



# Breadalbane Academy Newsletter

Spring Break 2021

## Looking Forward to Full Return

### Headteacher's Column

It has been such a pleasure to welcome back our whole primary over the last few weeks and the buzz of excitement has yet to subside for both staff and pupils. Across in the secondary, though, it remains eerily quiet as reduced numbers and the need for physical distancing take their toll on the normal hubbub of secondary life.

We remain very hopeful that we will have a full return to secondary after the holidays but must wait until the Government update on Tuesday 6th April before we can confirm this for parents. I will therefore write to secondary parents with an update at some point over the holidays with details of arrangements for return during week beginning 19th April. Please do look out for this letter, as we will again need to provide detailed information on pupil attendance patterns, should the government decide to extend the period during which physical distancing is required.

In the meantime, can I remind all parents that they should get in touch with the school over the holidays if their child tests positive for COVID as we may need to undertake contact tracing. A reminder too to parents of secondary pupils that it is being requested that all S1-6 pupils take part in the home testing programme next term, and we would ask that pupils begin testing the week before returning to school so as to minimise the risk of infection spread at the start of term.

I wish you all a great Easter holiday and hope you will have the opportunity to share some precious family time together before we all turn our minds to ensuring a successful final school term.

### GAELIC NURSERY

We are delighted to announce that we will finally be opening our Gaelic Medium nursery after the Easter holidays. This will mean that from next session Breadalbane Academy will be offering Gaelic Medium Education from nursery up to S4. It is down to the efforts of both parents and staff that our Gaelic provision has prospered in this way, but we believe there is scope to grow the provision further. This term we met with parents of pupils in Gaelic Medium Education to review progress to date and to consider next steps, which will include refreshing our approach to promotion of GME, and meeting with local authority representatives to consider how this will fit with the wider PKC approach to promoting Gaelic language and culture.

### HERE TO HELP!

A reminder to get in touch at the start of next term with the class teacher in primary, or guidance teachers in the secondary - Mr Harry Davidson (HLDavidson@pkc.gov.uk) or Mrs Anna Glover (AGlover@pkc.gov.uk) - if you feel that you or your child is in need of support. You can also contact Mrs Marshall, head of primary, or me directly through the school's email address: breadalbane@pkc.gov.uk. The school is staffed during the day and office staff will pass on your message if you prefer to contact us by phone: 01887 822300.

## STAFFING UPDATE

There have been a number of staffing changes across the school over recent weeks; our best wishes to all.

In the nursery, we welcomed Sarah McRae who will be working in the Gaelic nursery which starts up after the Spring Break. Lauren Webster has been appointed to the Senior Early Childhood Practitioner role, following Caroline Patullo's departure for a new post in Dubai and we have also appointed a new Play Assistant, Katie Hobson, replacing Anna Johnston who also left to take up a new post overseas.

Emma Stewart has joined the primary as an auxiliary, providing support for staff and pupils as well as break and lunchtime supervision. We also recently welcomed Katrina Wallace to the post of PT Primary replacing Donna Jenkins. Her responsibilities will include overseeing the nursery and the Intensive Support Provision as well as supporting Mrs Marshall in the day-to-day management of the primary.

In secondary, Sarah Dunlop has recently joined the PE department filling the vacancy left by Emma Heaney. There are also some changes within the Maths department with Fiona Fennell about to start her maternity leave and Monica Warren leaving to take up a new post at Crieff High School. We look forward to welcoming Sarah Lumsden to the school at the end of May.

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

We would like to remind everyone of two new resources available to us to support the mental wellbeing of our young people:

### **Lifelink**

This is a 1-1 counselling service for young people age 11-18. It allows an opportunity for young people to discuss any personal challenges affecting their lives. Counsellors work with the young people to overcome these challenges so that they can begin to feel positive again by developing new skills and confidence. Some of the areas they address are stress, relationships, health, emotions, coping skills, anger and conflict, and exam stress. Should you wish to find out more about how to access this service please contact Mr Davidson or Mrs Glover.

### **Togetherall**

This is a free, digital, mental wellbeing service for all residents, age 16-24, with a Tayside postcode. It is designed to help people get support, take control and feel better. It offers 24/7 peer and professional support (with trained healthcare professionals online at all times), plus a range of wellbeing tools to help people self-manage. It's safe and anonymous. Access is easy, go to [www.togetherall.com](http://www.togetherall.com) and enter your postcode.



P4 - Play Based Learning



S2 - Jamathon



PI – Nature's Wood



Secondary PE



GME – External Speakers



Business Education – Digital Escape Room

UPDATE FROM TWITTER  
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## #pkcremotelearning

**Breadalbane Academy Business & Digital Literacy** @brea... · Feb 22 ···  
Using branching in Forms today to help Higher Business focus their revision and give them a space to ask questions that come up. It also provides a checklist of topics. Will be interested to see how well it works! #MIEExpert #TeamMIEEScotland #BusEdScotland #busedatbreadalbane

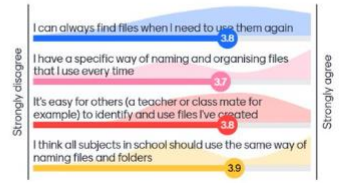
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**Breadalbane Academy Business & Digital Literacy** @bread... · Mar 1 ···  
Great conversation with Admin & IT today about the importance of file management using @Mentimeter to support - interesting to see that most of them think we should have a school wide policy for file management! #digitalliteracy #MIEExpert #TeamMIEEScotland #busedatbreadalbane

How would you rate your own file management?



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## Digital tools to support remote learning in Business Education

**Breadalbane Academy** @BreadalbaneAcad · Mar 15 ···  
Pupils in P6/7, GME P6 and P7 and P7 have written letters to local businesses asking for support with their social enterprise, #NaturesWood. We very much appreciate the responses of offers to help so far. #McAdamJoinery @DunCoilich @Spirit\_Of\_Wood. @SocEntAcademy



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## P6, P7 and GME P6/7 Social Enterprise

**Breadalbane Academy** @BreadalbaneAcad · Mar 10 ···  
Breadalbane Academy in partnership with @YMCA\_Tayside, @TheBreatheProj and local employers brings you:

International & Vocational Connections Thursdays @ 4pm on Zoom.



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## #breadalbanefutures Interview Series

**Breadalbane Academy** @BreadalbaneAcad · Mar 9 ···  
P4 have completed a Science activity showing the viscosity of different liquids and produced some super photos & written work to celebrate #BritishScienceWeek #BSW21 #BreadalbanePrimary #pkcremotelearning #STEMed @PKCTeach @pstt\_whyhow @TWSJSciNat



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## P4 Science

**Breadalbane Academy** @BreadalbaneAcad · Mar 4 ···  
Mrs Stewart and Mrs Neilson made delicious Banoffee cupcakes at virtual baking club today 🍰 According to reviews: "a sugar over-load but very tasty!!!"



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## Virtual Baking Club (Secondary HE)

S2 pupils have been studying the WW1 and during January were tasked with making a model of a Mark IV British Tank, a trench periscope, or a 1915 PH Gas mask.

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Breadalbane Academy @BreadalbaneAcad · Feb 16  
 ying to @BreadalbaneAcad  
 ng the First World War trench periscopes were made by the scouts in  
 rfeldy for the Black Watch sent out to the trenches.  
 er pupils chose instead to do some research on the 2nd Battle of Ypres,  
 Battle of Passchendaele and the Battle of Cambrai.



## S2 History – WWI Models

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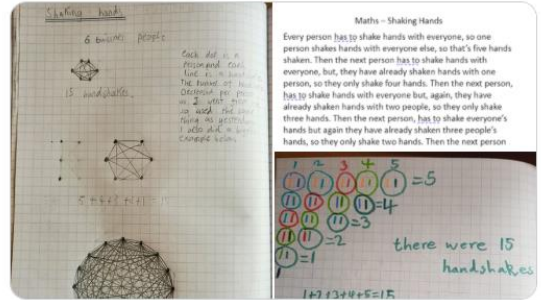
Breadalbane Academy @BreadalbaneAcad · Mar 1  
 Primary 6/7 and primary 7 have been doing a Cake Art competition! Thank  
 you to Ms Lamont @PitlochrySchool for the resource. Here are some of our  
 entries; they look good enough to eat I reckon. Which one is your favourite?  
 @HwbPkc #PatianneStevenson #BreadalbanePrimary



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## P6/7 Cake Art

Breadalbane Academy @BreadalbaneAcad · Feb 25  
 #pkcremotelearning Here are some of the other interesting solutions to the  
 problem above. One boy enjoyed the #mathematicalthinking so much he  
 did his own extension problem. I think it is #beautiful #aboveandbeyond



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## P7 Maths – Shaking Hands!

Breadalbane Academy @BreadalbaneAcad · Mar 5  
 Our nursery and primary pupils had great fun celebrating World Book Day  
 yesterday.

Children dressed up (with parents joining in too) while others created  
 drawings or characters from their favourite books.

There were competitions for different classes with prizes on offer.



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## World Book Day in the Nursery & Primary

Breadalbane Academy @BreadalbaneAcad · Mar 5  
 Some of the staff also got dressed up too. It was great to see everyone  
 taking part 🥰

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## PKC REMOTE LEARNING VIDEO – FEBRUARY 2021

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Breadalbane Academy was delighted to be able to share some of the experiences of our pupils, parents and staff as part of this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTyI72KWso4&list=TLGG0KLMjV5eIcyNTAyMjAyMQ>