**Braemar School Newsletter -Term 1**

Welcome back!

We are delighted to welcome both you and your child back after the summer break. It was lovely to see them so pleased to be back at school, sharing their stories and catching up with their friends. Along with our new Primary 1 pupils, we have 3 new children joining us in Room 3, Vasi (P7), Brian (P7) and Alexis. (P4)

We said goodbye to Mrs Farquharson last session (with minimal fuss, at her request). We would like to thank her once again for all her hard work and dedication to Braemar School and wish her well in her new ventures. We hope that we will see her back in school often.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Anderson, PSA, back to Braemar School for 2 days a week this session. Mrs Bull will continue to support us on Wednesday mornings, and Mr Mackay and Mrs Munro will teach French and PE respectively. Mrs Baker will be in school covering non- contact time for a half day each week. We are also joined by Ms Malone, who will be with us for Term 1 delivering Kodaly music sessions.

Volunteers

Our pupils’ learning is enriched by the support of many volunteers, something we value greatly at Braemar School. We would particularly like to thank Mr Chamberlain for re-painting the lines in the playground over the summer holidays- our playground looks amazing! We are very keen to encourage parents and carers to volunteer to support the school in whichever way they feel comfortable. If you would like to be involved by supporting children with clubs or activities, being involved with the Parent Council or helping on trips please do get in touch and we can provide information about the process of signing up as a volunteer through Aberdeenshire Council.

Committees and Masterclasses

Our pupils have been busy choosing which groups to be involved in, and our committees had their first session on Monday afternoon. One of the skills- based Masterclasses is ‘Loose Parts Play’ with Mrs Wood. If you can help with any items on the wish list below, please do get in touch. The Digital Leaders group will share more about this on the school blog shortly.

Dates for your diary

Our school calendar will be finalised soon, but in the meantime these dates may be of interest:

**Friday 30thAugust** Winning House Treat! The ‘Pine Martens’ chose ‘Cinema and PJs’ for being the house with the most points last session. (PJs optional) This will be a half hour treat to reward them for being the house with the most points at the end of last session.

**Monday 2nd September** Parent Drop in Session 9-10 am. Come along and have a cuppa and an informal chat, offer suggestions, give feedback- a flexible format to suit. (If you have specific questions about your own child and their learning please contact us directly.)

**Thursday September 5th** Evening Express P1 photos

A quick reminder

Many of our doors were replaced over the holidays, and changes were made to the front door of the school. Following discussions during In Service days about the security of the building and the safety of our pupils, could we please ask you to continue to buzz at the front door if you need to speak to someone, rather than come in with the Nursery parents. We are more than happy to come and speak to you or make an appointment for later if preferred, but it is essential that we know who is in the building in case of emergency.

After discussion, we have decided that water bottles will come home each day to be returned, clean and filled or ready to be filled from the water fountain.

Please can you ensure that all clothes and belongings have names on.

To see what we are up to remember to check out the school blog or Twitter feed.

<https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/as/braemar/>

Find us on Twitter at @BraemarSchool

A final thank you

Braemar School and Nursery would like to thank James at the Invercauld Arms Hotel for the kind donation of furniture. The children are loving sitting on their new chairs!

Please get in touch should you have any questions; we are all looking forward to a fun and productive year!

Mrs Maclean

Mrs Wood and the Loose Parts Play group are looking for:

Guttering tarpaulins

Cable ties milk crates

Planks of wood large cardboard boxes

Clothes pegs wooden blocks or logs

Bungees Curtain rings

Please get in touch if you can help.

Many thanks in advance!