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Broomlands Primary School – February 2026

I hope all the children enjoyed their February break and are back to learning in this hard work term between now and Easter. As always, school is busy and there's lots going on.

Last week most of our P7's were away to Robinwood for their residential. It was a week of pushing boundaries, stepping out of comfort zones and enjoying time together as the great team they are. There are so many little stories of personal milestones and confidence building, and the staff thoroughly enjoyed working with this year group. It is exciting to think that they are starting to approach the end of their time with us at Broomlands as they make the next step into their learning journey at Kelso High School.

We hosted the Kelso Area Cross-Country events on Monday 2nd March. It was good to welcome children and colleagues from other local schools to join us for the event. We were delighted with how many children signed up to be involved and are proud of each of them for their efforts.

Primary 6's in Miss Amos' class have begun working on a road safety project, supported by our JRSO's, PC Lawrence and our Crossing Patrol staff. They will be doing a lot of thinking about how to encourage safe practices in and around the school and local area. Please do look out for their campaign in the weeks to come.

We have a couple of events coming up shortly that you would be very welcome to join us at.

Parental Digital Event – Thursday 5th March, 3.45 – 4.45pm

We are pleased to offer an after-school event for parents to find out more about how we use digital technology in school. This event will be supported by a member of the SBC Inspire team and the focus will include:

Inspire Learning & the Technology Curriculum

- Digital Literacy and Competency
- Modern Learning, Teaching & Assessment
- Skills for Life, Learning & Work

A Teachers Perspective

- Miss Scott will share her experience of digital technology in the classroom, including positives, learning opportunities, challenges and balancing 'traditional' learning approaches with digital opportunities.

Common Parental Concerns

- Screen Time & Wellbeing
- Safety, Supervision & Online Behaviour
- Distraction or Misuse

Partnership with Parents

- Routines: charging overnight, storing safely, monitoring use at home.
- Promoting responsible digital citizenship.

Open Question & Answer Session

We will offer childcare for this event to allow parents to have some focused time. There will also be a chance to ask questions and hear more about digital learning at the Parent Council meeting at 6pm on the same evening.


KELSO CLUSTER NURTURE WORKSHOPS


☀ Practical • Relaxed • Welcoming


Join us for three friendly sessions exploring how we can use nurturing approaches to support children's wellbeing, confidence & learning.


A warm space to chat, share ideas and take away practical strategies.


Tea, coffee and cake provided

 We will explore The Six Nurture Principles together



 **Wednesdays 11th, 18th & 25th March**

 **6-7pm**

 **Kelso High School**

You are warmly invited to this cluster event at Kelso High School, to find out more about how nurturing approaches support parenting – we know it's the hardest job in the world! The first of 3 sessions begin Wednesday, 11th March, 6-7pm.

Parent Helpers

We appreciate parent volunteers and value your support. To ensure a safe and respectful environment we are continuing to ask all parent helpers to read our code of conduct guide from the school office, then to sign the return slip to confirm your agreement.

- Please use the **Groupcall Eduspot App** as the main point of contact with the school office. This can be downloaded easily onto a smartphone on both Apple and Android devices.
- Neither **dogs** nor **smoking** are permitted anywhere on school grounds.
- **Allergies** – As a school, we try to be allergy aware. It is very important that children do not bring food containing peanuts in the lunches/snacks. We have children in school with severe allergies and must ensure their safety.
- **Spare clothes** – We ask that P1-3 children could have spare clothes in their school bag (pants, socks joggers, etc.)
- **Label Clothes** – please ensure all clothes, water bottles and lunch boxes are clearly labelled.
- Please be aware that staff can only administer **medication** prescribed by a medical professional. A form is required which you can fill out from the school office.
- **Recycling** – Please donate to the ragbag bin, with items bagged prior to being deposited. We are paid with each kilogram received, money which we use to improve resources for the children.
- **Parent Council** – Our next meeting follows the Digital Event on Thursday 5th March, and runs from

Attendance

If your child is absent for any reason, please contact the school office to make them aware. If for any reason, we have not been informed of an absence a group call will be sent to ascertain the reason for absence. If we don't get a response to the groupcall then we will endeavour to speak to one of your chosen emergency contacts. If we are unable to make contact we will, in line with other SBC schools, need to contact partner agencies to ensure we can guarantee the safety of our youngsters.

Please do all you can to arrange medical or dental appointments out-with school time. If you are unable to do this then please let the school know in advance, in writing, so we have a clear record of this. Children being collected for appointments during the school day should leave only via the main reception. Thank you for your support with this.

Free School Meals and Clothing Grant

Please use the link below to find out more about what is available to you. Scottish Government continues to support free school meals for all P1-5 children.

Eligible families should register for free school meals to access additional support and increase school funding.

https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20040/clothing_meals_and_transport/480/free_school_meals_and_help_with_schoolwear Uniform can be ordered from www.border-embroideries.co.uk.

Party Invitations

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide lists of children in classes to parents due to data protection regulations. Likewise, we ask that parents hand party invitations out themselves as teachers cannot hand these out during learning time. The class line-up in the morning may be the best option, if required.

School Lunches

Please order school lunches online via ParentPay. Meals can be ordered weekly, monthly or up to a term at a time. If you place weekly orders, we kindly request that these are submitted over the weekend to help reduce administrative workload on Monday mornings. That would be greatly appreciated.

Holidays

A copy of school holidays for the coming year are available on the SBC website at <https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/schools-learning/term-holiday-closure-dates/2>

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event Details
5 March	Parent Session – Digital Technology 3.45 – 4.45pm (Childcare available)
5 March	Parent Council Meeting, 6pm in school.
11, 18, 25 March	Cluster Nurture Event – KHS, 6-7
23 March	Mrs Turnbull returns from Maternity Leave
26 March	Borders Basketball Finals
Week bg 30 March	Reports out to families
3 April	Last day of term
6 – 17 April	Easter break
20 April	Children return to school