

A Bridge to a Bright Future



Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
February 2018

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and grow together

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School Vision and Motto Consultation

Thank you to everyone who participated in the above consultation. The results for the school vision consultation were as follows:

	Staff/Parents	Pupils	Total
At Bargarran Primary School we will use our collective strength to provide a high quality education where every child feels happy, safe and valued.	41	52	93
At Bargarran Primary we all learn and grow together.	28	109	137

The chosen option of; At Bargarran Primary we all learn and grow together, has been shared with pupils at a whole school assembly on Friday 16th February and has now been adopted as our vision statement.

The results of the consultation for the school motto were as follows:

	Staff/Parents	Pupils	Total
Learning Together, Caring for Each Other	22	12	34
Working as a community to educate, nurture and achieve	17	19	36
Build at Bargarran	0	10	10
A Bridge to a Bright Future	30	120	150

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Scots Verse Competition

We held our annual Scots Verse assembly on Thursday 8th February. The final of our Primary 4-7 recital competition was held during the assembly. Congratulations to the following children who won their class competition;

Class	Winner	Class	Winner
Primary 4	Jessica	Primary 7/6	Euan
Primary 5/4	Katie	Primary 7	Liam
Primary 6/5	Brooke and Rachel		

The final between the class winners was of a high standard. The winner was **Liam** from **Primary 7**.

Community Meal

Primary 1, 4 and 7 pupils participated in a Food Technologies project during January. The project involved children learning about food hygiene, basic cooking skills and the ingredients they were using to cook. The project culminated in a three course community meal made and served by the children on Friday 26th January. Those who attended provided very positive feedback. The children who participated thoroughly enjoyed the project and I do believe some of them used their new found skills at home

Bargarran Bookworm!

Congratulations to the children below who have achieved the following levels of Bargarran Bookworm reading awards recently;

Starter - Lucie (P.4), Nicole (P.5), Nathan (P.5), and Kirsty (P.7)

Bronze - Mirin (P.6)

School Communication Survey

Thank you to all who responded to the Survey Monkey questionnaire about our communication processes. The information gained from the survey was as follows;

- 90% of Parents and Carers responded our current communication is of a high or very high standard.
- 87% of Parents and Carers responded that they always read school newsletters.
- 70% of Parents and Carers who responded follow the school's Facebook page.
- 13% of Parents and Carers who responded follow the school's Twitter feed.
- 23% of Parents and Carers who responded use the school web site regularly and 50% who responded use the school's web site occasionally.
- 100% of Parents and Carers who responded feel text messaging is an effective way for the school to communicate.

From the results gained our plan to further improve our communication processes is as follows;

- Investigate the possibility of sending letters out by e-mail as well as through the school bag. The main issue we have encountered is that the system available to us lists all the addresses the e-mail is sent to as part of the e-mail resulting in everyone who receives the e-mail has access to each other's e-mail address. This clearly has data protection issues and until we can resolved the issue we will not be able to take this forward.
- Continue to use text message to communicate with parents. There is a cost of £8 for each whole parent group message and we need to be mindful of this.
- Make more regular use of Twitter to communicate class and school events.
- Regularly audit our web site to ensure the content is up to date.

Finally, if you use Facebook or Twitter and don't currently follow the school at present, please consider becoming a friend on Facebook or a Twitter follower.

Primary 1 Registration

Primary 1 registration took place shortly after the Christmas break. Mrs Mackenzie and Mrs Hunter are currently visiting the nursery schools of all the children who are starting with us in August and are enjoying getting to know our future pupils.

After the nursery visits have been completed opportunities for the children to visit their new school will be arranged with the nursery schools or with parents and carers.

Make a Difference Scotland Visit

As part of our Health and Wellbeing programme all classes worked with Make a Difference Scotland. The sessions raised awareness of Disability Hate Crime and Bullying. The adults who delivered the programme were very complimentary of the manner in which the children worked with them and the prior knowledge that they had. I received a lovely letter from the team who delivered the programme and I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of it with you;

"The team really enjoyed visiting Bargarran Primary School over the past two days, the teachers were extremely welcoming and the pupils were very well behaved and enthusiastic, with a great understanding of disabilities and the importance of being a good friend/classmate."

Well done to everyone!!!

Rights Respecting Schools Update

We are continuing our work towards gaining our Level 2 Rights Respecting School award, soon to be known as the Gold Award. The ongoing work taking place with the children includes;

Mrs Monaghan taking regular assemblies focused on the Articles of the UN Convention on Children's Rights.

Pupil Parliaments that meet on a monthly basis have been created to provide all P.4 - P.7 pupils with the opportunity to lead an area of the work of the school. This will be extended to all pupils next session.

A permanent Foodbank collection point has been set up in our main foyer. We will gladly accept donations of canned or dried food and toiletries at any time.

During the final term we will be raising money for UNICEF through taking part in Soccer Aid. More details on this will be given nearer the time.

World Book Day

We plan to mark World Book Day on **Thursday 1st March** by asking children to come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book. On World Book Day the activities the children experience will be literacy based. I would like to thank Miss Alexander, Primary 2/1 class teacher, for organising the day.

Comments

As a school we are always keen to find out the views of our parents and carers on the service that we provide. I have attached a return slip at the foot of this newsletter to provide any feedback that you may have.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Lyle
Head Teacher

Recognising Wider Achievement

Pupil : _____ Class: _____

Details of achievement:

Parent's signature: _____ Date : _____

Comments

Comment/Suggestion:

Name : _____ Date: _____