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Braidside Integrated Primary and Nursery School

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1989- 2019: 30 Years of Integration**

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Dear Parents,

As we begin this new term, I hope you all have had a relaxing Christmas and New Year and have enjoyed time with your families and friends.

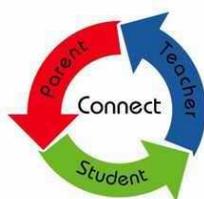
ADMISSIONS for SEPTEMBER 2023

On the 10th January 2023, we will hold our Nursery and Primary 1 Open Evening for prospective parents and children for the academic year 2023-24. Applications for Nursery and P1 will be made online using the Citizen Portal on the Education Authority website (www.eani.org.uk). Applications open on Tuesday 10th January and will close at midday on Friday 27th January 2023. Information regarding school admissions criteria, key dates as well supporting documentation will also be found on the website.

Parents have until 4th February to upload a copy of their child's birth certificate, proof of address and any other key documentation to the Portal. Parents will be notified on 27th April 2023 of the outcome of their application.

If you know of a new parent in the area or family members who may be interested in applying for a place at Braidside, information may be shared accordingly. Thank you in advance. In addition, if there is a parent/ family who have been unable to attend the Open Evening please make a call to the school office to arrange a visit or answer any queries if necessary.

PARENT INTERVIEWS



During this half-term we will hold Parent Interviews to allow parents to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss pupil progress. Parents will soon receive information regarding Parent Interviews (including reply slip) which have been scheduled for the afternoons (1.15- 3pm) ***of Monday 6th February, Tuesday 7th February, Wednesday 8th February and Thursday 9th February.***

Parent Interviews will be in-person and we appreciate your assistance in ensuring interviews run in a timely and punctual manner. Interviews are scheduled for 10 mins.

To facilitate interviews, school will end on each of these days at 1pm for all pupils. Children will have their lunch in school as usual but should be collected at 1pm, to allow teachers to begin meetings promptly. Transport **will be available** on these dates and those who travel on the EA/ Etherson bus will be collected at 1pm from

the school. We are grateful to the EA and Etherson for their help in this matter and to parents for your cooperation.



P7 TRANSFER INFORMATION SESSION

At the end of this month, the transfer procedure will also begin for our P7 parents and children. There will be an **Information Session for parents on Wednesday 25th January 2023 @ 3pm in the School**

Assembly Hall to give relevant information on the procedure, the portal details and the timeframe. I would encourage all P7 parents to attend. Parents will also have the opportunity to have an interview with the Principal if required; letters with further details will be issued in due course.

Please continue to check the school website for any letters, updates and key dates on the school calendar.

Some Dates for your Diary

Class Photographs: 10th January

Nursery and P1 Open Evening Tues 10th January @ 6pm (Portal opens 10th Jan and closes 27th Jan 2023)

AQE/ GL Assessment Outcomes for P7 pupils: 4th February

Children's Mental Health Week : Mon 6th- Fri 10th February

Safer Internet Day: Tues 7th Feb

Half-term holidays: Monday 13th – Friday 17th February 2023 (inclusive)

Parent Coffee Morning with Parentline NI: Monday 27th February

Individual/ family Photographs: 6th and 7th March

Thank you for your continued interest and support. We look forward to a busy but exciting term ahead!

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley

Principal