



Bridgend News

February 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

The weather has been reasonably kind to us so far this Winter period, let's see what the next couple of months bring – hopefully not too many surprises! We have had a huge increase in people accessing our school website – remember this is a great way to keep informed of any events, information and important links to the Council policies and procedures. The website address is: <https://bridgendprimary.westlothian.org.uk>

Workout Wednesdays have been extremely successful and the children look amazing in their new branded tracksuits. It is extremely important when our pupils attend cluster or other sporting festivals, that they feel well equipped and wearing their new tracksuits will certainly support this.

Thank you to those who came along to support our Scottish afternoon. We are always looking for new ways for parents to participate in their child/ren's learning and we are open to any ideas that you may have.

Finally, every year, we look to gather parent/carers' views, council wide, on school ethos. In this regard, I would appreciate if you could complete a very short survey using the following link: <https://www.esurveycreator.co.uk/s/6b30b67> If required, paper copies are available.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken
Head Teacher

Family Support Worker



Many of you have now met Jordan, our new Family Support Worker. Jordan is here to provide a wide range of support for our families and community. If you would like to take up support, please contact the office to organise an appointment. If it is more convenient, Jordan is able to come and meet you at home. We will have an informal drop-in café on the last Friday of each month from 9-10 am and this will provide you with another opportunity to come and have a chat.

There will also be an opportunity at this point to look at our supply of uniform that can be recycled and will be available during this time.

Jordan will be promoting a lunch time and after school homework club – details to follow.

Dress down Days!

Our next dress down day is on Friday 7 February. Please send your child with their donation, no matter how small. Last month we had an increase in our contributions and made £15. 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

Wednesday Workout sessions are going well. We are looking to participate in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. This has been set up by a children's mental health charity Place2Be. This week shines the spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. The theme for this year is 'Find you Brave'. The whole school will be led by Mhairi in the 'Daily Mile' and other activities.



Parent Council

Our next parent council meeting will be held on Tuesday 25 February at 2.15 pm.



Big Spring Clean

We are hoping to organise a Spring clean up within the local area around the school grounds. This will take place on 2 April. We would love if you would be able to join us or support us with this.



Community News

LYPP: Regular Wednesday night groups are back up and running for both primary or secondary pupils between 7-8 pm. These are great sessions where young



people can take part in football, games or crafts. The young people are awarded tokens for good, kind and positive behaviour which can win them a prize trip away at the end of each month. In S1 and above, the new time is 8:15-9:15 pm for games, crafts and baking. We respectfully ask that young people do not turn up until the start time. On the last Friday of the month, Dr Bike will be coming to the Community Centre from 1-2 pm for anyone to have their bike serviced and ask advice. This is free and in partnership with 1st Steps and Cycling Scotland.

Playbase: Please check our Facebook page: Playbase West Lothian to ensure you are kept up-to-date with our going ons!!

Church news: The Ark afterschool club meets in the Mission Hall starting on Thursday 20 February from 3:30-4:30 pm.

Parking



We have a few people who are still not acknowledging this plea – can I stress the importance of this please - 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



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

24 School Camp Information session – 6 pm

25 Parent Council Meeting – 2:15 pm

March

5 Bridgend Blether – 2.30 pm

11 Bridgend Health & Wellbeing Thematic Review

13 P7 parents' Bun 'n' Blether – 9 am

P7 Information Evening, Linlithgow Academy

16-20 P6&P7 School Camp, Dukeswood, Hexham

April

2 Spring Clean Up

END OF TERM

20 **Pupils resume**

24 Prize Bingo/Community Centre