

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another productive week for our young people, we continue to be impressed with our pupils' energy and enthusiasm. It has also been good to see our young people taking advantage of the many extra-curricular opportunities on offer and I am grateful to our staff for providing these clubs and activities. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

Friends at Braes

A very positive Friends at Braes Annual General Meeting took place this week, and it was encouraging to see parents/carers new to the group in attendance. FAB make a big difference to our young people's experiences in school, supporting many activities through fundraising or practical support. The next meeting takes place on Monday 26th September, at 6.30pm, and you can be part of it either in person in our conference room, or online via Teams. Please email Chairperson Susan MacKinnon at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com if you'd like further information about the group.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council holds their Annual General Meeting on Monday 5th September, at 7pm in the school library. If you would like to attend this meeting, please come along on the night. Further information can be gained from Chairperson Heather McManus at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

School Captains

After an extremely competitive and impressive recruitment process, we are pleased to announce Faith Seel, Isla Campbell, Ben Adams, Amna Anwar, Max Macaulay and Andrew Melville as our School Captains this session. We look forward to seeing our Captains contribute to their school community in this leadership role.

Keeping hydrated

As a school we are very keen our young people remain appropriately hydrated throughout the day, in order that they are well prepared to learn in class. There are a number of water dispensers around the school and we are encouraging pupils to bring a water bottle to school and fill this during breaks and lunchtimes. We do have a supply of cups that we can issue to pupils if they have forgotten their bottle. However we are keen to reduce the use of these disposable cups and are grateful for parent/carer support in this regard.

Safety around the school

It is clear that the vast majority of parents/carers accessing the school grounds in vehicles drive and park responsibly. As a reminder we would ask all parents/carers to refrain from parking on any raised kerb areas. These are pedestrian spaces for pupils. Similarly the staff car park should not be used for pick up and drop off of pupils. Our thanks go to parents/carers for their sensible approach.

September holiday

The school will be closed to pupils on Monday 12th September for the September holiday. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 13th September.

In the meantime I hope all Braes families are doing well.

Yours sincerely,

Iain Livingstone