



**Thursday 30 June 2022**

Here we are at the end of the school session. This last term has been a lovely term with the return of many of the fun parts of school life.

It has been fantastic to have so many events and see so many of you back in school. Our Sports Day was a great success despite being rained off in the afternoon. I think the family picnic should become a tradition. Thank you to all the lovely parents who manned the stall. Our first face to face Parent Consultations in over two years went well with a good turnout. It was lovely seeing parents looking through your children's learning. There have been so many class trips that have all gone well and been thoroughly enjoyed.

Thank you to everyone who worked to put together The Summer Fair and especially to Rachel Blythe, our Parent Council Chair. The fair was a great success.

The past few weeks have been especially busy for our Primary 7 children who all enjoyed their three days at their new high school earlier this month and then worked extremely hard to finalise their show. It was so lovely having the entire school in the hall to watch the Primary 7s perform and to then be able to have parents and families come along in the evening.

### **Staffing**

There have been a few changes to our staffing, some of them very last minute! We are saying goodbye to several staff members tomorrow.

Ms Bradley is leaving to take up her new post as Depute Head Teacher at East Craigs.

Mrs Cowan is retiring after 23 years in the school office.

Ms Borrowman is heading to London to take up a class teacher post.

Mr McHugh is heading to Lorne Primary School to take up a class teacher post.

Ms Antova is heading to Edinburgh University to begin her PGDE in Primary Education.

Ms Jarvie, who has been teaching in P4a since Mrs McAndrew went on maternity leave, will also be moving on.

Ms Farrell-Stevens, EYP in our nursery is moving to a new post at Craigroyston Nursery.

Ms Moir, EYO in the nursery is taking a career break.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of them for their hard work and commitment to Broughton Primary.

We have some new staff joining us after the summer.

Mr Patryk Lodykowski will be teaching in Primary 3 in August

Ms Laura Clark will be returning to a class teacher post after 4 years in the Den as Emotional Literacy Coordinator, and Ms Nina Zizzamia will be joining us as a Pupil Support Officer. This post is funded from the Pupil Equity Funding and Ms Zizzamia will continue to provide some of the support Ms Clark has provided. Children will still have the opportunity to speak with Ms Zizzamia about any worries or concerns in the Den.

Ms Zizzamia will also have responsibility for supporting attendance, for developing home school relationships to improve engagement, supporting families with accessing wider

opportunities, providing targeted support and interventions to identified individuals and continuing to work with the Parent Council to further the '1 in 5 Poverty' initiatives. Ms Zizzamia will be in the playground in the mornings to meet children and parents and I am sure she will quickly become a familiar face in the school.

Mrs Tori Clark will be teaching Music on Thursdays and Fridays to Primary 3-7 classes.

### **Ritchie Collins artwork**

This term also saw the launch of our online shop where we are currently selling the Broughton Moon merchandise. Thank you to everyone who purchased products at the pop up shop, the fair or online. We have already made over £500 for school funds. Next session we will be thinking about how best to use the money raised.

### **Next Session**

There are a number of priorities for the school next session and these will be shared at the first Parent Council Meeting on 7 September as well as through the School Improvement Plan which will be on the website. Gaining our Rights Respecting School Award and submitting our Action Plan for the Green Flag award will be two of our top priorities.

### **Parent Council Meetings 2022-23**

The PC are keen to move away from always meeting for Parent Council meetings on **Wednesdays**, because some people cannot ever attend that day. So far dates have been set for the first two meetings on Wednesday 07 September 2022 and Tuesday 11 October 2022. The remaining dates will be agreed at one of these meetings. The plan is to also do a mix of online meetings and in school meetings so the first meeting on 7 September will be on Microsoft Teams.

Finally I would like to thank all school staff for their resilience and support throughout this session as we have steered our way through Covid restrictions and continual change. It has been one of the most challenging years in my 16 years as a Head Teacher but having the support of staff has made it much easier.

I would also like to thank all of you for your support throughout this session. I am aware that Covid has had a massive impact on so many families and will continue to do so. As a community we have worked together to support one another and this in turn has helped our children continue to make progress in all aspects of school life.

I look forward to next session and building on that home school partnership.

I wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing children back on Wednesday 17 August.

Maria Gowans  
Head Teacher

### **Broughton Primary School: Annual Calendar 2022-23**

Month	Date	Activity
August	Monday 15	In service Day
	Tuesday 16	In-Service Day
	Wednesday 17	<b>Pupils Resume</b>

	Wednesday 31	P1-7 Meet the Teacher
September	Wednesday 7	Parent Council Meeting 6.30-8 (Online)
	Monday 19	Autumn Holiday
	Friday 30	FAB lunchtime event
October	Wed 5 & Fri 7	Parents' Consultations x 2
	Tuesday 11	Parent Council Meeting: In school
	Friday 14	End of Term
	Monday 24	In-service day
	Tuesday 24	Pupils Resume
	TBC	FAB Halloween Event
November	Wednesday 2	Open Day for next August P1s
	Sunday 6	FAB: Playground Tidy Up
	Monday 14	Scottish Book Week
	Monday 21	P7s to Lagganlia
December	Tuesday 20	End of Term
January	Wednesday 4	In-service Day
	Thursday 5	Pupils Resume
February	Friday 10	End of Term
	Monday 20	All Resume
	Monday 27	Snapshot Jotter Week
March	Monday 13	Snapshot jotters sent home
	Wed 22 Fri 24	Parents' Consultations x 2
	Friday 31	Term ends
April	Monday 17	All resume
May	Monday 1	May Holiday
	Tuesday 2	In-service Day
	Monday 22	Victoria Day Holiday
	Friday 25	Reports go home
	Monday 29	Sports Week
	Tuesday 30	Sports Day x2
June	Wednesday 31	Nursery Sports Day
	Monday 26	P7 Barbeque
	Wednesday 28	End of Term