



# Bridgend News

May 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

This month is very different from last May, where we were in complete lockdown, but had kinder weather conditions. Let's hope the weather improves, given that restrictions are easing.

It is really important that we do not become complacent and adhere to all safety measures that have been put in place for all our safety. Up-to-date signage outside the school, reminds everyone of the importance of wearing masks and maintaining 2m distancing, and we thank you for your support with this. P1/2 continue to enter/exit via the breakfast club door and have the infant playground to themselves. P3/4 and The Hive, enter via the upper playground and leave via the infant door at the end of the school day, to minimise congestion. P5/6/7 enter via the upper school door and will continue to be escorted to the main gate at the end of the school day. I am aware that this can cause some congestion, and would strongly urge that you move on as soon as you meet your child.

We can't wait to share all the exciting things that are happening in our final term!

Kind regards

Jackie Aitken  
Head Teacher

## Pupil/Parent Voice



We are still not able to have you formally in the building, we

have to work even harder at keeping our school community together and welcome your ideas as to how we can continue to do this. Your opinion matters!



Our Parent Council are also looking to include you in school improvement. We are hoping to hold a meeting outdoors, very soon.

## Health & Safety/Medical



If your child has a medical condition, please ensure to inform us and complete the relevant forms. If in the current pandemic, you feel your child needs an individual risk assessment, please also make contact with the school office to start this process.

Sometimes we make small changes and forget to inform all our contacts. In the event of you getting a new phone number, please ensure you update your contact details on the Parents' Portal. You can also check that all your contact details are up-to-date on this forum.

We have had several children with coughs and sneezes, due to extreme changes in weather conditions. Please respect our position in that we are not medical experts, but have to be considerate to all our children's wellbeing, and in this regard, you may receive a call asking you to collect your child as they are presenting with symptoms. In the event of a negative result from a

COVID test, and your child is well enough, they may return to school or nursery, unless advised otherwise by NHS Inform.

Our school first aiders are Mrs Melrose and Mrs Dooley. All staff have had training for emergency aid procedures for school purposes.

We would also request that you check your child's head regularly for head lice.

The Scottish Government website ParentClub, continues to provide up-to-date and relevant support/strategies for parents in a variety of themes, sleep, challenging behaviour, so definitely worth a look: [www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coping-with-parenting](http://www.parentclub.scot/topics/coronavirus/coping-with-parenting)

## Online Safety



There are an increasing number of sites popping up that can be accessed inappropriately by children. Here are some links that you can check, to ensure your child's access is managed accordingly. There are separate sections for parents/carers:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> - advice on setting up parental controls and advice on sexting, online games and video apps.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> - pros, cons and things for parents to be aware of for each of themain

and emerging social media and gaming apps.

We continue to stress the importance of ensuring your child is safe and responsible when online.

### Community News



**LYPP:** It's been 5 months since we were last in Bridgend on a regular basis and we are delighted to finally be able to return! Firstly, we're now able to relaunch our one to one mentoring in schools and it was great to get back into Bridgend Primary to see a number of young people, last week. We're also able to restart our Friday afternoon street work, where we plan to be in the village between 1 and 3pm to catch up with young people and at the pump track. If you do see us, make sure you come over and say 'Hi!' Beyond this, we are looking forward to restarting our football on Thursday 20 May for primary aged young people between 6:30-7:30 pm and also for those in Secondary between 7:45-8:45 pm. For more information on these activities, please get in touch with me at: [graeme@lypp.org.uk](mailto:graeme@lypp.org.uk) or through Facebook (LYPP Linlithgow) or Instagram (LYPP lounge). Can't wait to see you all! Graeme.

**Church news:** Greetings from the parish church. To keep up to date please refer to the church's website [www.pkwla.co.uk](http://www.pkwla.co.uk), or the church's Facebook page. Sunday worship requires to be pre-booked due to limited capacity. Spaces are limited due to the 2 metre distancing rule and we can take up to 48 people depending if it is individuals or pairs or family groups. If you plan to attend a Sunday service please email [pkwzoom@outlook.com](mailto:pkwzoom@outlook.com) or phone the Session Clerk, Billy Taylor on 07899 803638 to confirm a space.

**Playbase:** Please check out our facebook page for information, or get in touch with myself, Leigh.

### Car Park



Our car park area continues to cause us concern, with many children and parents walking across this area. Please remind your child that it is not safe to enter any car park, at any time.

I need to stress the importance of keeping your child/ren away from the brick wall at the car park. This requires maintenance, therefore, it is unsafe to be near. Also, as a safety measure, it is next to cars in the car park. Please respect this and ensure your child is kept away from this area at all times to avoid injury or damage to vehicles.

### Uniform/Expectations



Once again, we would like to say thank you to parents for supporting us and ensuring high expectations of their child/ren wearing school uniform.

All our children should now have received a Workout Wednesday tracksuit and these should be worn for our 'Workout Wednesdays' with Mhairi. On your child's outdoor learning day, please ensure they have their school uniform in a separate bag to change into.

### Positive Behaviour Blueprint



We are continuing to focus on our Positive Response Behaviour Blueprint and look for your support with regard to this. We have recently carried out whole school assemblies on anti-bullying behaviour and the impact this has on others. The theme is 'Every

action has a reaction'. We all know how infectious a smile or laugh can be! We strive to get it right for every child and will continue to work in partnership with you to achieve this.

### Class News



P1/2 have started a topic on Minibeasts and will be in the school garden and local area looking for and identifying minibeasts. The children would like to find out more about how bees make honey, how spiders make webs and the lifecycle of a butterfly. Parents should continue to access Seesaw, as we upload photos of learning experiences and we would love for you to comment on your child's learning.

Primary 3/4 have started Scottish Council for Development and Industry Little Lighthouse Project. This is particularly exciting as we are only one of less than 20 schools across Scotland taking part.

They are also learning lots of STEM skills, including computer coding, making electrical circuits and model design and building. They will be taking part in 'Celebration of STEM' event on 8 June.

In The Hive, we have loved reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' and taking part in lots of science experiments related to the story. We have also been involved in 'Build your Legend' by Google, Internet Legends.

### Nursery



Our nursery children have been interested in planting and growing, cooking different food on the fire pit, continuing to enjoy being outdoors and using the garden space. They particularly love using the space in

and around our local community. We would remind parents to apply sunscreen and ensure their child wears a hat on sunny days. Although just now, it's more likely to be Winter woolies!

### Financial Support



Information has previously been shared, but it may be useful to have this again:

#### Advice Shop

If you have money worries and need help, please contact the Advice Shop by phoning 01506 283000 to speak to an adviser who can offer advice and support. Or complete the referral form: <https://www.westlothian.gov.uk/advice-shop-referral>

If you are in urgent need of immediate financial assistance West Lothian Council's Scottish Welfare Fund may be able to help. Please refer to the guidance to apply for a crisis grant: <http://www.westlothian.gov.uk/old/article/4362/Scottish-Welfare-Fund>

### Dates for your Diary



#### May

- 6 In-Service Day (Nursery open)

#### June

- 8 Celebration of STEM event
- 15 The Marches (holiday)
- 25 End of Term

