

Dates for your Diary 2018 – 2019

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| Monday | 15 April 2019 | Start of Summer Term |
| Friday | 19 April 2019 | Good Friday |
| Monday | 6 May 2019 | May Day |
| Thursday | 23 May 2019 | In-service Day 5 |
| Monday | 27 May 2019 | Victoria Day |
| Friday | 28 June 2019 | End of Summer Term |

Forthcoming Events

Prizegiving 4 June 2019 S1 – S3 2pm
 4 June 2019 S4 – S6 7pm

Summer Concert 18 June 2019 6pm

Parent Council Meetings

Wednesday 29 May 2019 7.00pm – 8.30pm (AGM)

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Braeview Academy

Vision and Values

Together we will:

Be Ambitious

Be Responsible

Be Safe



Head Boy
Samuel Reid-Harper



Head Girl
Abbie MacDonald



March 2019

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the Spring holiday we can reflect on the last few months and celebrate the range of opportunities that our pupils have enjoyed and used to develop their skills for learning, life and work.

We should also celebrate the way in which our staff, pupils, parents and carers and our community partners rallied together to overcome the challenges caused by the fire last September. I thank the staff and pupils of our host schools of Baldragon Academy and Craigie High who helped us in our hour of need.

Now happily back on the Braeview site, accommodated in our new Portakabins, we have been very busy creating new learning environments for our pupils. The new accommodation really is an upgrade. This is definitely the impression of the staff and pupils and of parents and carers who visited for the tours in December and March. Fully equipped with new PCs, interactive smart boards, cookers, white goods and with a brand new dinner hall, the Portakabin village is much better than we could ever have imagined.



Parent and carers enjoyed the second of our tours of the new Portakabin facilities last week. All were very impressed with our new fully-equipped learning provision and fabulous dinner hall.



As we approach the exams our seniors should be busy revising. I am delighted that once again Easter Study School will run, with this year all subjects at all levels on offer. I would encourage all pupils to take advantage of this extra tuition. Evidence proves that attendance at Easter school can be the difference between failure and success.

I wish all pupils, staff colleagues, parents and carers and community partners a well-deserved Spring holiday.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L Elder'.

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)

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 outwith the school grounds as the brae and car park can become very congested at peak times. This puts our children at unnecessary risk.

EMA Forms (2018/19), Free School Meals & Clothing Grant Forms
– Will be available shortly from the office.

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

Sign2Sing

On 14th February pupils from Braeview's Signing Group took part in **Sign2Sing**, an annual fundraising event, organised by the deaf health charity Sign Health.

Sign2Sing raises awareness of British Sign Language (BSL) as well as deafness and hearing loss by encouraging schools to learn to sign a song. At our weekly, lunchtime Signing Group we learned to sign Greatest Day by Take That and on the day of the event we took to the stage in Claypotts Castle PS as part of a choir which lead all Claypotts' pupils and staff in a special assembly.

The pupils in the choir ranged from P1 to S6 and were from Claypotts Castle PS and Craigie High as well as Braeview, the three schools in Dundee where deaf pupils are supported in their learning through the use of BSL. A special mention should be made of S2 pupil Erin Rollo, who also provided a voice for a deaf P7 pupil who was addressing the assembly in sign. Well done Erin and well done to our Braeview Signers!



Vision & Values

The school's recently established new Vision and Values are now up in every classroom in the form of two posters.

This was a piece of work undertaken through consultation with staff, pupils and community partners last session. Assemblies were held to raise awareness of the vision and values to all staff and pupils.

We are very proud of this great piece of work. Our new values of Ambition, Responsibility and Safety are the golden thread running through everything the school community does: our behaviour, attitudes, actions and every decision we make.



Dundee Schools' Arts Festival

Many pupils participated in the Arts Festival including flute, guitar and brass workshops. Our Rock Band performed in the City Square and the singing group on the Caird Hall stage. Great experience and opportunities for pupils to be involved in and everyone had a great time.



Well done to Xander in S1 who has been attending the Central Bands Junior Guitar group every week. They performed on the Caird Hall stage for the annual Spring Concerts.

Be Charlotte

It was great to welcome back Be Charlotte to Braeview Academy. Charlotte is a performer from Dundee who has recently signed a record deal with Columbia & Sony records and performed at the opening of the V & A.

Be Charlotte performed to the whole of S1, including her new single 'Do not Disturb'. The pupils were then allowed to ask her questions. Having such a local inspiration to our school was an honour. Thank you to Mrs Benmalek for making this happen.

Extra-Curricular:

Monday – Keyboard Club – 1.30pm M-26
Tuesday – Singing Group – 1.30pm M-25
Tuesday – Singing Group – 3.40pm – Learning Zone
Wednesday – Dood n' Toot n' Club – 1.30pm M-26

Events:

Matilda trip – Edinburgh Playhouse – 24th April
School Concert – Ambition Hall – 18th June
London trip – 1st to 3rd October

Music



IMS Live!

In October, all of our S1 enjoyed the first ever IMS Live! This spectacular event was in the Caird Hall and was an interactive concert to learn about the different families and instruments of the

orchestra. The event was hosted and performed by the Instrumental Music Service.



Christmas Concert at the Music Centre.



Well done to Hannah Gillespie who read a Christmas poem at the Central Bands and Orchestra's Christmas Concert at the Music Centre.

Carol Singing

Group of S1 and S2 singers spread Christmas cheer singing Christmas Carols at Ballumbie and Pitkerro Care Homes.



Developing the Young Workforce

It has been a busy time for the school as we continue to promote our DYW activities. There have been a number of events held during the last term. These have included:

S1 STEM with the Sea Cadets

S2 STEM with the Engineering Development Trust (in partnership with Michelin)

S3 STEM for Girls with the RAF

My World of Work Ambassadors Launch

Electrical & Plumbing Taster Course with CLD East

RockSolid Employability Residential Course

Bright Ideas with Abertay University

S2 Volunteering Marketplace. The volunteering programme will begin for S3 pupils after the change of timetable.

Thanks to Dundee United Community Trust, RockSolid, CLD Dundee East, Taught by Muhammad, Police Scotland, Link Up Whitfield, Brae Riding School for the Disabled and Youth Volunteering Dundee for supporting this event.

S1 Citizen Science with CLD Dundee East

S4 Fire Skills with Scottish Fire & Rescue



S2 Volunteering Marketplace

The **Pupil Support department** are very pleased to announce that our multi-sensory room is now up and operational.



A Sensory Room is a specially designed room which combines a range of stimuli to help individuals develop and engage their senses. These can include lights, colours, sounds, sensory soft play objects, aromas all within a safe environment that allows the person using it to explore and interact without risk.

Sensory Rooms can help those who have learning difficulties, developmental disabilities or sensory impairments learn to interact with the world around them, but in a safe environment that builds up their confidence and their ability. The user gets an unrestrained non-threatening space where they can explore at their own leisure. This freedom lets their teacher, therapist or carer see what calms them, rouses them and what they like or don't.



Science Live! at Disneyland Paris

On the 2nd March 2019, 19 senior pupils travelled from Braeview Academy to Disneyland Paris to attend a Science Live! conference and spend time in the theme parks.

We travelled overnight to Folkestone where our bus boarded the Eurotunnel train, we then continued our journey to Disneyland arriving Sunday morning, tired but excited for the day ahead.

Our first day in Disney consisted of exploring Disneyland Park, we enjoyed the rides, shopping experience and the incredible fireworks and light show in the evening.



Our second day in Disneyland involved exploring Walt Disney Studios park in the morning. Despite the rain we enjoyed a group outing on The Tower of Terror and The Rock 'N' Rollercoaster.

In the afternoon we attended the Science Live! Conference and listened to three speakers. The first spoke about Disney's Imagineers and the physics and engineering behind some of the rides, the second looked at our senses and how we can trick them with illusions, the third discussed the discovery of oxygen. We spent the late afternoon enjoying some of the park's rides again.

On Tuesday it was time to commence the long journey home to Dundee, with on bus quizzes to pass the time.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time away, adding to our science knowledge and working on life skills such as timekeeping and decision making.

Modern Studies Department

S3 Visit the Scottish Parliament

Twenty-three S3 pupils visited the Scottish Parliament as part of their third-year course on decision making for Scotland. After listening to First Minister Nicola Sturgeon answer questions at FMQs, the pupils then had the chance to listen to and question both of Dundee's MSP – Shona Robison and Joe Fitzpatrick. Thanks to Shona, Joe and Shona's parliamentary assistants Lisa and Gavin for organising the day and looking after our group. Hopefully, Shona and Joe will be in a position to visit the school in the near future at the invitation of staff and pupils.



Street Law

A number of S3 pupils have been working with law students from Dundee University on aspects of the law and crime as it affects individuals in society. Thanks to Emma and Declan who have delivered a series of interesting and informative lessons over the past few weeks.

Positivity Pioneers

The Start of OUR Journey

On Wednesday the 13th of March 2019 we began our journey to positivity when 16 members of staff from all areas of the school met to discuss good practice already occurring in school. Each department shared things they had implemented in order to build and sustain positive relationships with young people. Discussion also took place about the book 'When Adults Change Everything Changes' by Paul Dix.

Existing Good Practice

Many departments have introduced ways to support young people in making good choices by exhibiting our school values of Ambition, Responsibility and Safety.

Youngsters in S6 have been encouraged to reflect upon their week.

BGE pupils in Modern Languages have been encouraged to exhibit ambition in their lessons through having their effort and attainment recognised in an inter house competition.

PE have moved away from issuing punishment exercise and have introduced a reward system with a prize for individual pupils who exemplify our values through leading their learning.

Several departments have introduced 'Pupil of the Week' with criteria which relate to the school values.

You said what?

'I'd had a tough week and when I received my message it made my day!'
Staff member after the first 'Thanks for improving my week by...' note.

'What's happening?! It feels like the world's upside down!'
S1 pupil after being greeted with a smile and a professional handshake

'Can I answer a question?'
Formerly disengaged S1 desperate to show their ambition

'I don't know who wrote this but it has made my day!'
Staff member upon receiving their first 'Thank you for...' note.

'I think that 'pupil X' deserves pupil of the week because they've worked SO hard.'
S1 pupil showing leadership and recognising ambition in others.

Braeview Cycle Speedway Stars

*** FIFE & DUNDEE GRAND PRIX ***

Fife Cycle Speedway's schools programme got under way in style with the first Fife & Dundee Grand Prix. This event is staged over three legs between pupils from Queen Anne High School, Madras College and Braeview Academy. 40 riders took part over the 3 categories - Girls, juniors and seniors.



**** FIFE & DUNDEE GRAND PRIX (2nd leg) ****

Braeview Academy hosted the 2nd leg of the new Fife & Dundee Grand Prix

A wee bit of history being made as to our knowledge this would be the first ever Cycle Speedway event held in the region.

Again over 30 youngsters took part and the racing was superb and this event proving to be competitive and exciting going into the last leg at Queen Anne High School, in March.

*** GIRLS ***

Amy Stewart of Braeview wanted to do well on her home track and get back to making a challenge for the title.

Amy Stewart and Casey Hutchison both riding unbeaten.

Madras youngsters, Mia Coggins and Aimee McClymont completed the top 4 on the night whereas Mia Allan raced well for Braeview.

There was nothing much between Serenity Smith, Alexa Wallace, Naomi McLean.

Zoe Simpson, Lexi Spencer and Kyla Logan making their first appearances in this competition and impressing throughout.

Going into the last leg only 1 point separates the top 3 girls!

*** JUNIORS (S1-S3) ***

The junior competition had the most participants and the racing was awesome. Notable mention of Amy Stewart taking her good form from the Girls comp to secure 2nd place in this leg.

New Braeview riders Charlie Palmer and Aaron Simpson impressing on their debuts.

*** FIFE & DUNDEE GRAND PRIX (Final Leg) ***

The final leg of the first ever Fife & Dundee Grand Prix took place at the Fife Fastbowl located at Queen Anne High School.

Three categories - Senior, Junior and Girls, it has proved to be a success with all titles up for grabs going into the final leg.

Racing was competitive throughout with some superb races.

GIRLS

The event started with the Girls. Only one point separated the top 3 riders. Madras College newbies Amy Young and Casey Hutchison leading **Braeview Academy rider Amy Stewart.**

Amy Young unfortunately dropped out due to a knee injury and a fall for Casey in her 3rd ride meant that **Amy Stewart** won all her races to be crowned champion.

Alexa Wallace also had a great meeting with the other Madras riders showing great potential.

————— Girls Champion - Amy Stewart —————



*** JUNIORS ***

There were also wins for **Alexa Wallace** and Matthew Fiskén getting his first competitive win.

Charlie Palmer smiling all the way round, **Aaron Simpson** and Fergus Graham impressing on their first go on the outdoor track.

Final scores:

Logan Williams - 40
Kayden Davidson - 36
Matthew MacKenzie - 34
Sean Collier - 32
Fergus Graham - 29
Amy Stewart - 28
Alexa Wallace - 26
Jacob Jayne - 24
Matthew Fiskén - 19
Mia Allan - 19
Charlie Palmer - 14
Aaron Simpson - 14
Serenity Smith - 11
Damien Brogan - 11
Hein Og Keating - 11
Sam Miller - 10
Casey Hutchison - 8



Theatre Visits

Senior Phase pupils recently enjoyed visits to Dundee Rep to see Gregory Burke's 'Gagarin Way.' and 'The Snow Queen' followed by a Christmas meal. Our pupils were also very impressed with National Theatre Scotland's latest show by Cora Bissett at Perth Theatre. The political musical, 'Glasgow Girls' tells the story of a group of girls who take a stand and fight for the rights of their friend and, ultimately, for the rights of all children of asylum-seekers, inspiring a whole community.



Arbroath Music Festival Successes

A group of pupils from S1 -4 returned to this year's Arbroath Festival to defend their winning titles in Verse Speaking and Acting. Ms Hyslop is delighted not only with their successes but also with the self-discipline and confidence they developed in rehearsals.

Burns Verse Speaking

1st Grace Smith (right)
2nd Hannah McPhee (left)



1st equal – Acting. The Snow Queen cast:
CJ Webster (Old man), Phoenix Gibb (Kai), Sandra Butchart (Gerda).

1st equal – Acting. Alice in Wonderland cast:
Louise Reid (White Rabbit), Zoe Ritchie (Alice), Hannah McFee (Hare), Makayla Walker (Hatter), Grace Smith (Dormouse), Courtney Keil and Brooke Keil (Tweedle-dum / Tweedle-dee).



The Drama Department at Braeview Academy continues to collaborate with Shaper Caper Dance Company. Our latest film project, which will be streamed live, is open to S1-6. Rehearsals begin after the Easter Holidays. (Updates on Twitter) Pupils are also being provided with leadership opportunities when they take on Assistant Director roles mentored by Shaper Caper.

In March, we were asked to provide a test audience to offer feedback on a preview of a short film by Shaper Caper Dance Co. The film, which was well attended, reflected on women's rights and relationships throughout history. It later generated a thought-provoking discussion on the way that social expectations influence our perceptions of gender roles.

Enterprise – Developing the Young Workforce

Congratulations to CJ Webster, Andromeda Gibb, Pheonix Gibb, Isla Smith, Erin Malcolm, Liam Phin, Ross Dunne and Samuel Reid-Harper who, after interview, were all successful in gaining a place on Dundee Rep's 'Enterprise' event. Throughout the two-day event they were given valuable practical experience and professional tuition in areas such as lighting design, acting, directing, community engagement, marketing and publicity. Pupils who shared their new skills with an invited evening audience at The Rep were a credit to the school.

Production Company News

The S6 Production Company have now completed their first project which used forum theatre to tackle cyberbullying. The play aimed to provoke thought about the impact of online communication by using live action juxtaposed by multi-media projections. The S2 audience provided some very positive feedback via evaluation, commenting on the effective use of naturalistic dialogue and local accents to make it accessible.



*Production Company directors
Hannah Gillespie and Andromeda Gibb.*

Project two is already underway, with Production Company Directors, Hannah Gillespie and Andromeda Gibb leading an intergenerational project this term. They have been building positive relationships with senior citizens in our local community whilst collecting memories of Dundee's social history.

After researching the impact of the Arts on memory loss and Alzheimer's, Hannah is using the memories discussed over a series of meetings to direct a theatre performance & create social benefit. The social enterprise is funded by Time to Shine (Young Scot).



Have your say!

If you have a good idea for the next Production Company project, let Ms Hyslop know. Each project aims to provide leadership opportunities, a platform for Braeview talent and social benefit to the school or wider community.

Star of the Month for March : Demi Christie

Demi returned to Braeview Academy at the beginning of March and since then she has offered outstanding commitment and creativity. She is an excellent team player.

For regular updates and information about opportunities, follow us on Twitter @ Braeview_Drama

Home Economics

Cake club has proven to be a successful opportunity for S1 pupils to explore their interests in baking. During this term The Cake Club have made: rainbow cupcakes, valentines biscuits and they have developed different skills and techniques.



Experimenting with food colouring

Cake Club has grown in numbers since starting on the 7th February and the group have shown excellent team work, creativity, and encouraged each other to build their confidence in baking.



Valentines biscuits

CAKE Starting: 07/02/19

CLUB



Who? S1 Pupils

When? Thursday 3pm – 4pm

Where? L24 (H.E Block)

COLLECT A PERMISSION SLIP FROM MISS DODD



More pictures of our baked goods can be seen on twitter: @braeview_homeec

If you would like to join cake club please see Miss Dodd.

Art & Design

During the week when S2 learners were taking part in activities and events related to STEAM, in Art and Design all S2 learners had the fantastic opportunity to take part in workshops delivered by Dundee and Angus College, V&A Dundee, and ACES.



They enjoyed making lino prints to be used as mail art, designing the ultimate shed, and designing and making their own games. It was a great opportunity for them to learn new skills, work with professionals, and consider possible career options in the Creative Industries, the fastest growing sector of the UK economy.



We are really enjoying having strong links with our partner agencies. Having such an amazing resource like the V&A on our doorstep is exciting and one we look forward to working with again in the future.



Bright Ideas Trip

This year the Developing Young Workforce team have enabled fifteen students from Braeview Academy to take part in a project featuring schools from all across Dundee, run by the University of Abertay, Dundee.



Students have been given the opportunity to work closely with a group of lecturers and university students, looking at a range of creative and academic courses on offer in Dundee. Having received a tour of the campus and training on effective planning and research, pupils looked at pairing up academic studies in Business, Criminology and Food Technology with a creative media of their choice to produce a range of video games, stop motion animations and comic strips.



This event provided by the Abertay University has sparked an interest in further education among many of the students who had not yet given any thought to their own careers and has been very well received by all those involved.

Student work will be demonstrated in a showcase event in Abertay's own Hannah MacLure Centre late in April.



PE Sports Leaders

Our wonderful Sports Leaders have been working with Gareth since August 2018 and have had a broad range of experiences. They have been working with our cluster primary schools to deliver fun sessions to their pupils. The skills that our pupils have acquired throughout this course has been incredible and there has been noticeable changes in their confidence and leadership skills. They even got to meet Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge when they visited The Crescent in Whitfield.



Swimming Gala

Well done to everyone who took part in Braeview's Annual Swimming Gala on Tuesday 5th March. A massive thank you to Mr Robertson for organising the event. And another well done to Discovery for winning the participation trophy.



Active Schools Competitions

Giant Heptathlon

Mr Nicol took a group of S1/S2 pupils to this event at Douglas Sports Centre. Braeview never placed but all the pupils were fantastic and had lots of fun.



Basketball

Mr Macalpine, Mr Cuthbert and Mr Nicol took our pupils over to Harris and Morgan to play against their senior pupils for their one off performances for National 5 and Higher. The pupils did great and the standard of play was fantastic from our senior pupils who won the majority of their games.



Netball

During our time at Craigie we arranged a few friendly netball games against their certificated classes. All pupils were fully engaged and enjoyed playing against them. We also took a group of our senior girls to play at the DISC in a tournament to get graded for their National 5 and Higher.

Badminton

A small group of pupils attended this tournament with Mr Nicol at the DISC.

Cross Country

Mr Nicol took a group of 50 pupils to Baxter Park to participate in this year's annual cross-country championships. Well done to Keir Bertie (S1) who came 6th for age group. This is a massive achievement because he was racing pupils from every school in Dundee.



Dance

We were fortunate to have a group of 14 pupils to represent the school at the Dundee Schools Dance Festival. All pupils practiced during their lunch breaks and afterschool to make sure they were prepared for the competition.

