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

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Dear Parents,



What a busy month we have had 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 look at our Facebook page and school website for more information.

### **Best Wishes to Mrs Fenton**

As we approach the end of the month, we will say farewell and good luck to Mrs Fenton, as she takes up the position of President of the Ulster Teacher's Union for the next year. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Fenton and we are all delighted to support her in this endeavour.

From Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will welcome our new teacher, Miss Emma Lavery to Braidside for the next year. We look forward to working with Miss Lavery and know she will receive a warm welcome to the school.

### **Nursery Proposals**

Many of our parents will be aware that our Nursery Unit has been oversubscribed in the last few academic years in relation to admissions; with some of our current primary school parents unable to secure a placement for their child in the nursery. Currently we can only offer 26 places for the part-time nursery session, while we have 58 for Primary 1.

The Board of Governors and I are very keen to consult with parents on your views and interest in a second afternoon session in the Nursery. In the next few days, a consultation survey will be available for parents. We would ask as many parents as possible to contribute your views, in the hope that we can use this information to support any future development proposals to the Department of Education. Your support in this is much appreciated.

### **School Updates**

We have had a positive response to the **Big Walk and Wheel** this week and hope you will continue to participate in Bling Your Bike/ Scooter on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the Walk next week (31<sup>st</sup> March) from Ballymena North. The children are enjoying their sessions on the turning circle and we are thankful for your cooperation in the morning.

The **Mother's Day Event** last Friday raised over £1400! An incredible total! Thank you for your contributions. We hope all the mummies, grannies, aunts and

guardians who received gifts enjoyed them on Sunday past. Thank you to Student Council and Mrs Young for organising a wonderful event!



Congratulations to the P3 children who this week celebrated the sacrament of **First Reconciliation**, with their families in All Saints' Church. 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**. Tickets are priced at 50p for 1 or 3 for £1. These have been selling incredibly well too. As well as the first prize Easter basket, there is many other eggs too. The raffle will be held on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. 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 Mr Martin McConville (Governor 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 4<sup>th</sup> April at 12:15pm for all pupils.  
School will re-open for the summer term on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours faithfully,

  
Principal