



# Bridgend News

January 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

Let me start off by wishing all our families and friends a very Happy New Year! I hope you all had a fabulous holiday period. We are straight back into our normal routine and customs of Marvellous Monday and Workout Wednesday. This week, all our pupils looked extremely smart in their new school branded tracksuits. A huge thank you again to Mr Stewart for sourcing the funding for this fabulous resource.

Marvellous Monday has supported us in ensuring a smoother start to the school week, with the majority of pupils going into class straight away for milk and a cookie and, more importantly, a quality check-in with their class teacher. Another important way to ensure your child has the best start to each school day, is to attend our successful Breakfast Club. Doors open each morning at 8:10 am.

Another reminder that if your child has any health care needs, then please contact us to ensure we have the correct procedures in place to support your child. In addition, all health care forms and procedures from the policy can be found on our school website: <https://bridgendprimary.westlothian.org.uk>

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken  
Head Teacher

## Staffing Update



As you are aware we said farewell to Miss Ferguson in December. We are looking forward to Mr Gordon McKechnie, our new P1/2 teacher starting with us at the beginning of February. I am also delighted to share with you that we have finally managed to recruit our Family Support Worker. Jordan Chalmers will be starting with us as from Monday 13 January. We will organise an informal session where parents can meet Jordan and we can provide an outline as to how she can best support our families.

## School Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring we maintain high standards for all our pupils in sending your child/ren to school in school uniform. We hope to provide you with further opportunities of recycling school uniform and a display will be out during family engagement events, where possible. This will allow you to take an item that may be suitable for your child and if possible, we would ask for a small donation in return.

## Dress down Days!

Our next dress down day is on Friday 10 January. Please send your child with their donation, no matter how small. We have been consistent with our monthly donations so far which amount to £11. We are developing a fund which hopefully



will go towards improving activities in our playground.

## Bridgend Blether



Our next Bridgend Blether will be on 13 February, and thereafter 5 March. We value your support with this event.

## Workout Wednesday

Thank you for coming along to our very special Health & Wellbeing Assembly in December. The children now all have their branded tracksuits/t-shirts and we hope they enjoy wearing them. They look extremely smart! Please remember to come along to Mhairi's class on Thursday from 5.45-6.45 pm at the Community Centre.



## Parent Council



Our next parent council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 January at 2 pm.

Our recent Tombola raised £61.

Thank you all!

## Scottish Afternoon

During the month of January, the learning focus has a Scottish theme. In this respect, we would like to invite you to an open afternoon on Thursday 23 January from 2-3 pm where your child/ren will share their learning with you.



### Community News

**LYPP:** Games Club continuing on Wednesday evening at Bridgend Community Centre – all welcome.



**Playbase:** Playbase news is that we're kicking off our usual Wednesday sessions from 15th January at the community centre (11:15 to 12:30). We'll have a further 2 more dedicated Monday Night Munch for our families, dates have to be confirmed. Again, our Facebook page: Playbase West Lothian is the best way to keep updated with our going ons!! Check out their facebook page to keep up to date with activities going on in Bridgend.

**Church news:** The Ark after school club will start again on Thursday 20 Feb, 3.30 in the Mission Hall.

### Parking



Once again, can I ask you to please respect this plea! When you are visiting the school, can you ensure that the bus turning zone is kept clear and free of parked cars. We have had several complaints from the bus company where drivers have not been able to safely turn the bus into this zone. Also, remember that dropping off/picking up children from the school car park at any time, is not permitted, in line with West Lothian policy and procedures.

### Dates for your Diary



#### January

- 6 In-Service Day for staff  
Nursery open
- 7 Pupils Resume

- 15 Parent Council Meeting  
The Drama Box/P3/4/5  
Parent Council Meeting,  
2pm
- 23 P5 Handball  
Festival/Linlithgow  
Academy  
Scottish Open Afternoon  
2-3 pm
- 27 Big Schools' Birdwatch

#### February

- 3 P7 Pupils tour of  
High School
- 7 Pupil Support Staff from  
High School to visit  
Bridgend P7 pupils
- 13 Bridgend Blether
- 14 **HOLIDAY**
- 17 **HOLIDAY**
- 18 **In-Service Day for Staff**  
**Nursery open as normal**
- 19 **Pupils resume**
- 20 P7 Enhanced Transition