

P6 News

Welcome back to school and a warm welcome to Primary 6. It has been great getting to know everyone, and we are getting settled into our new classroom routines. A great start to the year, well done!

If you have any questions throughout the year or feel there is something your child's teacher should be made aware of, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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P.E.

Please ensure your child has a named gym kit, including a change of t-shirt, shorts or joggers and gym shoes, in a separate gym bag that stays in school. Gym kit is mandatory, and children will not be able to participate in their P.E lessons if they do not have kit. Gym kits will be sent home at the end of each term to be washed and then returned to school. PE days for P6a will be **Mondays and Tuesdays**, for P6b PE days will be **Mondays and Wednesdays**.

Staffing - Mrs. Clark will be teaching P6a every Wednesday.

Dates for your diary

September

Wed 2nd - Meet the teacher

Wed 9th - P6 Outdoor Learning Challenge
(Holyrood Park)

Mon 14th - September Holiday

Tues 29th - Water of Leith Active Citizens Event

Tues 29th - Parent Consultation 1

October

Thurs 1st - Parent Consultation 2

Fri 9th - Break for Holiday

Tues 20th - All Resume

Tues 27th - Flu Immunisations

November

Mon 16th - Scottish Book Week

Thurs 19th - Parent drop-in (end of day)

December

Fri 18th - Term Ends

Home learning

This year P6 will receive weekly spelling practice, and a termly challenge grid with end learning activities to be completed by the end of term.

Reading books are not usually sent home in P6 but we do encourage pupils to read for pleasure at home. We will also be tracking any books the pupils have read for enjoyment.

School lunches

School lunch choices are made online, via ParentPay by a Wednesday for the following week. If orders are not placed, then children need to bring a packed lunch.

Smart Watches

Please encourage children to leave Smart Watches at home during the school day, if your child does wear a smart watch to school this will have to be kept in the teacher's drawer, following the same procedure as when phones are brought into school.

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Discrete Subjects

Maths & Numeracy - This term we will be focusing on Place Value with whole numbers along with estimation and rounding, and negative numbers. We will also work on developing skills using addition and subtraction strategies. In maths pupils will be working on patterns and relationships, and shape.

Literacy - We will continue to develop our tools for literacy in reading, writing, as well as listening and talking activities. We have begun the term with a novel study - *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane*. We will be practising inference and retrieval skills, summarising and exploring a writer's tone and writing style. Our writing focus will be on imaginative writing such as setting descriptions and story writing.

P.E. - P6 will beginning the year with invasion games. They will focus on basketball with our PE specialist. With class teachers the pupils will explore other invasion games such as hockey and capture the flag.

Topic/IDL - This term we will combine science and technology outcomes through the lens of space and forces. We will learn about our solar system as well as friction, air resistance and gravity. The classes will take part in STEM challenges across the term.

H&WB - As a school we will continue to teach the tools needed to develop resilience. This is done through the 'Building Resilience' Programme. This term we will be focusing on 'Look on the Bright Side'.

Interdisciplinary Learning

This block P6 will be learning through a variety of contexts, each topic will be led by an area of the curriculum although there will be lots of opportunities to foster links across our learning. If you have any specialist knowledge or a particular interest in any of our topic areas, we would appreciate it if you got in touch.

Planned Opportunities for Wider Development

If your child celebrates an achievement outside of school eg. Swimming certificates, sporting trophies, Brownies/Cubs awards, please share these with us. This can be shared in the whole school 'Big Book of Achievement' and then shared at our weekly assemblies.

Each week a Star Award is presented to a class pupil. This is announced at our assembly.

Other opportunities for wider development will include:

- P2 buddies
- Vice House Captains
- John Muir Award

Ethos and Wider Life of the School

At Broughton we are very proud of the many ways that we help other people, both in our local community and around the world. This helps us to develop an awareness of our world and learn to be responsible citizens.

This term P6 will take part in:

- Helping our house to earn points
- Recycling
- Working together to create and follow our class charter reflecting our school values
- Taking part in whole school assemblies