if interested parents could click on the link below to indicate if they would be interested in attending a tour. The link will take you to a brief Microsoft Form. The form will be open until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. **[Braidside Tour](#)**

### **School Updates**

We had a brilliant response to our **Big Walk and Wheel Week**, helped by fabulous weather throughout the week. The children especially enjoyed their sessions on the turning circle in school and had great fun.

The **Mother's Day Event** last Friday raised over £900! An incredible total! Thank you for your contributions. We hope all the mummies, grannies, aunts who received gifts enjoyed them on Sunday.

We also raised £178 for the **Integrated Education Fund with Odd Socks Day**, during this Integrated Education Month. As well as assembly, the children have also had the opportunity to participate in lessons in class which celebrate our integrated ethos.



Congratulations to the P3 children who this week celebrated the sacrament of **First Reconciliation**, with their families. The boys and girls worked very hard in their preparation and we were proud of them all. Well done!

Tickets are still available for our **Easter Raffle**. The money raised from this will go towards the Ukraine Appeal. Tickets are priced at 50p for 1 and 3 for £1. These have been selling incredibly well too. As well as the first prize Easter basket, there is a large number of other eggs too. We are grateful for the donation of knitted toys made by one of our P6 Parents, Angela McConville. The raffle will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April, with the 7<sup>th</sup> April the last day to buy tickets. Good luck everyone!

### **Safe-guarding and Child Protection**

If you have any concerns regarding safe-guarding or child protection matters you can speak to Ms McAuley (Designated Teacher), Mrs Bradley or Mrs Turner (Deputy Designated Teachers). Additionally, you may contact or write to Mrs Pauline McNeill/ Mr Martin McConville (Governors responsible for safe-guarding and CP) or Ms Stephanie McMullan (Chair of Board of Governors). At any time you can contact the NI Public Services Ombudsman (0800 343 424) or the local Children's Services Gateway Team or PSNI Central Referral Unit (028 9025 9299).

### **Hair Care**

**Please check hair regularly**, and treat as necessary.

A range of treatments are available, including wet combing with a fine comb, lotions from pharmacies, and electric combs. Pharmacists can advise. **Repeating** the treatment is essential to break the cycle.

If you need any further advice or information you can contact the School Nurse Service, at 25313160.



We will close for the Easter holidays on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April with a half day. Times will be staggered according to alphabetical order and will be posted on the website next week.

School will re-open for the Summer term on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully,

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*J McAuley*  
Principal