



Bridgend News

March 2020



Dear Parents/Carers

Let's hope Spring is around the corner and no more storms over the next few weekends! There are ongoing concerns nationally, with regard to the Corona Virus and in this regard, we strongly encourage everyone to practise good hygiene procedures, especially in washing hands.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/best-way-to-wash-your-hands/>. Further information can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> Remember to keep informed of school events, by checking our website: <https://bridgendprimary.westlothian.org.uk>

Please help us to gather your views on school ethos. by completing a very short survey using the following link: <https://www.esurveycreator.co.uk/s/6b30b67> If you prefer a paper copy, please let us know and we can make the necessary arrangements to get one to you.

Also, we are shortly to be involved in a quality assurance visit on how well we support our learners and families with health & wellbeing. This will take place on the morning of the 11 March. We are looking for a small group of parents/carers who would like to contribute to this review. If you are interested, please contact the school office to advise.

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken
Head Teacher

Family Support Worker



We had Jordan's first drop-in café on Friday and it was disappointing that we did not have anyone turn up. This is a resource that is funded through the Scottish Attainment Challenge fund to support you and your family. We are keen to make sure we get it right for you and in this regard, please complete the attached sheet and return to the school, in order that we can tailor the support to meet your needs.

Jordan has also started a 'Walking Bus' to and from school, and if this is something you would like to support us with or be part of, please let us know.

Dress down Days!

Our next dress down day is on Friday 6 March. Please send your child with their donation, no matter how small. Last month we had an increase in our contributions and made £16.50. We are still looking to develop/improve our playground activities.



Bridgend Blether



Our next Bridgend Blether will be on Thursday 5 March and thereafter, 14 May. Once again, we appreciate your feedback on how we can improve this event.

Workout Wednesday

We are still actively involved in our Workout Wednesday. Please remember to send your child in their t-shirt/tracksuit.



Parent Council

Our Parent Council met recently and we discussed our Positive Relationships Policy. If you would like to be involved, please contact our chair person, Cassie Baird.



Big Spring Clean

We will be going ahead with our Spring Clean-Up on 2 April and thank you to those who have responded saying they would like to help. We are also looking for help in moving bark and putting this in our school garden/gazebo area. We have been waiting on the weather improving to do this, however, I think we may be waiting a while! If you would like to help us, please come along on Wednesday 25 March at 9.30 am.



Community News

LYPP: "1st Steps Café is running in partnership with LYPP their bike maintenance workshop on the last Friday of the month between now and May. If your bike has a squeak or it needs a tweak, or



you just want it looked over then come along between 1 and 2pm to Bridgend Community Centre for a free service and advice."

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 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



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
- 25 Garden Work – volunteers needed!

April

- 2 Spring Clean Up – volunteers needed!

END OF TERM

- 20 **Pupils resume**
- 24 Prize Bingo/Community Centre
- 30 Parent Consultations

May

- 4 **Holiday**
- 5 **In-Service (Staff)**
Nursery Open
- 6 Pupils' resume
- 14 Bridgend Blether