

# Broomlands Primary School



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## January - February News

Happy New Year!

We are glad to be back to school and have had a positive first couple of weeks back. The children seem refreshed and well-rested, as do the staff! As ever, it has been a busy start to the term, with loads of exciting new things going on.

The Tweed Foundation are back with another cohort of children getting stuck into the 'Trout in the Classroom' programme. They are currently raising tiny trout fry in a purpose build tank in the school. As ever, this will be a rich learning experience as they care for them until they are big enough to be released back into the wild in the months to come.

We have Kelso Music Society offering a musical recital for Primary 6 and our brass players in a couple of weeks' time. It is always great to give the children chance to experience live music with professional musicians. On a similar musical note (excuse the pun!) we have the Youth Music Initiative primed to come and work in school between now and Easter. As always, they generate lots of enthusiasm for music and engage the children really well.

Our next family learning offer is our BOATS event in early February. BOATS stands for Bring One Adult to School! Our aim is to welcome you into school to work alongside your children for a small part of the day, and to get a sense of not just what we learn, but how we learn here at Broomlands. P1, 1/2 and 2/3 will be later in the school year, but for now those in P3 and upwards will have the chance to join us. If you haven't yet filled in the Forms that was sent out, please do so, and we'll look forward to seeing you in school during the week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

Our P5-7 pupil groups are all up and running for the year, with great leadership opportunities as they help school improvement in a range of ways. We have Digital Leaders, Positive Press, Going Green, Bookworms. Healthy School Group, Take Care Team & Rights Respecting Schools groups. Look out for lots of actions in the coming weeks as these groups get to grips with their various projects.

I look forward to seeing lots of you with us for BOATS and wish everyone well.

Mr Lindsay

### **Thanks**

We want to say a big thank you to St Andrew's church who have kindly provided a financial donation to support our P7 residential. We are grateful for their care and generosity.

### **Staffing**

We recently bid farewell to Mrs Turnbull as she begins her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best for the months ahead. I am delighted that we have been able to recruit an experienced teacher to the position, and Mrs Fiona Beal joins us from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, working alongside Mrs Brown.

### **Parking**

Just a polite reminder that the car park has clear signage about hours when it can be accessed. Similarly, please respect the importance of the disabled bays for those who require them.

### **Dates for the Diary:**

27<sup>th</sup> January – P6 and Brass Players Kelso Music Society Concert

17<sup>th</sup> February – Holiday

24<sup>th</sup> February – In service day

25<sup>th</sup> February (Tuesday) – Pupils return.

Link to SBC Holidays

[School term dates for 2024-25 | Term, holiday and closure dates | Scottish Borders Council](#)