

Broomhill Primary School

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It's now three weeks since I started in post here at Broomhill as Head Teacher. It's been a busy time getting to know everyone and finding my way around the building but what I've seen so far has been very impressive. We clearly have very motivated pupils who are eager to learn and very engaged in their learning, supported by skilled teachers and support staff. Combined with the amazing parental support which I have also observed we have a great basis on which to build.

Over the next few weeks, I hope to spend a little more time in classrooms getting to know our pupils and their learning styles. As a Senior Management Team we've been spending time discussing where we are as a school and where we want to be in the future and would like to involve you all in helping us to plan our vision for Broomhill, therefore there is a short activity at the end of this newsletter which we would be really grateful if you would take a few moments to complete and send back to us.

Mrs D Reid

Head Teacher

Scottish Afternoon



Many of our classes have been learning about Robert Burns in preparation for Burns Day later this week. Following on from this work we will be holding a Scottish Afternoon on **Thursday 2nd February**. All pupils have been asked to learn a Scots poem to recite for a class competition, all pupils taking part will receive a school certificate and the winners from each class will receive an official Burns Federation Certificate and will then recite their poem during our Scottish Afternoon Assemblies.

Parents and Carers are invited to join some of our classes in the playground that afternoon (weather permitting) from 2pm for some Scottish Dancing and Singing, there may also be the chance of a piece of shortbread!

Approximate times are as follows:

P6/7 and P7—Dancing at 2pm

P5, P5/6 and P6—Dancing at 2.10pm

P4 classes—Dancing at 2.20pm

P3 classes and P2/3—Singing at 2.30pm

P2 classes—Singing at 2.40pm

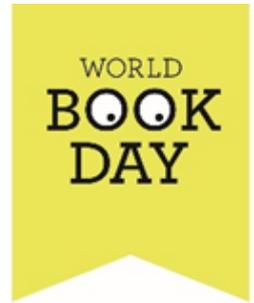
All P1 classes—Singing at 2.50pm



Children and staff will also be encouraged to wear a "touch of tartan" on this day. This could be a tartan ribbon/bow or shirt/skirt. This is optional of course. We hope you will be able to join us in the playground from 2pm that afternoon.

World Book Day—Thursday 2nd March 2017

In celebration of World Book Day in March all pupils (and staff too) are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. During the day we will have a dress up parade and various other book related activities such as a “Where’s Wally” treasure hunt in the playground. Classes will also be decorating their classroom doors to illustrate a book cover of their choice. I’m sure all of the pupils will demonstrate their creative flair when decorating their doors which you will all be able to see on Parents Evening later in the month.



Fitbits

Many of our pupils have been extremely lucky over the Christmas period and are sporting “fitbit” or other electronic health devices on their wrists. At school we are keen for children to be as active as possible and if devices like these help then we are very much in support of them. However, I must make it very clear that these devices are worn at the risk of the owner and school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage. Pupils will be asked to remove them during PE for Health and Safety reasons as they may catch on equipment or on other pupils and of course may be damaged during activities. Pupils will also be reminded that these devices are not to be used to receive messages during school time.



Thank you for your support with this.

School Improvement

As the new Management Team get to know the school, we will be looking at priority areas for future developments.

As mentioned earlier one of our first areas will be to look at the school’s Vision, Values and Aims. We will also be looking at how we celebrate and track the wider achievements of our pupils. As part of this , I have attached a sheet for completion which asks about your child’s involvement in any clubs/groups/activities out of school. Gathering this data will help us in building our Broomhill curriculum and also in tracking our pupil’s attainment and wider achievements over time. Please complete and return this sheet to your child's class teacher by Friday 3rd Feb.

Dates for your diary.

Thursday 2nd February: Scottish Afternoon
Monday 13th February: School Closed—Holiday
Tuesday 14th February: School Closed—In Service
Wednesday 15th February: School Closed—In Service
Monday 27th Feb—3rd March : P7 Ski Week
Tuesday 14th March: Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 15th March: Parents Evening (details to follow)
Friday 31st March: End of Term



Making Broomhill Brilliant!

I have been talking to our pupils about working together to make Broomhill Brilliant! These discussions and views will begin to inform some of the work we will be doing on revising our school Vision, Values and Aims.

As part of this process we are really keen to hear your views on what you feel would make Broomhill Brilliant!

With that in mind, please take a moment to add some notes to the mind map below on **“What makes an Excellent School?”** We’d be grateful to receive your responses (as brief or detailed as you choose) as soon as possible. Please return these to your child’s class teacher.

Thank you.
Mrs Reid

