

Balmalloch Primary School & Nursery Class

Education and Families



Parent Council - Head Teacher's Report - 1st May, 2019

1. School Budget

The school budget has not been uploaded yet but we will advise at the next meeting.

2. Distributed Leadership Roles - Parent Council/PTA

2018-19

<u>PARENT/VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>ROLE</u>
Lisa Forsyth	Parent Council Chairperson
Nicola Buchanan	Parent Council Member
Greg Shepherd	Parent Council Member
Karen Maley	Parent Council Member
Vicky Brady	Parent Council Member
Lyndsey O'Donnell	Parent Council Member
Jane Machray	PTA Lead

2019-20

<u>PARENT/VOLUNTEER</u>	<u>ROLE</u>
Lisa Forsyth	
Nicola Buchanan	
Greg Shepard	
Jane Machray	

3. Validation

The school will be inspected by North Lanarkshire Council Validation Team on 15th and 16th May, 2019.

National Digital Learning Week: 13th-17th May, 2019

National Numeracy Day: 15th May, 2019

Pupils from different stages have been selected to be part of the following groups, enabling them to talk about our school with the Validation Team:

Tour of the School Group - P6 & P7 Pupils

Attainment and Achievement Group - P2 to P4 and P5 to P7 Pupils

Pupil Voice Group - P2 to P7 Pupils

The Validation Team will also meet with our parents/carers on Wednesday 15th May, 2019 at 3.30pm. The following parents/carers have advised they would be happy to take part on the above date and the school wish to thank them for taking the time to represent the views of our families:

Carolyn Bisset

Andrew Duncan

Jane Machray

Louise Mitchell

Janice Campbell

Lesley Kelly

Grant Skillen

Tracey Temporal

Thank you to all the parents/carers involved for their time in completing the returns slip.

4. Staffing

- Dining Hall Supervisor

The position will now be advertised on My Job Scotland with interviews for the post hopefully taking place on 28th May, 2019.

- Nursery Teacher vacancy

The nursery teacher will be replaced by an Early Years' Practitioner. We will advise parents and carers when we have further information.

- Mrs Dignall

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Dignall on achieving a DHT post in North Lanarkshire Council which she will start in August, 2019. We wish to thank her for all her hard work over the years and the many successes achieved with her support, including the 7th ECO flag and Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award. We will advertise for a new Principal Teacher as soon as possible.

5. School Core Bookings

For the session 2019-20, these must be submitted to North Lanarkshire Council by 12th June, 2019.

Session 2018-19

EVENT	DATE	TIME	REPONSIBILITY
Kilbowie Information Evening	22.08.18	7-8pm	School
Curriculum Evening - Nursery	29.08.18	7-8pm	Nursery
Curriculum Evening - School	19.09.19	7-9pm	School
Parents' Evening	10.10.18	6.30-8.30pm	School
Parents' Evening	06.03.19	6.30-8.30pm	School
Beach Party	21.06.19	6.30-9.30pm	School
Parent Council & PTA meeting	05.09.19	6.30-8.30pm	PTA/Parent Council
Parent Council & PTA meeting	07.11.18	6.30-8.30pm	PTA/Parent Council
Parent Council & PTA meeting	06.02.19	6.30-8.30pm	PTA/Parent Council
Parent Council & PTA meeting	01.05.19	6.30-8.30pm	PTA/Parent Council
Movie Night	26.09.18	6-9pm	PTA
Christmas Fayre	24.11.18	9-1pm	PTA
Valentine Disco	14.02.19	6-9pm	PTA
Coffee Morning	23.03.19	9-12pm	PTA
Fashion Show	30.05.19	7-9pm	PTA

Session 2019-20

EVENT	DATE	TIME	REPONSIBILITY
Kilbowie Information Evening	January	7-8pm	DHT
Nursery Curriculum Evening			
School Curriculum Evening			

6. Parent Council & PTA Meetings - 2019-20

Parent Council and PTA meetings for the session 2019-20 will take place from 6.30-7.30pm due to SMT participating in increased development activities/leadership and management tasks to continue to raise standards. We value the work of both parent groups and will continue to support them to improve outcomes for our children. Mrs Chambers will attend the PTA meeting and Miss McCarthy will attend the PTA meeting.

Minutes will then be shared and uploaded on our blog to ensure everyone is kept informed.

7. **Kilbowie dates/cost for session 2019/20:**

23rd-27th March, 2019

School pupils from authority schools on residential courses:

Discounted Rate: Pupils in receipt of free school meals/clothing grant

Short week **£37.00**

Full week **£47.00**

Full Rate:

Short week **£103.00**

Full week **£137.50**

8. **Named Person & Surveys**

A letter has been sent out to our families to advise who the Named Person is for Balmalloch Primary School and Nursery Class following a survey uploaded on Survey Monkey. This information is contained in the School Handbook, is on display on our school hall and has been put on display on the external display board near our kitchen door. The Named Person helps families to access the support they need, so please contact the school if further information is required about anything.

A survey will be uploaded by Mrs Convery to collect the views of our P4-7 pupils about their school and this will provide further evidence for the Validation Team. Families are asked to support their children with this, encouraging them to share their views.

We plan to use Survey Monkey more often next year to get views on a variety of topics from a variety of stakeholders. Our Digital Leaders Group (P7 Pupils) will be up and running next session and they will learn how to create surveys, be responsible for apps on the iPads and help us towards achieving the Digital Leaders' Award through the Digital Leaders' Programme. More information will follow on this important topic.

9. **Vision, Values, Aims and School Motto**

A consultation letter will be sent out to our families to gather views on our vision, values, aims and school motto. Please take time to complete this with your child, as your opinion is very important to us.

School Motto:

Learn to BELIEVE in yourself

Learn to ACHIEVE your goals

School Values

responsi**B**ility
gr**A**ttitude
Learn to **BELIEVE** in yourself
hu**M**ility
persever**A**nce
Love
Learn to **ACHIEVE** your goals
h**O**nesty and gener**O**sity
respe**C**t
friends**H**ip & family

10. Competitions & Achievements

Dance Mania - Joint **FIRST PLACE** out of 17 schools in total in the final.

Athletics Cluster Schools Event - **FIRST PLACE** - P7 pupils

J Rock - **FIRST PLACE** in NLC heats, progressing to the final in Dundee in June.

Active Schools Netball competition - **THIRD PLACE** achieved, progressing to the finals in May.

North Lanarkshire Council Reading Challenge - **SECOND PLACE**.

Glasgow Science Festival - Creating Engineers - K'nex - **RUNNERS UP** in the Quarter Final, progressing to the final in May.

11. Pupil Equity Fund

Allocation for the session 2019-20 is £58,800. This is based on the number of pupils in receipt of Free School Meals. If your child qualifies for Free School Meal Entitlement, please ensure you complete the application form, as this has an impact on the funding given to the school. The more funding we have, the more opportunities we can provide for our children.

Our plans for the funding for next session include:

1 Full-time additional member of staff

Community Learning and Development to provide continued support for our families

Investment in children's health and wellbeing through nurture

12. Anti-Bullying Policy - Meeting 8th May at 6pm

25 parents/carers have sent their returns back to prepare a meeting room.

* A copy of the current policy (Anti-bullying Policy/Positive and Relationships Policy) will be issued to parents/carers who have sent back returns.

- * The Anti-Bullying Information for Adults in Scottish Schools poster will be uploaded on the school blog/Twitter.
- * North Lanarkshire Council Anti-Bullying Policy and Prevention Guidelines can be downloaded/viewed at the following address as it is 35 pages long:
<https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=20547&p=0>
- * Scottish Government - Respect for All - national approach to anti-bullying can be downloaded/viewed at the following address, as it is 49 pages long:
<https://www.gov.scot/publications/respect-national-approach-anti-bullying-scotlands-children-young-people/>

If you would like to comment on any of the information above, please complete the tear-off slip below.

R. McCarthy
Head Teacher
1st May, 2019

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Parent/Carer/Pupil Feedback

Area you wish to comment on:

Name: _____ (Parent/Carer)

Pupil: _____

Date: _____