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Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents,



What a busy month March was!

From World Book Day to British Science Week, The Big Walk and Wheel, and Integrated Education Week to name a few. We are grateful for your support with all school and class activities and as always, I would encourage you to visit our Facebook page and school website regularly.



Congratulations to the P3 children who celebrated the sacrament of **First Reconciliation**, with their families in All Saints' Church. The boys and girls worked very hard in their preparation and we were proud of them all.

Well done to our P7 pupils who celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation on 20th March. It was a wonderful ceremony coupled with a beautiful spring day. Congratulations to all!

Student Council

Our Student Council have been hard at work throughout this school year, but most recently with the Mother's Day Event. Supported by Mrs Young, they had a hugely successful day and raised more than £1600. We are grateful to all the children and parents who supported the event and hope all the mums enjoyed their gifts and treats! The funds raised will go towards resources for Numeracy as well as playground equipment.

School Records/ details

Over the next few months, we will be transitioning to a new school management system known as Bromcom. At present Debbie, our school secretary, is undertaking preparatory work, ensuring all our school records are accurate. In preparation for using MyChildAtSchool (MCAS), Bromcom's communication portal for parents, it is recommended that an email address and mobile number is recorded for at least one parent/guardian with parental responsibility. We will soon send home a reply slip and would be grateful if parents could complete it and return to the school office.

Sporting Activities

We have been delighted to see the footballers enjoy participating in a few tournaments with other local schools during this term. This is such a positive

experience for the children and hopefully there will be a couple more in the summer term.

On Friday 20th March, some of our P7 children competed in the swimming gala at the Seven Towers Leisure Centre. This is only the second time we have participated in the gala and we were so proud of the boys and girls, who all swam so well.

Safe-guarding and Child Protection

If you have any concerns regarding safe-guarding or child protection matters you can speak to Ms McAuley (Designated Teacher), Mrs Bradley or Mrs Turner (Deputy Designated Teachers). Additionally, you may contact or write to Mr Martin McConville (Governor responsible for safe-guarding and CP) or Mr Dale Burnett (Chair of Board of Governors). At any time, you can contact the local Children's Services Gateway Team or PSNI Central Referral Unit (028 9025 9299).

Hair Care

Please check hair regularly and treat as necessary.

A range of treatments are available, including wet combing with a fine comb, lotions from pharmacies, and electric combs. Pharmacists can advise. **Repeating** the treatment is essential to break the cycle.

If you need any further advice or information, you can contact the School Nurse Service, at 25313160.

P1 Appraisals

P1 Appraisals will take place from Monday 13th to Friday 17th April. P1 parents should ensure that consent forms are returned by Monday 30th March.

Easter Holidays

We will close for the Easter holidays on Monday 30th March at the usual times of 2pm and 3pm.

School will re-open for the summer term on Monday 13th April at 9am.



Yours faithfully,

J McAuley
Principal