

# Broomhill Primary School

## News - 2019

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A very warm welcome to term 1, session 2019-20 at Broomhill.

It's been a busy start to the new school year and we have enjoyed welcoming new families into school and Early Years, along with our new Primary 1s who are all settling in to school life.

We had our first assembly of the session last Friday and along the theme of the return of "The Great British Bake Off" we developed a *Recipe for a Successful School Year*. It was a little bit like the contestants Technical Challenge where the pupils were given the ingredients and parts of the recipe and then used their skills to fill in the blanks. Our pupils, as always came up with some great ideas and the recipes created by both P2-3 and P4-7 are shared below:

### A Recipe for A Successful School Year

By P2 and P3

#### Ingredients:

##### Take:

480 children

18 classes

20 teachers

7 PSAs

##### Not forgetting:

1 janitor

4 dinner ladies

2 Depute Head Teachers

1 Head Teacher

Office staff

And lots of supportive parents and carers

#### Method:

Add lots of encouragement, determination and care, a pinch of helpfulness, a sprinkling of kindness and confidence, a drop of thoughtfulness and some happiness.

Mix together with curiosity and team work. With time this recipe will make a great school year!

### A Recipe for A Successful School Year

By P4-P7

#### Ingredients:

##### Take:

480 children

18 classes

20 teachers

7 PSAs

##### Not forgetting:

1 janitor

4 dinner ladies

2 Depute Head Teachers

1 Head Teacher

Office staff

And lots of supportive parents and carers

#### Method:

Add lots of encouragement, courage and kindness, a pinch of positivity, a sprinkling of enthusiasm and imagination, a drop of determination and some happiness.

Mix together with hard work and team work. With time this recipe will make a great school year!

Our recipes for success as you will see are very similar. This is really encouraging as it shows that our pupils really understand the Vision for Broomhill School and are articulating this really well.

In classes this week, our pupils are creating their own Class Charters which are a set of values, based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). These values also link in with our Broomhill Vision.

For pupils and families new to our school, our Broomhill Vision was created 2 years ago and is revisited annually with the pupils but is referred to throughout our day to day work. It takes the format of a song, written by pupils and takes account of the views of our school community. You can see (and hear) the complete Broomhill Song on our website by clicking on this link:

[www.broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk/making-broomhill-brilliant-our-vision-for-our-pupils](http://www.broomhill.aberdeen.sch.uk/making-broomhill-brilliant-our-vision-for-our-pupils)

As we begin our new school session, we look forward to working together with you all to ensure that we continue to instill these values within everyone by following our Recipes for Success!



## **Staff News:**

Over the summer holiday we continued to welcome our Broomhill Babies—a daughter for Mrs Webster and a son for Mrs Gordon. We are sending them all of our best wishes and are looking forward to seeing them all soon.

Mrs Friel (Acting DHT) took up her new post last week, covering Mrs Leslie's maternity leave. Mrs Friel will have line management responsibility for Primary 4—7 and will be out and about in the playground this week to say hello.

## **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.

## Home/School Communication



Twitter is quickly becoming the most effective and efficient way of sharing day to day work with our parents/carers. We would encourage all parents/carers to follow us on @SchoolBroomhill. All class teachers have accounts which will be shared through the main school account. We continue to operate our school blog/website and you will still be able to find out about general school information here but as Twitter is a quick and easy method for sharing the work of our classes, this will be the main media for this purpose.

All parents should also ensure that they are signed up to the Expressions App. This allows us to send any letters/links directly to your email address, quickly and easily. If you need help in accessing this, please contact Mrs Turner in our school office.

Each class teacher will be sending a Learning Leaflet home in the next week. This will detail some information about the plans for the term, PE days etc etc. This will also come to you electronically.

In the next week or so we will also be sending home an updated Annual Permissions Update. This will be in a Google Form format. Please read these carefully and submit the return to school as soon as possible.



## **Outdoor Learning**

Learning outdoors is an integral part of our learning and teaching at Broomhill School and is an entitlement for all pupils. All staff participated in some additional training on our

In Service Day last week and are motivated and raring to get our pupils outside on a regular basis. As I'm typing this newsletter, the sun is shining and pupils are enjoying learning opportunities in our playground. However, we all know that sunshine in Aberdeen can be quite rare at times and as the term progresses we are more likely to see some duller, grey, wet, even snowy days. It is still important that when learning outdoors brings enhancement to the learning experience, that we are able to venture out in all weathers. We therefore need to ensure that the pupils are ready and able to learn in this way. You can help by ensuring that your child comes to school equipped to go outside. Always with a showerproof/warm jacket and as the colder days appear, hat/gloves etc. Learning outdoors is part of our curriculum and pupils need to be prepared for this. We'll be sharing our Outdoor Learning experiences via twitter—look out for some innovative and engaging literacy and numeracy activities.

## The Daily Mile

Classes will continue to embed the Daily Mile in their routines this year. Many classes took part last year and we will continue to focus on ensuring that all pupils can take part in this worthwhile activity.

Further information about this can be found at: [www.thedailymile.co.uk](http://www.thedailymile.co.uk)



**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, e.g. 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

August 2017



## **Open Afternoon**

We would like to invite you to attend an Open Afternoon on **Tuesday 17th September**. This will provide an opportunity for you to see your child's class in action in their new classroom. From 2pm, P7 will be in charge of teas and coffees in the GP Room, in aid of **Macmillan**, so remember to pop along and donate to this worthwhile cause.



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

1.30pm—2pm: Visits to P6 and P7

2pm—2.30pm: Visits to P4 and P5

2.30pm—3pm: Visits to P1, P2 and P3

(a bell will ring to signify the end of each session)

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. For Health and Safety reasons, children will 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 before/after your visit to class.

## 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'd also like to remind you that pupils are not permitted to carry medication with them in school, all medications, creams, etc must be handed to an adult in school, by an adult and the appropriate paperwork completed at the school office. This ensures that we all have the correct information and pupils can be supported appropriately. Please speak to staff if you are unsure about anything in this regard.

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



If your child has visited First Aid during the day they will receive a First Aid Slip which will be sent home with them at the end of the day. We will continue to make contact with you directly if your child receives a Head Bump.



### **After School Health and Safety Reminders**

It's lovely to see pupils using the playground after school and we often see parents and children remaining there to have time to play and meet socially with others. We really encourage you to continue to do this but would ask you to remember that the use of wheeled toys, scooters etc should not take place until after 3.40pm when our nursery pupils have finished their day.

This also applies to the use of footballs, tennis etc. During the school day for safety reasons, we do not allow the use of leather footballs. We would also

ask for your support in not bringing these type of footballs into school at 3.10pm for your children to use in the playground. Again, the playground is a very busy place at this time with many young children and younger ones in buggies so to ensure everyone's safety we ask for your support in ensuring that everyone remains safe and accident free.

Can I also remind parents/carers that the school car park is for the use of staff only and should not be used to take pupils to and from After-School/breakfast club. Preferred access to the Club is via the school gate on Gray Street, walking round the playground and entering the club via the playground gate at the back. We have a small, tight car park which is used by delivery vehicles, recycling/refuse vehicles and limited staff cars, and isn't a safe area for our pupils. We appreciate your help and support in adhering to this in order to ensure the safety of our pupils.



## 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.



Mrs Turner still has some stock of smaller sizes of uniform in school and will be sending information home soon regarding times you can come and buy additional uniform. We now operate a new online system for orders through *School Trends*. You can order uniform at [schooltrends.co.uk](http://schooltrends.co.uk) by searching for *Broomhill School* using the postcode *AB10 6JF*. Orders are currently taking up to 21 days for delivery at this busy time.

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 class or the lost property area.

**Mrs Angus (Parent council) will be in the playground (or inside if it's raining) on Friday 6th September first thing in the morning and again at the end of the day with our Recycled Uniform for anyone who wants to stock up on any other items of previously loved uniform items.**

Our PTA operates a recycled uniform scheme and donations are always welcome.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals you may also be entitled to a clothing grant application. These can be accessed online at: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/school-life/apply-school-clothing-grant>



## Lost Property

Our Lost Property is located just inside the main door. We aim to recycle any items left here at the end of the month so please check this routinely for any items left behind. PSAs will check the items routinely and try to return anything named directly to the pupils—**please, please, ensure that all your child's school items are clearly named.**

## **Broomhill Parent Council/PTA**

### **Annual General Meeting**

Is happening soon in September (date/time/agency will be emailed)

All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

*Please come and support the ongoing work of our school and Parents/ supporters.*

**YOUR  
PARENT  
COUNCIL  
NEEDS  
YOU**

# Dates for your diary for Term 1 and 2



## Term 1

|                                    |  |
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| Friday 6th September 2019 (AM)     | M&M Productions visiting school to perform their Classic Literature Production “The Jungle Book” |
| Monday 9th September 2019          | P1 Pupils begin full days  |
| Tuesday 17th September 2019        | Open Afternoon and Macmillan Coffee  |
| Friday 20th September 2019         | Holiday  |
| Monday 23rd September 2019         | Holiday  |
| Week beginning 24th September 2019 | P7 Bikeability Programme begins  |
| Friday 27th September 2019         | Maths Week Scotland begins   |
| Friday 11th October 2019           | Term ends  |

## Term 2

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| Monday 28th October 2019          | Pupils return to school                 |
| Wednesday 6th November 2019       | M&M Prod. Panto in school: “Pinocchio”  |
| Tuesday 12th November 2019        | Parents Evening 6pm—8.30pm              |
| Thursday 14th November 2019       | Parents Evening 3.30pm—6pm              |
| Friday 15th November 2019         | Children in Need                        |
| Week beginning 11th November 2019 | Interfaith Week                         |
| Week beginning 18th November 2019 | Scottish Book Week                      |
| Thursday 21st November 2019       | In Service Day—school closed            |
| Friday 22nd November 2019         | In Service Day—school closed            |
| Week beg: 25th November 2019      | Sparkle and Shine Week P1-3             |
| Week beginning 2nd December 2019  | Concert Week                            |
| Tuesday 10th December 2019 (tbc)  | Torchlight Service—South Holburn Church |
| Friday 13th December 2019         | Christmas Jumper Day                    |
| Week beginning 16th December 2019 | Party Week                              |
| Friday 20th December 2019         | Term ends                               |

## Term 3

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| Monday 6th January 2020 | Pupils return to school |
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