

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support as we move through the summer term. Our senior pupils continue to impress in their calm and focused manner during SQA examinations. We are also grateful to our younger pupils for their efforts in making sure the school is also a calm and focused environment around those exams. Please see an update on a number of matters below:

#### Parent Council

The next meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the school library. At this meeting there will be an update from pupil self-evaluation leaders on the continuing development of next session's school improvement plan, discussion about a forthcoming review of pupil reporting procedures and an update from our Pupil Council on their recent activity. If you would like more information please contact Chairperson, Kenneth MacKinnon at [braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com).

#### Friends at Braes

Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, met last week in a very positive discussion, which saw engaging and informative requests for support from Braes Youth Theatre and from the Braes Duke of Edinburgh Group, meet with success. Our thanks go to FAB for their ongoing support. The next meeting of FAB takes place at 6.30pm in the conference room on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023.

#### Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the fundraising efforts for the Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal. £833.63 has been donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal.

#### Scottish Education Awards final

Congratulations go to our pupils and staff for their input into the assessment morning with colleagues from Education Scotland, ahead of the Scottish Education Awards on 7<sup>th</sup> June. The work of the 'Onwards and Upwards' programme in supporting equity in our school community had been nominated for this award, and awaits the decision of the judging panel. We also congratulate the two other schools and services nominated as finalists. No matter the outcome, it has been rewarding and encouraging for our pupils primarily, and also our staff to be involved in this rigorous process.

#### IT upgrade

The school will be supported through a major upgrade of school computer operating systems during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June. Preparations are underway for this to minimise any potential disruption. The intention is for this work to be complete by the end of that week.

#### Public Holiday

The school will be closed to pupil on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June for the public holiday.

In the meantime, I hope all Braes families are doing well as we look forward to continuing with a busy and productive term.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone