



# Balbeggie Primary School

## Headteacher's Newsletter – June 23

Dear pupils, parents/carers and friends of Balbeggie,

We are at the end of the 2022-23 school year and what a year it has been. Please enjoy our final newsletter for this school session. Take the time to read through it and as always, if you have any queries or concerns, please get in touch via our school office 01738 454490 or [balbeggie@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:balbeggie@pkc.gov.uk).

### Sports Day

We were blessed with fabulous sunshine for Sports Day this year. The children took part in a variety of different races and great fun was had by all. The winning team and this year's Sports Champions will be announced at Prize Giving on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to all our families who attended and supported this event.



### County Sports

Some of our primary 6 and 7 pupils took part in the Perth Academy Cluster Sport Qualifiers recently. Well done to Courtney, Emily, Nina, Ben and Robin for representing our school.

### BBQ Lunch

Barbecue  
and games  
at  
lunchtime  
today!



We thoroughly enjoyed our BBQ lunch provided by Tayside Contracts recently. The sun was shining, and it was a fantastic experience for all!

## P7 Transition Days

Our primary 7 pupils spent two days at Perth Academy recently. They enjoyed their experience there and are looking forward to starting properly after the summer. The rest of our pupils got to spend time in their new classes and our new primary one pupils were able to join us.

## Willowgate

Earlier this month our P7 pupils joined with P7s from Collace and Guildtown to spend the day at Willowgate. It was an action-packed day full of a variety of different activities and the sun was shining. Thank you to Mrs Hally who drove the minibus and Mrs Hamilton who accompanied the children.



## Class News

### P1/2/3

In Literacy, we have been learning how to take notes and use these facts to write sentences. Some of us have been learning to organise our notes under headings. We have been learning to make our sentences more interesting by using adjectives and connectives.

In Numeracy, we have been consolidating our work on subtraction strategies using number lines and concrete materials. We have also been working on grouping and sharing to develop our understanding of multiplication and division. In maths, we have been learning to use tally marks, create simple charts and sort information based on characteristics.

In Health and Wellbeing, we have been labelling different body parts and learning about privacy and friendships. We have also been developing our growth mindset which is helping us understand that finding things tricky and making mistakes is part of learning and is healthy for our brains.

Our topic work on birds has been a highlight this term. We have developed our research skills by investigating different species and enjoyed recreating their calls in music, using rhymes to remember their rhythms. We have developed our design, problem solving and teamwork skills by creating bird's nests and bird feeders.



### P3/4/5



P3/4/5 have had a busy term with lots of Outdoor Learning opportunities. They have embraced their design tasks enthusiastically; making models of dens before building them 'for real' in our wilderness spaces. They have had lots of

visitors to the classroom, including some slimy & feathered friends, and they have practiced their persuasive writing skills to then put into action when writing to the headteacher to ask for a class pet. They have enjoyed being able to play football in the P3-7 playground. P3/4/5 also got a treat one week when Mrs Johnstone came to class to teach their spelling! Well done P3,4,5 for being so adaptable this term especially when we moved into our makeshift classroom, you should all be very proud of yourselves.

### P6/7

This term P6/7 have been exploring the novel 'wolf brother' and using it as an inspiration to learn about life in the stone age. We have explored the technology, art and lifestyles of people from thousands of years ago, taking the information we have from archaeology and trying various practical explorations to develop our understanding of how surviving artifacts might have been used. We have formed Clans inspired by the story and worked together to solve team challenges and earn points for our Clan. A big part of our learning has been experiential this term and we have made the most of the good weather to get ourselves outside and put in to practice the skills and ideas we have been learning about. Across the school we have had a big focus on our values but in P6/7 in particular we have worked hard to establish routines and structures that support us all to uphold our values of 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' as well as ways of rewarding those who are exemplary in their efforts to uphold our values. P7 have been very busy with their transition to secondary school work and the preparations for the end of term, and this has Given P6 some chances to step up into the role of the senior members of our school and learn a little bit about what expectations, responsibilities and rewards they can look forward to next year.

### And Finally...

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, pupils, parents and wider community of Balbeggie for the warm welcome I have had this year. It has been a privilege to be your Acting Head Teacher and I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Balbeggie. I wish you all the best for the future.

As always, thank you for the support you show our school.  
Yours faithfully



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