



Monday 29th February 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our first week back after the February half term holiday has been great. It is lovely to see our children look so energised and ready to learn in the second half of this term.

We have a very exciting week ahead at Brunstane. Read on to find out more!

World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March we will be celebrating World Book Day at Brunstane with a range of exciting activities and experiences across the whole day.

As part of our celebrations children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. Please don't worry if you don't have time to get a costume as all of the children will be making a mask of their favourite character in school before the big day.

Our P7s are going to have an extra-special World Book Day as they have been invited to attend the launch of the First Minister's Reading Challenge at the Scottish Storytelling Centre. Look out for their faces on TV/Newspapers that day! We will be doing some extra special costume making with P7 to get them ready for their big event!

Scots IDL Theme Movies

Over the course of January and February we have been learning about Scottish Literature as one of our whole school inter-disciplinary learning themes. To share our learning with our parents/carers and families we have made two movies recording some of our most significant learning from the theme. The first movie is a summary of what and how each class learned during the theme and the second is a Brunstane production of Tam O'Shanter with children, staff and parents performing the entire poem! I have had a sneak peak and it looks amazing! Parents, carers and families are very welcome to come and join us for the premiere at assembly this Friday at 9am. Thanks to Mr McKenzie for his hard work on this project.



World of Work Week

As part of our Skills for Life, Learning and Work programme here at Brunstane we are aiming to provide a high standard of Career Education from the earliest stages of our children's learning journey. It is vitally important that learners from a very young age are encouraged to think about the world around them and their place in it now and in the future.

We are proposing to hold a WoW (World of Work) week in March (week beginning 7th March) We are looking for parents and carers to support this by offering to share their career experience with classes during the WoW week.

If you would be happy to come in and talk to classes could you please phone, tweet or pop in to see Mr Brack.

Seasons for Growth

Hopefully you received the letters last week from Mr McMillan regarding our new Seasons for Growth programme at Brunstane. This is a great opportunity for any children who have experienced any loss or change to receive support in school. I would strongly encourage you to complete the forms and return to school if this would be something your child would benefit from.

Parking

We are experiencing significant issues with parking currently. Can I remind everyone that the car park is only for the use of staff and visiting staff for both the school and community centre. There is no space for parents to use this car park as a drop off/pick up point. Currently we are regularly observing parents driving (way too fast) into our car park at times of the day when children are arriving or leaving the school grounds. Our grassy area has been badly damaged by cars and is now unusable. Thank you for following this important safety advice.

Election Days

As you may know the Scottish Parliament election is on **Thursday May 5th** and the EU Referendum is on **Thursday June 23rd** this year. As Brunstane is used as a polling place school will be closed to pupils on both these days. Staff will be taking part in inservice training on both days. This means the P7 Prom will be re-arranged for another date to be advised asap. The P7 visit to high school will be unaffected.

Wishing you a good week ahead- remember to pop along to assembly if you are free on Friday at 9am.

Yours sincerely

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