

Our values are:

***Honesty, Respect, Co-operation, Kindness and Effort***

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**Barmulloch Primary School & ALN**
Session: 2024-2025
Term 1 Newsletter

**Head Teacher Update**

As the end of Term 1 fast approaches I wanted to say thank you to everyone in the Barmulloch Primary School and ALN community for such a warm welcome. I’ve been very impressed with the hard work and kindness I’ve seen in my first term at Barmulloch and I can see that the children are a credit to both the school and their families.

Children across the school have settled in well to their new classes and routines. This has been great to see. There are a range of exciting experiences planned for children this session with many being supported by our fantastic Parent Council.

I hope that you will find our termly newsletters helpful in keeping you up to date with the life and work of Barmulloch. I’d also encourage you to follow us on ‘X’ where we regularly post updates – our page is @BarmullochP. There will also be regular updates on Showbie and our school website (please scan QR code above).

Mr Patrick Fyfe, Acting Head Teacher

**Contact Details**

The information below can be used if you’d like to get in touch. If you’d like to discuss an issue in more detail we recommend that you make an appointment wherever possible.

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**Email:** headteacher@barmulloch-pri.glasgow.sch.uk

**Child Protection Co-ordinator:**
Mr Patrick Fyfe, Acting Head Teacher

**Depute Child Protection Co-ordinator:** Mrs Denise Madden, Depute Head Teacher







**Supporting attendance at Barmulloch**

At Barmulloch Primary School & ALN we’re committed to making sure every child experiences the best education possible. To be able to do this children need to be in school on time every day. We follow Glasgow’s promotion of attendance policy and work to support families if a child’s attendance falls below 95%. Attendance is monitored regularly to ensure any support is offered quickly to reduce the impact of low attendance on learning and engagement. Our current whole school attendance rate is currently **93.87%.** Let’s try and get this up to 95%!



**Barmulloch Parent Council 24-25**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Parent Council was held on 18th September. At this meeting Elaine Macleod stood down as Chair after a very successful 7 years. Everyone at Barmulloch would like to thank Elaine for her support and hard work for all the children at Barmulloch. Below are the new Parent Council members and their roles after voting:

Chairperson: Leanne McEleney

Vice Chairperson: Nicola Rodger

Secretary: Lyndsay Morning

Treasurer: Cheryl Maxwell

Contact email: barmullochprimarypc@outlook.com

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be **on Wednesday 13th November 2024 at 2pm** at Barmulloch PS & ALN. All Parents/Carers are more than welcome to attend.

**Staffing Update**

We are delighted that Miss Harper will be beginning her phased return this week. Miss Harper has already popped in for a visit to see the children and staff and I’m sure many families will be keen to say ‘hello’ when she returns too. Miss Harper will be continuing to support children in The Treehouse.

We’ll also be saying ‘see you soon’ to Miss Quail as she leaves Barmulloch PS & ALN to take up a new post with St Roch’s Childcare Service after the October break. Miss Quail has worked at Barmulloch and previously Gadburn School for a total of 26 years. I’m sure everyone will join us in wishing Miss Quail all the best in her exciting new adventure! Everyone would like to thank Miss Quail for her support to all the children she has worked with in her time at both Gadburn and Barmulloch.



**Parent Pay**

As a school we currently have almost all families signed up to Parent Pay which is a fantastic achievement! If you’ve not yet signed up please contact the school office to set up an account.

Please use Parent Pay to select your child’s school lunch as this saves time in the classroom and ensures all valuable teaching time is used for teaching and learning.

**Important Dates**

Attached is a list of important dates for Term 2. This is a busy term with many exciting experiences planned for children and families. Please take some time to read these and note them in your diaries/calendars. We aim to give as much notice as possible for all events however all dates are subject to change. The Christmas Lunch Menu for this year is also attached for you and your child/ren to discuss. Choices will be gathered soon.



**School Office**

Our wonderful School Office staff Miss Gracey and Mrs White are available to help with a range of questions and queries throughout the school day.

Please note the following times below when the office is manned. It would be appreciated if any phone calls could be made between these times:

8.30am – 4pm

Thank you for you support with this.

**Hallowe’en 2024**

We will be celebrating Hallowe’en in school on Friday 1st November 2024. Children can either come to school dressed in a costume or bring a costume to get changed in to. Please be aware that children do not need to dress up, this is optional. Anyone not wanting to dress up can come to school in casual clothes. If your child is dressing up please ensure that no accessories of are brought to school (e.g. masks, swords, knives). This is to ensure children’s safety. There will be a range of exciting spooky activities throughout the day in classes and class Hallowe’en Parties in the afternoon.

**Family Support at Barmulloch**

As part of our Pupil Equity Funding spend we have our Family Support Worker Amber Thornton from Children1st. Amber is available to support families with a range of issues such as parenting, access to 3rd sector services and supporting links with the school. If you’d like to make an appointment to see Amber please contact the school office and Amber will be happy to see you.

**New House System**

We have now relaunched our school House System and children have voted for their new House and Vice Captains (see information below). The new houses were created by P5/6/7 and are based on street names from the local area. House points, house meeting and a range of other events, activities and rewards will be linked to the house system during the course of the school year.

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| **House** | **Captain** | **Vice-Captain** |
| Forge | Hanna | Ahmed |
| Broomfield | Harris | Caleb |
| Lockhart | Karis | Salam, Carly |
| Coll | Ally | Lucca |

**Standards and Quality Report 2023-2024**

Every year schools publish a Standards and Quality report. This tells families about the work the school has done to improve during the last school year. The Barmulloch Standards and Quality Report for Session 23-24 was sent out to all families on 8/10/24 and is also available on our school website. Please get in touch using the contact details on in this newsletter if you’d like to discuss any aspect of this in more detail.

**The year ahead…**

This session we will be focussing on two key areas of improvement at Barmulloch Primary School & ALN. Within each of these challenges we will be working on missions to achieve our challenges.

* Challenge 1: Improve teaching and assessment to

 increase attainment levels in Literacy

Mission 1 - Improve teaching and assessment to increase attainment levels in Writing

* Challenge 2: Work to better meet the needs of all children at Barmulloch Primary School and ALN

Mission 1 – Teachers to work together to improve approaches to teaching and learning with a focus on writing to begin with

Mission 2 - Improve how we meet the needs of all learners by supporting children in groups and as individuals