

Dates for your Diary 2014-2015

Friday	3 July	End of Summer Term
Monday	17 August	In Service Day 1
Tuesday	18 August	Start of Autumn Term
Friday	9 October	End of Autumn Term
Monday	26 October	Start of Winter Term
Thursday	12 November	In Service Day 2
Friday	13 November	In Service Day 3
Wednesday	23 December	End of Winter Term
Thursday	7 January 2016	Start of Spring Term

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June 2015

The School Aims

To achieve the highest results

To be the best that we can be

To narrow the gap

To make the difference



Head Boy – Keiran Smith

Head Girl – Morgan Halliday

Dear Parents

It is always nice to write to you at the end of the summer term as the holidays approach. Although we have only a week left there is still a lot happening, as the end of term is busy as ever.

On Tuesday of last week we had our two Prizegiving ceremonies and in the evening we welcomed as a guest speaker Mr John Reid, Factory Manager of the Michelin Dundee plant. John was inspirational and certainly motivated our pupils to strive for the very best in life. We are thrilled that John plays such an active role in the exciting and fruitful partnership between Braeview Academy and Michelin, Dundee.

We were also delighted that Mr Mike Welsh, North East Communities Officer, agreed to present the prizes at the junior ceremony in the afternoon. It is always lovely to see Mike in the school and we are very grateful for the work Mike does in the local community for our pupils.

We have just come to the end of our 3 year school improvement plan, from 2012 – 2015 and our main priorities related to the development and introduction of a Curriculum for Excellence. The emphasis throughout has been on meeting the needs of all pupils, raising attainment and achievement, and in preparing our pupils for life after school.

The new 2015 - 2018 Improvement Plan has been developed recently and we have worked with partner agencies, teaching staff and support staff in identifying priorities for improvement. And of course, our school Improvement Plan supports the priorities for improvement in Dundee City and we are particularly grateful for the continuing support of our education officer and managers.

We say goodbye to our S6 pupils and their parents. This is always sad as we have shared many happy years but it is wonderful to see our pupils grown into such delightful young adults. We wish them and their families well for the future. But, whatever the future holds for those who are leaving and for those who are coming back in August, on behalf of my staff I wish you a very happy holiday.

T Little
Acting Head Teacher

School Uniform

As you know, we are always very proud of the appearance of our pupils in their school uniform and are grateful to all our parents who support us in so many ways. Unfortunately at the moment we seem to have a small number of our girls who are not following the dress code. Could we remind parents of our girls that shorts/skorts and jeans are not permitted even if they are black, and that leggings are permitted but only if they are worn with a skirt.

Dundee Schools Trampolining

The following pupils took part in the Dundee Schools Trampolining Competition:

Darren Hill 2D1

Mia Williams 105

Andromeda Gibb 2C3

Nairn Thompson 2D2

Darren Hill won an individual gold and Mia Williams won an individual silver in their respective divisions.

The team of four also won the team competition beating Harris Academy and Grove Academy.



Primary 7 Transition Programme June 2015

As part of the transition programme from Primary to Secondary, P7 pupils took part in a citizenship day at Braeview Academy. They worked on various tasks throughout the day to raise their awareness of what makes a good citizen and to make them aware of the concept of global citizenship.



The pupils started the day by imagining they were part of a family in India who made paper bags for a living. The pupils were challenged to make enough paper bags out of newspaper to earn enough money to survive. The pupils were surprised just how difficult it would be to earn enough to feed their family.

The pupils then watched a short video on sweat shop working and clothing ethics. The day was broken up with some games provided by the PE department. In the afternoon, pupils worked in groups to design T-shirts with citizenship slogans on them. When the pupils arrive in August they will transfer their design onto a T-shirt as part of their S1 RME course. Finally, the pupils made achievable promises to make themselves better citizens.



The pupils enjoyed the day and are looking forward to starting with us in August.

Braeview Academy's 'Can you do it?' location-based photo challenge app wins them the Strathmore Trophy 2015

A team of pupils from Braeview Academy have won the University of Dundee's Strathmore Trophy 2015 after impressing judges with their mobile app 'Can you do it'?

They beat off competition from 20 schools across Scotland at the event, which took place at the University's Queen Mother Building on Tuesday, 16th June.

Teams of four from S2 competed against each other in a challenge set by staff at the University's School of Computing.



This year's teams were asked to create a mobile application using App Inventor for Android. The winning Braeview team members are Leah Devlin, Tamsyn Sung, Josh Donald and Dale Shearer. They were presented with their trophy by Professor John Arnott the Chair of Communication Systems and Deputy Head of School for Computing at Dundee University.

Leah said, "We wanted to create something that all ages would like, it also needed to be an app that was up to date and relevant. We decided on a photo

and selfie theme as that is something we enjoy using our phones for". Dale, her team mate said, "We mixed this up with an app that found your location and set you photo challenges based on where you are. For example, if you were in Paris, you may need to get in a selfie with the Eiffel Tower".



Josh, who worked on the creation of the app said, "The team faced many challenges in getting the camera function to fully work to give us a working prototype". Tamsyn led the presentation preparation and explained that "It was really important to get the message of this contemporary and fun app over to the judges".

The team's thanks went to the competition organisers Dr Iain Murray and Dr Rachel Menzies from the School of Computing at Dundee University and their class teacher from Braeview Academy, Mr Vosser for bringing the team together.

The Strathmore Trophy competition, now in its 20th year, is held annually by the School of Computing to get local school pupils thinking about how applications of computer technology can help people. The challenge sees hundreds of youngsters from across Scotland take part.

More information about the Strathmore Trophy 2015 challenge is available at: <http://strathmoretrophy.computing.dundee.ac.uk/>

