

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you again for your continued support of your young person and the school. Extra curricular participation across the school continues to thrive and it was pleasing to have a very well supported and enjoyable day fundraising last week for Strathcarron Hospice, where £900 was raised and donated. I would highlight the role of our School Captains in promoting and organising this day. Please see an update on a number of matters below :

Remembrance Activities

On Friday 11th November, our pupils will lead a whole school silence to mark Remembrance, and have prepared presentations for their peers around this event. Braes pupils and staff will also be in attendance at local Remembrance events on Sunday 13th November. Poppies are available from the school reception and pupils are also visiting classes to distribute these at various points of the week.

Parent Council

Our Parent Council held another positive and productive meeting this week, with an informative and enthusiastic presentation from our School Captains outlining their progress and plans for the session. In addition, the current Scottish Government consultations on the future of Scotland's curriculum and qualifications were considered. Further information regarding these consultations will be issued to parents/carers shortly. The next meeting of the Parent Council takes place on Thursday 1st December at 7pm in the school library. Anyone who wishes more information about our Parent Council can email Chairperson Kenneth MacKinnon at braeshigh.parentcouncil@gmail.com.

Friends at Braes

The next meeting of Friends at Braes, our parent-led fundraising group, takes place on Monday 7th November at 6.30pm in the school conference room. Any parent/carer who wishes to attend this meeting can either come along on the evening, or to find out more, please email Chairperson Susan MacKinnon at friendsatbraeshigh@gmail.com.

Local traffic/parking

As with all schools, the roads in around our school can become very busy at the beginning and end of each school day. The vast majority of Braes parents/carers drive and park in a considerate manner when in and around the school grounds. However we do have a persistence of vehicles waiting to collect pupils either in the staff car park or at the school bus bay and bus turning area. We would politely remind parents/carers these areas should not be used for such purposes. Similarly, disabled parking spaces should of course be reserved for those with appropriate certification. You may also be aware of a campaign by the local Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone Community Council to encourage safe road speeds on the road towards Shieldhill. We would endorse the key message of that campaign, given that this is a walking route for many Braes pupils.

Forthcoming in-service day

Please note that the school will be closed to pupils on Friday 25th November for an in-service day.

I wish all Braes families well and look forward to seeing our pupils continue to progress.

Yours faithfully,

Iain Livingstone