

Our values are:

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

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**Barmulloch Primary School & ALN**
Session: 2024-2025
Term 2 Newsletter



**Head Teacher Update**

It has certainly been a busy few months at Barmulloch since our last newsletter. Preparations for the festive season are in full swing and our children are working hard on our Nativity – ‘Born in a barn’, as well as practising lots of singing and filming for our ALN festive film production.

I’d like to thank all our families for their continued support of the school here at Barmulloch. Our fantastic Parent Council worked extremely hard last week to prepare for the yearly ‘Toy Sale’. This was a great success and raised a whopping £468! It was great to feel the buzz in the school with so many families buying festive gifts at reduced prices to benefit our school. A special thank you to all our Parent Council members who planned, set up and facilitated this very successful event!

The staff team here at Barmulloch have also been working very hard to continue to improve outcomes for all. Staff have taken part in training to develop approaches to writing whilst also further enhancing our strategies to support learners who need additional support.

I’d like to take this opportunity wish everyone in the Barmulloch school community a safe, happy and peaceful break and a Happy New Year when it comes.

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, please make an appointment wherever possible.

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

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







**Attendance and late coming**

We continue to closely monitor attendance and late coming at Barmulloch to allow us to support families as quickly as possible when attendance falls below 95%. Our current whole school attendance rate is currently **92.05%.** Let’s try and get this back up to our previous level and beyond! The table below explains the impact of attendance.

Recently, an increasing number of children have been arriving to school late and entering via the Main Entrance. There are several road works near the school so please allow extra time for this.





**Barmulloch Parent Council**

Our Parent Council continue to play an important role in supporting the school to ensure the very best learning experiences for every child. If you have any questions or would like to get in touch with the Parent Council, please use the email address below.

Contact email: barmullochprimarypc@outlook.com

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be **on Friday 6th December 2024 at 9.15am** at Barmulloch PS & ALN. All Parents/Carers are more than welcome to attend.



**Staffing Update**

We have had a few changes to staffing since Term 1. We were very sad to say ‘see you soon’ to Miss Murray this week after over 2 years supporting the children at Barmulloch. We wish Miss Murray all the best in her new adventure!

Miss Walker is also temporarily reducing her days with Miss Weir teaching in P5/4 on Thursdays and Fridays. We were delighted to welcome back Mrs Kelly to P3/2 from maternity leave recently.

**Book Week Scotland 2024**

During Book Week Scotland we had several events in school to promote reading (photos below). This included:

* Drop everything and read
* Author’s Live session with Alex Sheffler (author of ‘Room on the broom’)
* Story Train (children heard Staff reading their favourite stories)
* Read, Write, Count open morning with gifting of bags
* Shared reading (older and younger children reading together)

A big thank you to Mrs Sutherland for her organisation of these events!

**Important Dates**

Below is a list of important dates for the remainder of Term 2. Please take some time to read these and note them in diaries/calendars. We aim to give as much notice as possible for all events however all dates are subject to change.

* Fri 6th Dec – Lord Provost’s Christmas Party (ALN)
* Mon 9th Dec – Nativity and Show (tickets required)
* Tue 10th Dec – Christmas Lunch
* Thurs 12th Dec (1pm) – Christmas Fayre
* Fri 13th Dec (1pm) – Class Christmas Parties
* Tue 17th Dec (2pm) – Christmas Sing-along
* Wed 18th Dec (PM) – Peter Pan Panto
* Fri 20th Dec (2.30pm) – School closes
* Mon 6th Jan (9am) – School reopens



**Parent/Carer Survey Results**

To help us continue to improve experiences for children and families at Barmulloch we asked families to complete a survey at our recent Parents’ Evening. Thank you to Parents/Carers who completed our survey this. Below is an overview of the results that will be discussed with the Parent Council.

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| ***What’s going well***  | ***Next steps*** |
| * Meeting the Health and Wellbeing needs of children
* Knowing children as individuals
* Children enjoy coming to school
* Families feel comfortable approaching the school
* School is well led
 | * Agree consistent approaches to home learning
* Increase opportunities for families to learn alongside children at school (e.g. open events)
* More events to support families with their child’s learning
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**Family Support at Barmulloch**

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.

Below are a few helpful numbers in case you need support over the holidays:

* NHS 24 – 111
* Samaritans – 116 123
* Breathing Space - 0800 83 85 87

**Barmulloch Website**

To improve how we communicate with families we are in the process of updating our school website. Please keep checking this for new information. Newsletters and other important information sent out will be uploaded to the website.

**WISE Mentoring**

We are very lucky to have WISE Mentoring back with us this year supporting children in P6 and P7. WISE Mentoring is a community organisation that focuses on the Wellbeing, Inspiration, Support and Empowerment of young people through character education and mentoring.

More information about WISE Mentoring can be found here: <https://wise-mentoring.co.uk/>





