

Broomhill Primary School

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A very warm welcome to term 1, session 2017-18 at Broomhill.

It's been a busy start to the new school year and we have enjoyed welcoming many new families into school along with our new Primary 1s who are all settling in to school life and looking forward to staying in school for full days this week.

We have also welcomed new staff to Broomhill, Mr Donaldson in Primary 5, Ms Massie in Primary 1 and Mrs Petrova in our Nursery. Mrs Mutch has joined the team as our new Depute Head Teacher (part-time) and we are pleased to see Mrs Williamson (DHT) return to school following her extended maternity leave. Mrs Mutch will be in school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as DHT, and Thursday as a class teacher, and Mrs Williamson will be in school on a Thursday and Friday. Both Mrs Mutch and Mrs Williamson will line manage our Early Years Department and Primary 1-3.

Mrs D Reid Head Teacher

Meet the Teacher—Open Afternoon

We would like to invite you to attend an Open Afternoon on **Wednesday 20th September**. This will provide an opportunity for you to see your child's class in action and meet their teacher. Following your visit why not pop in to the Dining Room for a quick cuppie in aid of **Macmillan**.



To allow for the large numbers of possible visitors, timings for the afternoon will be as follows:

1.30pm—2pm: Visits to P1, P2 and P3 (Rm 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12)

2pm—2.30pm: Visits to P4 and P5 (Rm 18, 19, 15 and 16)

2.30pm—3pm: Visits to P6 and P7 (Rm 20, 21, 22 and 13)



This will be a normal working day for pupils and staff therefore staff will not be able to talk to you individually about your child's progress, this is an opportunity to see the class in action learning, and "put a face" to your child's new teacher. Children will also be asked to remain in class during this time and won't be permitted to move around the school with you.

Don't forget to pop in for a tea/coffee after your visit to class.

Nursery will be organising separate Stay and Play sessions later in the term once all of our new pupils are settled in.

The Daily Mile

Some classes started participating in The Daily Mile last term but this year we aim to ensure that *all* pupils are participating every day. This is a very simple, but highly effective initiative which improves physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing. Alongside, you will see our Broomhill approach to the Daily Mile and as always, we'd be very interested to hear your comments and views about it.


Further information about this can be found at:

www.thedailymile.co.uk

A reminder too that children will be outside in most weathers, please ensure they come to school ready for the rain!

Broomhill School – Daily Mile

Research links movement with developing cognitive skills and raised attainment




Our Approach to the Daily Mile

- Children go out in almost all weathers (playground/woodies)
- At a time of the teacher's choosing
- Fifteen minute turnaround maximum
- Children don't need to change
- Each class should plan their own strategy for the Daily Mile and track their own performance, eg. Beads/counters in jar per lap, tally chart etc.
- The measurement and targets vary and are suggested by the children and the class teacher
- Often there is no specific measurement

Anticipated Impact

- The Daily Mile is inclusive of all children
- Improved focus
- Children thrive on being outdoors – experiencing the fresh air, the weather, the sights and the sounds
- Improved fitness of all children in the school
- Improved fitness leading to children getting more out of their PE sessions
- Improved peer relationships
- Children feeling positive about fitness



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Blog/twitter

Classes have been updating their class blogs on our school website:

www.broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk and a new addition to the website will make it easier for you to keep up to date with any new information/announcements. Simply subscribe to the website by adding your email address at the bottom left of the screen on our webpage and select the categories you wish to be notified about and you will receive an email when new information appears on the site.

We also use Twitter @SchoolBroomhill to communicate quick snapshots of events in school. The website will display our twitter feed too.



Maths Week Scotland

We're looking forward to taking part in Maths Week Scotland on the 11th – 15th September. This is a new initiative, in its inaugural year, designed to help everyone to see maths more positively.

Miss Macrae, our numeracy co-ordinator has been organising some activities for class and home and we would encourage

everyone to become involved in these. Letters have been sent home with further details and individual class information will come out from your child's class teacher in relation to homework activities.



Breakfast Club



We are pleased to see that Great Western Pre-school has now extended its provision at Broomhill Out of School Club, to include a Breakfast Club. Enquires about places at the Breakfast Club should be directed to Broomhill Out Of School Club on 07711 376967/01224 319530 or by email: enquiries@greatwesternoosc.co.uk.

On a Health and Safety note, can I ask that all parents/carers bringing their children to and from the Out of School Clubs both before and after school do so through the playground and not through the car park at the rear of the school as agreed with the Club. Our School Health and Safety Policy states that children are not permitted in the car park. This is a very small area where vans/lorries access the school for deliveries etc and is therefore an unsafe area for pupils. There is no available parking for drop off/ collection in this area. Parents/carers are respectfully asked to park in the street and access the Out of School Club via the school gate, walking round the playground to the back door of the dining room, the designated entrance/exit to the club. Your support with this is much appreciated.

Health/medication matters

If your child receives regular medication and requires this to be administered in school, you may have received a letter recently asking for updated information. Please return this to school as soon as possible so that we can ensure that we have the correct medication/care plan in place to support your child.



We currently have an increasing number of pupils who have allergies to nuts and as such we would like to discourage parents/carers from sending their children to school with snacks containing nuts, helping us to minimise the risk of anaphylaxis and other severe reactions. Thank you.

School Uniform

We are very pleased to see that almost all of our pupils are wearing school uniform as set out in our guidelines within our School Handbook. We strongly encourage the wearing of our uniform, which is still the most economical way of clothing children to come to school. School sweatshirts, cardigans etc can be purchased through our school office after completion of a Uniform Order Form. Mrs Turner will process uniform orders during her working days of Monday – Wednesday. Parents/carers are asked where possible to make their uniform requests on a Monday, so that Mrs Turner can process the order during her working days.



Please remember to clearly name all items of uniform and equipment, if your child comes home with the wrong jumper etc, please remember to return it to the lost property area on the ground floor in the infant hall.

Our PTA is now operating a second hand uniform scheme and donations are always welcome. Please see Mrs Laura Angus for more information.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals you may also be entitled to a clothing grant application. These can be obtained from the school office or online at www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

School Meals

A reminder that pupils in P1-3 receive free school meals and pupils in P4-7 should pay for their tickets in advance of lunchtime. Tickets can be purchased in the morning at 8.50am from Lynn in the Infant Hall, £2.10 per ticket. (book of 10 tickets £21.00) If your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please see Mrs Turner/Ms Taylor in the school office for further information or download an information pack at: http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education_learning/schools/scc_Meals.asp

Lining up times

We very much have an Open Door Policy at Broomhill and we encourage parents to come and talk to us. However we would ask that parents/carers try not to take up too much of the teachers time in the morning at lining up time. We ask that as your children come into their class line, the adults step back from the lines to allow the class teachers to see the pupils clearly and then take them into school as efficiently as possible. If you wish to talk to your child's class teacher you are encouraged to do so via the school office where you can leave a message and the class teacher will call you back. Alternatively, please write a note in your child's homework book/reading record. Thank you for your help with this.



House Captains

Our school went to the polls last week to vote for candidates who were keen to be House Captains for our school houses: Crathes, Drum, Craigievar and Fraser.

All of our candidates were extremely confident in their applications and subsequent presentations to the school and the staff and pupils had a difficult task in deciding who was best for the job.

After the votes were counted on Thursday afternoon the following pupils were duly elected:



Crathes: Henry and Rihanna

Craigievar: Claudia and Kai

Drum: Calum A and Georgia

Fraser: Miller and Jessica

We wish to congratulate these P7 pupils on their achievement and wish them luck as they take on this valuable role for Broomhill.

Look out for more information from the House Captains as they embark on their first project!

The Daily Mile

As we embark on embedding The Daily Mile in our practice at Broomhill we'd be keen to hear your thoughts.

Additional information can be found at: <http://thedailymile.co.uk/> where you will find an additional information booklet for parents. We will also post this on our website.

Please add any comments about this initiative below: and send back to school as soon as you can.

Comments and thoughts on "The Daily Mile"

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