



Brunstane Primary School  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to all the parents, carers and siblings that came along to our Scottish Art Gallery. It was wonderful to see so many families back in the building here at Brunstane and it gave us a fantastic opportunity to show off the amazing work of all our talented young artists. I am sure you were all as impressed with their creativity as we were. Huge thanks go to Miss Campbell and Miss Dinwoodie for organizing.

As ever, we have a number of important updates to share with you.

### **Infrastructure Update**

As you may be aware, the school was scheduled to receive an extensive retrofit to modernise the building this school session. This is now due to begin in the summer holidays instead of in February as originally planned.

### **Curricular Events**

We loved sharing with you at our curricular events last session and look forward to doing so again this year. At these the teachers share how they are teaching an area of the curriculum which will hopefully help you support your young person with their learning. Please see the dates below, each level will send out a letter with more details about their event.

Early Level (P1) Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 3-4pm

First Level (P2-P4) Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 3.30-4.30pm

Second level (P5-P7) Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-4.30pm

### **LGBTQ+ History Month**

February is LGBTQ+ History Month and Brunstane Primary School will be taking part in a range of lessons exploring this topic. Learning about the LGBTQ+ community is part of the Scottish curriculum and Brunstane Primary School is a proud supporter of LGBTQ+ rights. If you feel like you do not want your child to take part in these lessons, please contact the office to book a meeting with Mr McMillan to discuss this.

### **Interfaith Roadshow**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of February P2-P5 will take part in the Interfaith Roadshow where they will get the chance to meet representatives from lots of different faiths and cultures. This was a hugely popular event last year as children got to interact with artefacts from different faiths and ask any questions that they had for the representatives.

### **Safety and Security**

For security reasons all visitors must report to the school office and sign in before entering the school building. We would like to remind Parents that they should not enter the school building when dropping their child off.

Parents are reminded not to use the carpark unless you are a blue badge holder.

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### **Financial Supports**

We often have a few funds and clothing grants we can apply for through various third sector parties that work with us. If you are in need of support please get in touch with the school office to speak to Miss Mechie. We often need to know a small amount of information about your circumstances in order to be able to apply for the funds.

### **Allergies**

We continue to ask for your help in supporting our young people with allergies by not sending your child in with items of food that contain nuts. We thank you for your cooperation in helping make life safe for our young people with allergies.

### **Playground**

Our mantra for the playground at Brunstane is we are kind and safe. We encourage the young people to use gentle hands and kind words. We encourage them to problem solve using words and that if they are finding this tricky to seek help from one of the adults in a high vis jacket who are there to help. We would really appreciate your support in reiterating this message and communicating with your young person that hitting is never ok even if someone has hit you. We thank you for your continued support in ensuring our playground is a happy and safe place for the pupils to play.

### **New Parking Rules**

Please park safely and considerately around the school. Drivers can be issued a fine of £100 if they park on a pavement, at a crossing point or double park. The new rules came into effect across the country on 11<sup>th</sup> December, and from 29<sup>th</sup> January drivers can be instantly fined £100 for breaking the rules in Edinburgh.

Police Traffic Enforcement Officers will be doing spot checks around the school area.

### **Holiday Dates**

We would like to remind families that the February break starts after school on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of February (school finishes at the usual Friday time). All staff and pupils return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

We wish all of our families and staff a happy and healthy holiday!

Yours sincerely



Chris McMillan  
Head Teacher