

# Broomlands Primary School



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Dear Parents/Carers

## March News

We are all pleased that, all of a sudden, there are hints of spring in the air! The bulbs planted (and in some cases kindly replanted by very helpful parents – thank you!) are starting to sprout. Staff were out in the school garden considering how we can take learning into the fresh air in the weeks to come, and the den builders of P6&7 noticed the birdsong in the woods as they worked together on their woodland projects.

### **Staffing**

We can now advise that Carole Ward-Higgins has been appointed as our P.E. teacher. Carole has worked in the school on a temporary basis and we are delighted that she will join Broomlands as a permanent member of staff.

At our recent Parent Council meeting I shared some feedback from the P5-7 children about wellbeing. The meeting felt it would be helpful to share this more widely. The children have given us an honest insight into how they feel about being a pupil at Broomlands, with some very positive and encouraging pictures emerging.

93% of our children are happy with who they are.	94% try to learn from mistakes
94% keep trying, even if they find something hard.	96% like their playtimes.
99% feel adults at Broomlands set a good example.	97% know their teacher cares about them.
96% want to treat others the way they like to be treated.	
95% try to help others when things are hard for them.	

For us to work on with the children through our learning about resilience in the coming months.

52% keep their feelings to themselves.	52% are easily hurt by what others say about them
40% find it hard to calm down quickly after getting angry.	
34% don't find it easy to make up with people after falling out	

We have shared these results with the children and will continue working to support them in the things they find difficult.

School continues to be a busy place of learning, with a recent visit from a falconer to help P4/5 learn more about birds of prey, Primary 1 started to use their new outdoor area for play-based learning, assemblies focusing on Fair-Trade Fortnight and Primary 3/4 off to the Hirsell to learn more about farming and food. Staff continue to amaze me with their imaginative, creative and innovative approaches to teaching and I look forward to seeing what comes next!

Mr Lindsay

## **Special Awards**

The following young people have been sent to Mr Lindsay or Mrs Gibson for all the right reasons:

**The whole of Primary 6** – for brilliantly written persuasive letters and posters arguing for and promoting the value of fair trade school uniform. As a result of this there is now an option on Border Embroideries website for parents to buy fair trade white polo shirts. Well done all!

**Adam Fletcher (P5)** – for excellent spelling and vocabulary work – keep it up, Adam!

**Primary 7** – for terrific work on outdoor learning, representing the landscapes of different part of Scotland using natural and ‘loose parts’ materials. Well done to everyone!

**Ryan Cutter (P5)** – for excellent independent work on times tables. Brilliant!

**Sophie Lees (P5)** – for super imaginative writing – well done Sophie!

**Harvey Amis (P7)** – for brilliant descriptive writing. Full of great words and good observations.

**Kenny Keddie & Lewis Hawker (P7)** – for super art work using the Borders scenery as a stimulus.

**Ryan Macaulay, Katie-Leigh Williams & Kimberley Collins (P6)** – for great persuasive writing.

## **Parking, Drop-off and Collection**

We recognise that parking continues to be a challenge around the school. We appreciate everyone parking carefully and considerately, making use of the drop-off area and avoiding the busy school car park as we keep trying to ensure the roads are safe for everyone at Broomlands. Just a reminder that parking within 10 metres of a junction is an offence, and where possible, please avoid driveways and dropped kerb crossing points. PC Tait-Logan will be supporting us at times in the coming weeks to help keep our children safe as they come and go to school. Look out for PC Don't Park on the Pavement' and 'PC Don't Park over Driveways' who will be making an appearance soon! Thank you for your support.



## **One of our Stars**

It was a little while ago, but we just wanted to recognise the bravery and sensible head of Sophie Siddle (P4) who was able to telephone for an ambulance and keep herself calm in a very stressful and worrying situation. We are proud of her quick thinking and quick action that made a huge difference to the health and wellbeing of a family member. We are hoping to offer a 'Mini-Medics' lunchtime club soon, allowing children to learn some basic first aid and the actions that are needed in an emergency situation. Well done Sophie!

## **Attendance**

We continue to strive for full attendance at school wherever possible. If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please do remember to keep us informed so we know you and your child are safe and will be back with us soon. A message via the Xpressions app is the easiest and quickest way to keep in touch. This is free of charge to download and can be installed on your mobile phone or tablet. It currently supports both Apple iOS and android devices. All you need to do is:

- Search for Groupcall Xpressions in your App store
- Once installed, you can login using the email and mobile number stored against your child's school record.
- You can then access the system and receive and send messages.

## **School Lunches**

Parents need to order school lunches online at ParentPay. Meals can be ordered weekly, monthly or up to a term at a time. If you order weekly can we please ask that you do it at the weekend in order to save admin time on a Monday morning.

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### Dates for your diary

Below is a list of dates for the coming term. I am sure there will be more put in the diary as the term progresses and I will update you on this when necessary. Details of any relevant dates below will be published nearer the time.

17 <sup>th</sup> March	Members of the Eco Committee and competition winners will be taking part in Broomlands Big Tree Plant
17 <sup>th</sup> March	P5 to visit Mary Queen of Scots House, Jedburgh
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Re-arranged date for Cross Country for selected pupils
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Photographer in school to take class photographs from ELC to P7
24 <sup>th</sup> March	P7 Parents Evening at Kelso High School – information to follow
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Reports sent home to parents for pupils in P1 to P7
27 <sup>th</sup> March	P3/4 at Spring Church Service rehearsal
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Report comment sheet returned to school
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Spring Church Service at Kelso Old Parish Church at 2pm – all welcome
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	School and nursery close for Easter holidays. The nursery hub is only open for pupil who attend 50 weeks
20 <sup>th</sup> April	School and nursery re-open at normal time
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Raising Children with Confidence – Session 1 at 6pm in the school
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Raising Children with Confidence – Session 2 at 6pm in the school
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Race for Life – more information to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> May	In-Service Day
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday

Achievement Assemblies		
18 <sup>th</sup> March	6 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> June