

Monthly Roundup

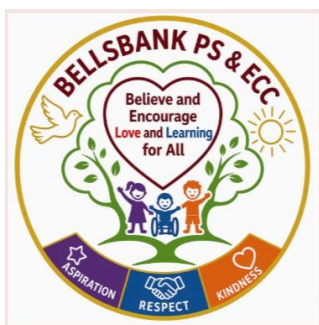
Wednesday 30th September 2026

Bellsbank Primary School



October Diary Dates

Friday 2nd October	9.30am	House Captains	Harvest Assembly
Thursday 8 th October	3.15pm and 6pm	All	Parents' Evening
Friday 9th October	3pm	All	Stop for holidays
Monday 19th October		All	In service day
Tuesday 20 th October	9am	All	Pupils return to school
Friday 23rd October	3pm	All	Hallowe'en Swap Shop
Wednesday 28 th October		All	Parent Council Halloween Disco
Friday 30 th October	1.30pm - 2.30pm	P1-7	Hallowe'en Activities in classes



In addition to the dates above we also have had exciting news that we have an authority Learning Visit in late October. Staff from the authority central team along with senior leaders from other schools will visit us over a number of days to allow us to highlight the good practise that happens within the school. We look forward sharing the excellent work our pupils do and also hear of ways we can further support our learners.

Halloween Swap Shop

We are looking for donations of pre-loved Halloween costumes for our Halloween Swap Shop. These can be handed into the school office anytime from now. We will open the Swap Shop on Friday 23rd October at 3pm for anyone who would like to take a Halloween costume to wear at the disco or for guising.



Pupil Leadership Team



After successful applications and an intense interview process our Primary 7 pupils have been allocated their roles as House Captains and Prefects.

Congratulations to our new Pupil Leadership Team.

House Captains for our Houses are;

Craigengillan Captains – Amelia-Rose and Charlie Vice Captain – Oliver Prefects – Hunter and Avroa	Dalcairney Falls Captain – Elisa Vice Captain – Maizie
Loch Doon Captain – Milana Vice Captain – Novah and Hayden	Ness Glen Captains – Cooper and Lochlin Vice Captain – James

Along with their fellow pupils, the Pupil Leadership Team will support school improvements for 2026-2027 which are:

- Working in partnership with families and empowering children to lead their own learning.
- Developing our curriculum, so every child experiences engaging, high-quality lessons.
- Creating a safe, nurturing and inclusive school where every child feels valued.
- Helping children build confidence and motivation so they can achieve their best across all subjects.

Staffing Update



We have welcomed Miss McAdam to our staff team this year. Miss McAdam is a newly qualified teacher and will be completing her probation year in P2/3. Mrs Brownlie has returned to Bellsbank Primary this session and is working across all classes, including within our ECC. Miss Carter has also returned on a part-time basis to support raising attainment.

Sharing the Learning

Thank you to those who attended our recent Sharing the Learning event. We look forward to working closely with our parents/carers again throughout the session

Attendance and Late Coming

Each session we set targets for attendance at Bellsbank Primary School. Last session our average attendance was 86.7%. This session we are hoping to improve this to 88%.

We are seeing an increasing number of pupils coming to school via the main office in the mornings due are playground gates already being closed at 9am. Our playground is supervised from 8.45am and we would encourage pupils to enjoy time in the playground prior to starting school, ensuring they are on time for their class lessons starting - every minute counts!

Every school day matters

					
100 % Excellent Attendance	98% Impressive 4 days off	96% Good 8 days off	94% Needs to Improve 12 days off	90% Danger Zone 19 days off	80% Extreme Impact 38 days off

BUT every minute counts

 5 minutes late per day	 10 minutes late per day	 15 minutes late per day	 20 minutes late per day	 25 minutes late per day
3 days per year	6.5 days per year	10 days per year	13 days per year	19 days per year

Wet Weather



Please ensure all pupils are coming to school with a waterproof jacket each day. We have regular opportunities for learning outdoors and continue to have breaks outside throughout the school day, including on rainy days.

Uniform

Our pupils look extremely smart in their Bellsbank Primary School uniform. Of late, we are beginning to see a decline in pupils wearing their uniform. We would encourage all pupils to wear their uniform with pride and would urge parents and carers to support us in ensuring pupils come to school wearing their uniform. If anyone required to order additional uniform, this can be ordered via Donsport in Cumnock. Additionally we have a selection of new and preloved uniform that can be collected from the school for no charge.



Active Schools After School Club



Ross, our active schools coordinator, has plans in place to start a Dodgeball After School Club for P6-P7 pupils. After this block he will be looking to start another club with our P4 and P5 pupils, suggestions will be taken from the pupils for this.

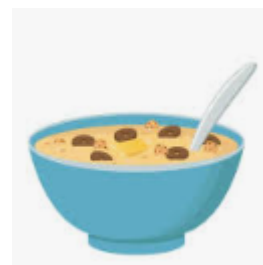
Parent Council Update



The Parent Council AGM was held earlier this month. Plans are already in place for fundraising events throughout the year. Please get in touch via their Facebook page if you would like to get involved. They are in the middle of planning a Hallowe'en Disco for the children on 28th October at 5pm - 6.30pm. More details will be issued after the holidays. They are also planning a Christmas Fayre on 1st December. If anyone is interested in buying a table for the Christmas Fayre, please contact the Parent Council or contact the school for more information.

Breakfast Club

We are pleased to say that Breakfast Club is now up and running every day from 8.15am. This operates with a booking system with a maximum capacity of 40 pupils daily. If you wish a space for your child, please contact the school office to book in. We are fortunate to have some funding available for this provision, but we always welcome donations of cereal.



P1 Photos



Earlier in the month we welcomed the photographer from the Cumnock Chronicle into school to take a P1 group photograph. Please look out for this in upcoming editions of the paper.

Tempest School Photos

Tempest Photographers will be in school on 4th November to take individual and family group photographs.

Project Based Learning

After much success last session, we are continuing our approach to Interdisciplinary Learning through PBL (Project Based Learning). All classes took part in a short Health and Wellbeing PBL at the start of the new session and have now started working on their second PBL within class. P1 are investigating Autumn, whilst P2/3's project is themed around Spiderman. In P4 pupils have been learning all about the Loch Ness Monster. P5 are building a Resilience Toolkit as part of a continued HWB focused project and P6 have set themselves the task of learning all about Scottish Castles. In P7 learning has been focussed on Ancient Greece. Updates on all projects will be available via Learning Journals.



Learning Journals

All classes in the school are using Learning Journals to communicate with parents/carers at home. Staff are updating Journals regularly with photographs and details of learning. If you are having issues accessing Learning Journals, please contact the school office.



Start a Heart - Live



Classes had the opportunity to take part in CPR lessons in class. They learned vital skills on how to save a life. Ask them to demonstrate on a pillow at home to the tune of Baby Shark.

Lost Property

We already have a large amount of lost property gathered from across the school. We would like to encourage parents to look through this at our upcoming Parents' Evening to check if they recognise anything belonging to their child. We do try to return as much as we can with the help of name labels on items of clothing and water bottles however the items left behind have no name.



ROUNDUP GALLERY

