



BRAEVIEW ACADEMY

Newsletter

Be Ambitious. Be Responsible. Be Safe.



DECEMBER 2019

VISION & VALUES



BE AMBITIOUS All members of our community challenge themselves to achieve their personal best by setting goals, showing determination and taking pride in their successes.

All members of our community commit to engage in learning. We achieve this by embracing all opportunities to attend, learn and attain. We take care of our learning environment.

BE RESPONSIBLE

All members of our community feel respected, nurtured and included. We achieve this by being honest, caring and showing kindness towards others. We look out for our own safety and that of others.

BE SAFE

It starts with YOU!

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Be Responsible.

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It Starts With You



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Wishing all our families a very Merry Christmas



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A note from the Head Teacher...



Welcome to our December newsletter.

As you may be aware if you follow us on Twitter, our staff and pupils have been very busy so far this session.

Pupils have enjoyed a wide range of enjoyable educational experiences in school, in the community and beyond.

We have done a lot of work on embedding our school community vision and values and encouraging positive relationships in classes and all around the school. Our new Relationships for Learning policy is based on everyone taking responsibility for their own behaviour towards others and making the effort to mend a relationship if something happens to break it down. We know that positive relationships are key to high quality learning and pupils achieving their best.

November saw our first ever Kindness Day and it was a fantastic success. Pupils learned how the simple act of being kind can give themselves and others a real feel-good factor.

As the Christmas season gets into swing, we look forward to a range of events. Our Music concert takes place on 10 December. We are all very excited about the staff "Strictly Come Dancing" competition and "Jack in the Beanstalk" pantomime that will entertain pupils during the last few days of the term. Please tell your children that these fun events are not to be missed!

The holidays are a time for rest for young people, but for our seniors especially, they are also an opportunity for some valuable revision of schoolwork.

I wish all my staff, pupils, parents and carers, community partners and friends a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Ms L Elder

Head Teacher

Uniform

Pupils are strongly encouraged to be involved in the life of our school, to be proud of the school and to identify with the school by wearing the school uniform.

Uniform consists of:

- Trousers/skirt – black
- Shirt/blouse – white
- Pullover/sweatshirt/cardigan – black
- School tie – maroon
- Shoes – black
- School Blazer (S4-S6)
- PE Kit – shorts, t-shirt, trainers. Swimming shorts (boys)/Swimming Costume (girls)

School Ties (£6) - Available from the school office

Parking/Dropping off and Picking up Children

Please remember the dangers involved when dropping off and picking up your children. We would appreciate it if pupils were dropped off and picked up out with the school grounds as the brae and car park can become very congested at peak times. This puts our children at unnecessary risk.

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On Yer Bike!



UCI World Cup Visit



We were recently given the opportunity to attend the UCI world cup at the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome and watched some of the top world class cyclists competing against each other to qualify for next year's Olympics . We saw many different races and were able to meet some of the Great British athletes who were competing including Lucy Grant, pictured above with Charlie Palmer and Alexa Wallace.

Well done to Braeview Academy's Cyclathon Participants!

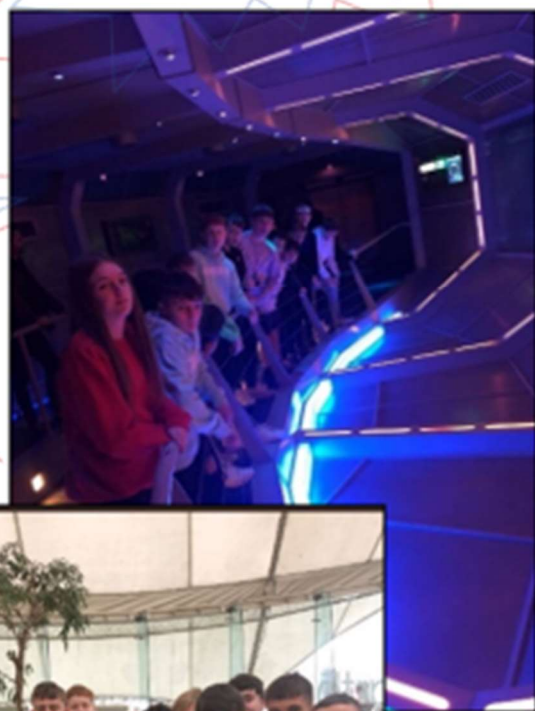
Two of our pupils were invited to Dundee Rotary Club's Civic Reception, alongside their teammates from neighbouring schools, to celebrate their involvement in the Dundee Cyclathon. S2 pupils, Alexa Wallace and Charlie Palmer, cycled an astounding 26 miles alongside Mrs Penny in honour of the mental health charity, SAMH. Well done Alexa and Charlie. What an achievement!



A great day of learning took place back in November for our S3 Physics and RME pupils on a trip to Dynamic Earth in Edinburgh.

Accompanied by Mr Strachan and Mrs Keating, they learned lots of interesting facts and even got to meet First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon.

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A Busy Term for the Modern Studies Department!

S3

Street Law Project – Working with Dundee and Aberdeen University, pupils are exploring issues relating to young people and the law including topics such as “What is a crime” and “How Scottish courts operate”.

Scottish Parliament – In March, S3 pupils will have the chance to visit Scottish Parliament and hopefully meet with MSP Shona Robinson before attending the First Minister’s Question in the Chamber.

Harry McLevy Memorial Award – Darren Marshall flies the flag for this year’s entry. The annual citywide research-based competition winner will be announced in mid-December. Darren is pictured receiving his certificate from Bob McGregor, Unite the Union’s regional organiser.



Court Visit – Arrangements are being finalised for an S4 visit to Dundee Sheriff Court in December. If possible, it is also hoped that the pupils will be able to visit Police HQ at Bell Street on the same day.

S4

S5/6

DCA visit – Higher pupils attended a showing of the new Ken Loach film “Sorry We Missed You” at the DCA in early November. The film portrays the challenges many families in the UK face within the gig economy. The film revisits topics studied from earlier in the year including poverty and inequality in UK society.

Best practice conference / Abertay University Debate – Higher pupils attended a “Best Practice” conference on the Higher qualification on Monday 9 December. Led by experienced practitioners, the annual conference has helped raise attainment in Higher Modern Studies for a number of years. In the afternoon, lecturers from the Sociology Department of Abertay University lead pupils in a debate over a current political/social issue.

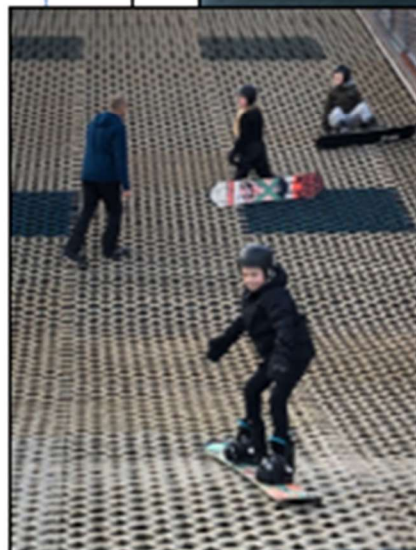
Outdoor Ed. at Ancrum

CHALLENGE COMPLETE!

Seven S1 pupils from Discovery House have completed a successful six weeks of Outdoor Education with Ancrum Outdoor Centre.

Kaine Milligan, Callum Blyth, Connor O'Dwyer, Aidan Smith, Breanna Bell, Lucie Kinney and Dayna Neilson challenged themselves to take part in a variety of activities to encourage team building, develop confidence and communication as well as other skills and qualities that will one day be useful in the World of Work.

A big well done to you all and a special thank you to Mrs Penny for getting stuck in herself and accompanying the pupils throughout the six weeks.



Working in the Community



Over the last few weeks, a group of our S6 RME pupils have been volunteering in the community with the help of their RME teacher, Mrs Keating and charity, Taught by Muhammad.

Kieran Barron, Jack Buist, Ewan Burnett, Josh Donald, Craig Loudon, Tyler Martin and Ryan Young visited Kirkton Community Café on a number of occasions where they got to know the regular customers by cooking for them, playing cards and dominoes and even surprising some of the ladies with flowers.



The boys even made it into the local paper for their amazing efforts!



Happiness is riding a bike!



Congratulations to the following S1 pupils for completing Level 2 Bikeability this term: Ava Connolly, Hollie Glen, Joanne Gordon, Kayley Patterson, Ellie Simpson, Cerys Thomson and Sasha Thornton.



Braeview Bike Mechanics Group

Our Bike Mechanics pupils enjoying a fitness and speed test against Mr Cuthbert.

The group meets every Monday and Tuesday lunchtime.

New members always welcome!

Braeview Academy pupils successfully launched their very first Kindness Day on the 12th of November with the aim of enforcing the importance of kindness and being supportive to our peers.

Mrs Keating (RME teacher) and Mr Cuthbert (Guidance Teacher),

with the help of our S6 pupils, delivered fantastic sessions to our S1 and S2 pupils, packed with a range of activities including team-building exercises with the focus upon our school values – Ambition, Responsibility and Safety. It was a fantastic day for all involved!



#Equality

Braeview Kindness Day

#KindnessisKing

#KindnessDay



#WeareBraeview

Olympic Medallist Eilidh Doyle visits Braeview!

It was our privilege to have Olympic medallist, Eilidh Doyle, visit Braeview Academy for the day. Eilidh spoke about her own journey which has seen her win a bronze Olympic medal, participate at the Commonwealth Games and become a former European Champion in the hope of inspiring the next generation of athletes and encourage them to fulfil their potential through sport.



Braeview PE Department with Eilidh Doyle



Eilidh ready to deliver her talk to Braeview pupils in the Ambition Hall



Pupil Achievements



Ryze Educational Reward Passes

The PE Department have introduced a great incentive for pupils that perform to a high standard and uphold the school values within the department. Since October, two pupils from each year group have been selected and given a pass for Ryze Dundee which entitles them to free entry for a month and 25% for their friends.

Well done from the PE Department!

October Winners

Sharilee Higgins 1L2, Rhys Gordon 1M1, Tianna McCann 2M2, Ben Russell 2D2, Alyssa Dowdles 3L2, Darren Beveridge 3M1, Darcey Leslie 4L1, Jamie Cassidy 4M2, Laura Gourlay 5M1, Aidan Dalton 5M1, Chloe Strachan 6A and Ryan Young 6A.

November Winners

Joshua Marshall 1M2, Katie Balfour 1L1, Jamie Adams 2L2, Hannah McFee 2M1, Jamie Stewart 3L2, Keira Devlin 3L2, Jodie McGowan 4M1, Jamie Gray 4M2, Joshua Byrne 5M1, Harry McFarlane 5M1, Ellie Petrie 6A and Ashlyn Simpson 6A.

English Pupils now Published Writers!

Congratulations to our 36 English pupils who had their work published in Young Writers' award-winning Survival Sagas books: Mission Contamination and Mission Chaos. I have had great feedback from the company. These pupils can all now refer to themselves as published writers!

Braeview Pupils complete Dundee Cyclathon

Well done to Alexa Wallace 2L1 and Charlie Palmer 2D2 on completing the Dundee Cyclathon in September. They cycled 26 miles at a record pace alongside Mrs Penny, raising money for SAMH (Mental Health Charity).



Getting into the Christmas Spirit at Braeview Academy

Christmas Concert Success!

A huge well done to everyone involved in our Christmas Concert on the 10th of December.

The pupils have been working hard and put on a fantastic show that helped get us all into the Christmas spirit with a variety of singing, dancing and instrumental performances.

A massive thank you to all staff involved and all of the families that showed up to watch and cheer our young people on.



Braeview Staff to put on a show!

Pupils will have the pleasure of seeing some of their teachers perform in Braeview Academy's very own Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk... Oh yes, they will!

Staff will take to the stage in the Ambition Hall for two performances on Thursday the 19th of December as we approach the end of this term and the beginning of the festive period.

A massive thank you to those involved including the Art department for creating elements of the set and costumes and to Cameron Fletcher for designing the panto poster displayed around the school.



Scots Language Writer visits the English Department!

An S1 English class enjoyed a visit from Scots Language Writer, Matthew Fitt at the start of December. Mr Fitt, an expert in the field of Scots Language education, delivered a lesson to pupils on the subject which was filmed by the Scottish Book Trust.

Over the last ten years, Braeview Academy's English Department has fostered a close working relationship with the Novelist and Poet, benefiting from regular visits to the school and workshops aimed at aspiring young writers.

We look forward to working with Matthew in 2020 and beyond.

Physics Trip to Torness Power Station

In October, a group of our Physics students visited Scotland's only remaining nuclear power station at Torness in East Lothian.

The visit allowed our pupils to enhance their knowledge of the nuclear power industry including the day-to-day operation at such a facility. They benefited from a full guided tour of the complex thus enabling them to see what goes on behind the scenes at such an important industrial site. This included the opportunity to visit the purpose-built visitor centre, where the pupils were able to explore, in a fun and interactive way, how electricity is generated.

The visit has helped the pupils to understand further the relationship between Industry and their own classroom learning.

A Fond Farewell...

We would like to wish Mrs Afzal, Guidance Teacher for McManus House, all the best in her retirement after 20 years at Braeview Academy. She has been an asset to the school throughout and she leaves with our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Also retiring at the end of the term is our ERW, Donna Dingwall. During her 15 years at Braeview Academy, she has offered invaluable help and support to pupils, parents, carers and staff. She too leaves us with our best wishes for the future.

Meet our S6 School Captains...

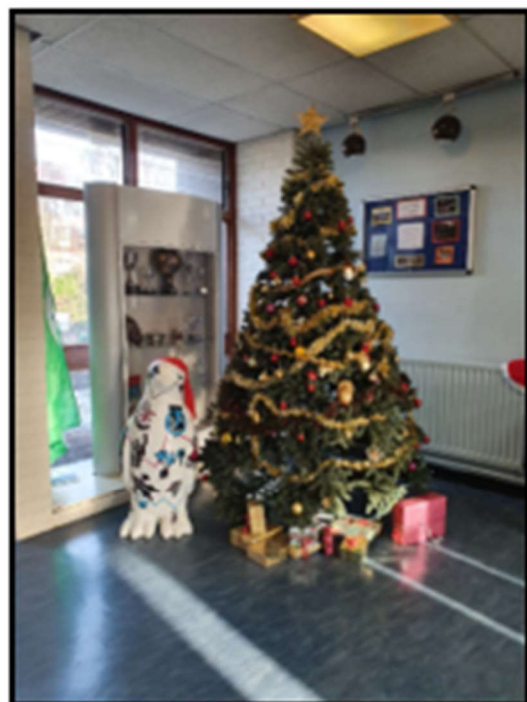


Chloe Strachan



Cally Taylor

Christmas is here at Braeview!



Our festive Christmas Tree, decorated by Alex Geddes and some of our S1 pupils including Brendon Sim, Barry Risk, Finlay Durno, Nicholas Clarkson and Kegan Milne.

Dates for your Diary

2019 - 2020

Wednesday 11 December 2019	Senior Phase Contact Evening 4pm-6.30pm
Friday 20 December 2019	End of Winter Term
Tuesday 7 January 2020	Start of Spring Term
Monday 13 January 2020	S3 Contact Evening 4pm-6.30pm
Monday 20 January 2020	S2 Contact Evening 4pm-6.30pm
Friday 14 & Monday 17 February 2020	Mid Term Break
Tuesday 18 February 2020	Inservice Day
Tuesday 24 March 2020	Senior Phase Contact Evening 4pm-6.30pm
Friday 27 March 2020	End of Spring Term

Forthcoming Events

Tuesday 10 December 2019	Christmas Fayre Christmas Concert 6pm
Wednesday 11 March 2020	Parent Council Meeting 6pm-7.30pm
Friday 12 June 2020	S6 Leaver's Dance