

Broomhill Primary School

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My goodness, the last term has flown past! We're now back in school following our Easter holidays and school is busy and industrious once again. The coming weeks are already packed with activity and arrangements for end of term events are in full swing. Dates for important events can be found at the end of this letter.

Mrs D Reid

Head Teacher

Charity Work

Thank you to everyone who helped us raise £585.38 for Comic Relief Red Nose Day. The children all looked amazing in red and a fun day was had by all whilst raising money for this worthwhile cause.



Senior Library Update

We are all very excited as work continues on our new Senior Library. The workmen have been in school over the last couple of weeks and have made good progress.

A special launch and opening of the library will be planned later this term but the children should be able to use it very, very soon.

A special thank you to our parent/carer volunteers who have been in school cataloguing all of our books and logging them into the system, ready to be read!

The library will be called "*The Rohan Library*" and is certainly a fitting tribute to our former Head Teacher, Mrs Rohan. She would be very pleased, I'm sure.



Reflective Reading

On the May In Service, our school staff were all involved in training on an approach called Reflective Reading. This is an approach to the teaching of reading which is designed to improve literacy standards, attainment and motivation for all. We had excellent feedback from all staff involved in the training and there is real enthusiasm for taking this approach forward. We will be trialling some of the activities in school this term with a view to embedding this in our practice next session.

Further information about the approach will be communicated to parents/carers early next term.

Thank you to all parents/carers who have taken the time to read and discuss at home Aberdeen City Council's policy on Anti-Weapons and the pledge #lifenotknife. This is a very important piece of work for Aberdeen City Council following the tragedy in Cults Academy in 2015. The majority of pupils have now returned their signed reply slip but we'd love to see 100% returned. If you haven't yet discussed this with your child, please do this as soon as possible and return your reply slip to school. If your letter has been lost, please ask at the school office for another one.

Primary 7 have begun their specific lessons on the subject and the feedback on this has been very positive with lots of great debate and discussion taking place.



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You can follow us on Twitter now. Twitter will be used to inform you of some of our activities around Broomhill School and Community and across the city. This will not replace our website blog and pupils photographs will only appear if they have the appropriate permissions and consent.

Groupcall Xpressions

Due to a change in Council Policy, Groupcall text messaging will not be used as frequently as it has been in the past to pass on information about events etc as there will now be a cost implication to this facility. Groupcall will be used for attendance messages and emergency information only. We will be using the Groupcall Xpressions App to communicate other information about school events etc, as this is a free service.

Information on how to use the Groupcall Expressions App is available on our website.

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School Building updates

I've received some concerns from parents/carers about the Gate Post/pillar at the main gate on Broomhill Road. After some investigation I've discovered that the pillar was allegedly hit by a reversing vehicle some time ago and is now a bit squint! Just to reassure everyone, the pillar has been assessed by our Architects at Aberdeen City Council and has been deemed safe. I have however spoken with them to look at correcting the pillar and restoring this as soon as possible— I'll keep you posted! (pardon the pun)

Our window replacement programme will continue this term and you will begin to see evidence of this when the scaffolding appears around the 19th of June, in preparation for the bulk of the work to be completed over the summer period. This programme of work is due to continue throughout the summer holiday period and possibly into the beginning of next term. This will mean that some classes on the top floor may have to vacate their rooms for a couple of days towards the end of term but we are confident that this will not impact negatively on learning and teaching in school.

Parking on Hammersmith Road, Gray Street and Broomhill Road. A gentle reminder to all parents/carers not to park in front of anyone's drive way at the beginning/end of the day when picking up/dropping off children at school. We have received complaints in this regard recently from our neighbours. Thank you. 😊



Sharing our Vision for Broomhill

I'd like to thank everyone, parents/carers, pupils and staff for their engagement in the activities throughout last term which has really helped us to form our Vision, Values and Aims for Broomhill.

We have stepped away from a traditional approach to this and have truly involved our pupils who have taken all the ideas and thoughts from pupils, parents and staff and have worked together, with the help of Kevin and Laura from "The Beat Box" to write a Broomhill Song which we feel really sums up where we are and where we want to be.

We would like to share this with you and would like to invite you to the school playground (weather permitting) to hear our school song, sung by it's writers, our pupils, on Thursday 25th May. The pupils will emerge from school at around 2.45pm to perform their song and to share the vision for Broomhill. We hope you will be able to join us.

Never Giving Up, Always Aiming High. Broomhill Gives us the Freedom to Fly

All important... Dates for your Diary this term

Wednesday 10th May at 7pm	Parent Council Meeting (GP Room)
Tuesday 16th May at 6pm	Google Classroom Information Event (GP Room) P6/7 and P7
Tuesday 16th May, 6pm—8.30pm Wednesday 17th May 3.30pm—6pm	Rescheduled parents evenings for Room 18 and Room 10, in the gym hall. (appointments issued individually)
Saturday 20th May 12pm—2pm	Broomhill PTA Spring Fair
Monday 22nd May at 2pm	P1 Induction Information Meeting (Parents only)—GP Room
Thursday 25th May at 2.45pm	Sharing the Vision—Pupils perform our Broomhill Song in the playground
29th May—23rd June	Uniforms can be ordered through the school office during this time—order forms and details to follow
Thursday 8th June	Annual School Reports issued
Monday 12th June	Nursery Sports
Tuesday 13th June	School Sports (P1-3 am) (P4-7 pm) - details to follow
Thursday 15th June	Primary 7 Show 1.30pm performance and 6pm performance
Tuesday 20th June	Broomhill PTA P1-6 Disco
Wednesday 21st June	Primary 7 Prom Event
Monday 26th June	Winning House Prize—Castle Trip—details to follow

Pupil Equity Funding Update

Scottish Government has allocated funding to schools to help close the poverty related gap in attainment. Broomhill School has been allocated the sum of £19,000. This funding will seek to deliver improvements to the educational attainment and will specifically target reducing the impact that poverty has on educational outcomes. Accompanying this letter is an information sheet from Education Scotland giving more details about PEF.

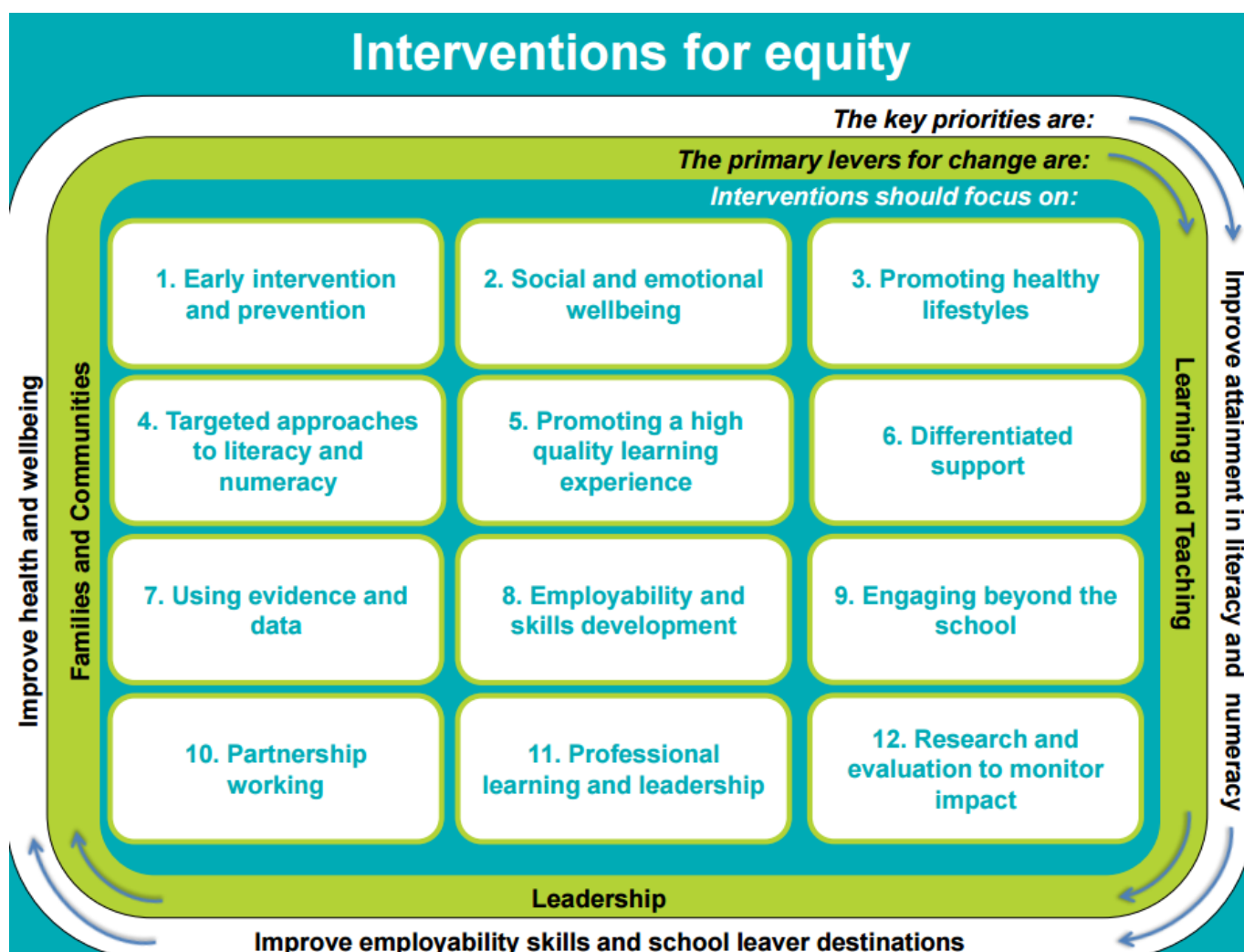
Our PEF funding has been allocated based on the numbers of children and young people from P1– P7 receiving Free School Meals.

We are currently consulting with school staff and will talk to the pupils too about what would make a difference and help pupils to improve their engagement and attainment.

We would therefore like to consult with parents/carers also about your thoughts and views about what you think would help to make a difference and help pupils who may be living in poverty to achieve more in school. This part of the consultation process is really important and we would really value your thoughts and ideas.

Thinking about the Interventions in the table below (1-12), please add your ideas (one or many) on the attached sheet and return it to school by Friday 12th May.

Thank you.





Raising Attainment and supporting pupils at Broomhill

Keeping in mind the interventions indicated on the diagram “Interventions for Equity”, please write any ideas you may have which would help to improve the educational outcomes for pupils who may be living in poverty or experiencing financial difficulties. Please return this sheet to your child’s teacher by Friday 12th May.

Thank you for your time and thoughts.

Signed: _____ Parent of: _____ Rm: _____

(optional)