

Our values are:

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



## **Barmulloch Primary School & ALN**

Session: 2024-2025

Term 3 Newsletter

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### **Head Teacher Update**



January and February have been very busy months here at Barmulloch with fantastic learning opportunities continuing to take place across the school. As we move into March it is lovely to see the early signs of Spring appearing around the school.

As a staff team we have continued to work hard to improve our school for children and families. This has focussed on improving our approach to feedback in the classroom and across the school. Class Teachers are visiting each other's classes to see the use of feedback in action and agree next steps both individually and as a school. We have also continued to work on our Positive Relationships Policy and hope to share more information on this soon.

P7/6/5 have been working hard on Scottish Country Dancing ahead of their festival in the City Chambers and a number of children continue to work well with their WISE mentors. P5/4 and P3/2 have been taking part in an Active Play programme and are developing great play skills as a result. P2/1 are enjoying weekly music sessions from the Glasgow CREATE Team and developing their handwriting with the Kaligo programme. Munro and Campsie are continuing to enjoy the RAPA with some children also learning to swim.

My door is always open and I'm happy to meet with Parents/Carers to discuss any issues. Please get in touch with the school office if you'd like to discuss any aspect of your child's education.

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.

**Phone:** 0141 770 7889

**Email:** [headteacher@barmulloch-pri.glasgow.sch.uk](mailto: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

### **Attendance Matters Every Day Campaign**

Glasgow City Council launched the 'Attendance Matters Every Day Campaign' this month. The key aim of this campaign is to highlight the issue of low attendance rates by focusing on the importance of regular attendance at primary school and the impact of this as an adult.

Our current whole school attendance rate is **92%** however research tells us that if a child's attendance is below **95%** then this can have a significant impact on a child's progress in learning and development.

The key benefits of attending school every day includes:

- opening doors to better opportunities in the future
- helping children develop essential life skills
- fostering friendships that can last a lifetime.



### **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](mailto:barmullochprimarypc@outlook.com)

The next meeting of the Parent Council will be at Barmulloch PS & ALN. An update with the dates and times of the rest of the meetings for session 24-25 will be sent out to all families.

### **Staffing Update**



We have had a few changes to staffing since Term 2. We said 'see you soon' to Miss Weir and Miss Murray. We wish both Miss Weir and Miss Murray well in their new posts.

We said 'welcome' to Mrs Muir who has been teaching in Campsie and Munro and to Miss Sutton who has been teaching in P5/4 on Thursdays and Fridays. We also welcomed Miss Mackie to Barmulloch who has been supporting learners with their learning across the school.

### Important Dates

Below is a list of important dates for the remainder of Term 3. 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.

- 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day (Dress as a word)
- 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> March – British Science Week
- 20<sup>th</sup> March – Parents' Evening
- 28<sup>th</sup> March – Dress Down Day
- 31<sup>st</sup> March – Spring Celebration House Meeting
- 1<sup>st</sup> April – Partnership Fayre
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April – EID Celebration 1.30-3pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> April – School Closes for Easter at 2.30pm
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – School Reopens at 9am

### Fundraising for our playground



Throughout this term staff, children and parents have been working hard to raise funds to put towards improving our playground for all children across the school.

Miss Venables and Cheryl Maxwell have worked hard to plan and organise a range of events from the successful Rainbow Walk to a very brave Skydive! The current running total raised is an outstanding **£2500**.

Below are the rest of the planned fundraising events. We'd love to see as many families take part as possible:

- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Conic Hill Sponsored Walk
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Lea Rig (Alexander Parade, Parents/Carers and staff more info to follow)
- Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sponsored Skydive (St Andrews Skydive Centre, Fife)
- Date TBC – Barmulloch Bingo (Barmulloch School Hall)

### Kaligo – Improving Handwriting



Children in P2/1 and P3/2 have been introduced a programme called Kaligo to improve handwriting. This programme is an iPad app that uses Artificial Intelligence (AI) to give instant feedback to children on their letter formation/handwriting. Children use a stylus to create the letter shapes this then is used to give feedback.

Feedback from children has been very positive and children have also been transferring their improved handwriting when writing for different purposes (e.g. writing a list or as part of a science lesson). In Term 4 we will look at how the Kaligo app can be rolled out across the school to support more learners to improve their handwriting. Watch this space!

### Kier Construction - HMP Glasgow



We are delighted to continue to build on our partnership with Kier Construction who are currently building the new HMP Glasgow prison near to the school.

Andy Kimmett, the Social Impact Coordinator for Kier, has offered 3 children an opportunity to take part in the 'Press Packers' programme. This involved the children visiting the site and seeing how this is developing. The children will then report back to the rest of the school to keep everyone up to date.

### School Office

A reminder that our School Office is manned from 8.30am-4pm. It is very much appreciated if any phone calls or enquiries could be made between these times.

Thank you for your continued support with this.

### Parking around our school



Parking around our school can be very challenging due to the number of cars accessing the nearby carwash and parked cars around the school grounds. We are currently seeking to have the zig-zag lines outside the school repainted as they are very faint. As always, we encourage children to come to school by walking, cycling or scooting where possible.



Whole school litter pick!



Enjoying our House Meeting!

