

P7 Newsletter – Term 1

Welcome back Primary 7 families! 😊

We hope you all had an awesome summer holiday – it sounds like a lot of you have managed to find time to chill and relax (very jealous of some of you). Now it's on to your final year at Primary School! We hope you're as excited as we are. It's going to be a busy year with tons of fun. Let's all try to make it the best year that we can!

School lunches

School lunch choices must be made online, via ParentPay by Wednesday for the following week. If the order is not in by Wednesday, you will need to supply your child with a packed lunch.

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.

Our classes have P.E. on **Thursdays** and **Fridays**.

Dates for your diary

September

Wednesday 2nd – Meet the Teacher

Monday 14th – Autumn Holiday

Friday 25th – FAB Café

Wednesday 29th September and
Friday 1st October – Parents' Consultations

October

Wednesday 7th – Parent Council Meeting

Friday 9th – End of Term

Monday 19th – In-Service Day

Tuesday 20th – Pupils Resume

Monday 26th – P7s to Lagganlia

Friday 30th – FAB Halloween Disco

November

Sunday 1st – FAB Playground Tidy Up

Monday 16th – Scottish Book Week

Thursday 19th – Parent Drop-in

Friday 27th – FAB Winter Café

December

Friday 18th – End of term

Digital Learning

Throughout the year, much like their time in P6, the classes will be using their iPads to access various parts of their learning in the classroom. Resources will be shared with the pupils, and they will have access to them at home. These resources will be varied and will offer an opportunity for consolidation and challenge at home.

Both classes have renewed their iPad usage agreements. iPads will be allowed home on certain days of the week or for specific tasks. The P7s will have to sign their iPads in and out of class as they are needed every day in school for work.

Chargers will not be sent home. Please return any school chargers that may still be at home. Thank you.

Phones – Pupils should be handing their phone and Smart watches into their teacher at the start of each day. Please inform us if you decide to give your child a phone during the school year.

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Interdisciplinary Learning

This term, our school's topic is 'Our Community.' P7 will be looking at this through the focus of the government and democracy. Our learning will focus on social studies skills. The classes will be examining different types of evidence and exploring the reliability of sources. They will take part in a mock election at the end of term; creating a manifesto and researching social causes that they are interested in.

HWB

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.'

Maths & Numeracy

This term we will be consolidating knowledge of place value, which includes working on rounding, compare and ordering, partitioning, adding and subtracting 10s, 100s, 1000s as well as multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.

In math, we will be exploring data analysis by interpreting data and graphs.

As with throughout the year, we will continue to consolidate our knowledge of the four operations.

Literacy

Our class novel this term is 'The Girl of Ink and Stars by Kiran Millwood Hargrave. We will be exploring characterisation and developing textual analysis skills.

Linked to our IDL topic, we will be focusing on persuasive writing techniques, and we will also be writing speeches, balanced arguments and looking at how language persuades and influences the audience.

Planned Opportunities for Wider Development

If your child celebrates an achievement outside of school e.g. Swimming certificates, sporting trophies, Guides/Scouts 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.

Primary 7 transition events will be scheduled throughout the year for children to meet other P7s from our learning community schools of Leith Walk and Abbeyhill.

P7 will be attending the Scottish Parliament to learn more about how our country is run. Both classes will receive a letter nearer the time. The classes will attend on different days.

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, the Primary 7 children will begin to support other children around the school with jobs such as stair monitors, buddying and lunchtime helpers. House captain elections will be held on 28th August with the results on Friday 4th. We look forward to welcoming our new P7 house captains soon. These jobs support their growing maturity and responsibility to all their interactions with other pupils.