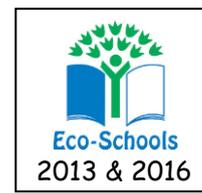




Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
September 2018



I am delighted to start this month's newsletter by sharing the following wider achievements:

Beth (P.2) is now able to ride her bike without stabilisers. Well done, Beth!

Stuart (P.3) received a trophy for playing football. Stuart plays for Parkmoor 2011s, although he is currently injured with a broken finger. Congratulations and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Emma (P.4) received a trophy for gaining the most points at Girls Brigade. She also received a special certificate for always being friendly and welcoming new girls to the Brigade. Well done, Emma!

Cameron (P.4) performed in the PACE show *Gangsta Granny*, and also mastered the art of tying his shoe laces. Congratulations, Cameron!

Maria (P.6) had 12 inches of her hair cut off and donated the hair to charity. The hair Maria donated was made into wigs for children. A wonderful gesture, Maria.

As always, there is a tear off slip at the foot of this newsletter for children's achievements to be shared with the school community. Please only do so if you are happy to have your child's first name and stage group included in the newsletter.

School Staffing

After Mrs Monaghan's retirement, Mrs Mackenzie is currently undertaking the Acting DHT role and Mrs Thompson is undertaking the Acting PT post. Mr Martindale has joined the staff on a full time basis with teaching responsibility for Primary 2 on Wednesday to Friday. On Monday and Tuesday Mr Martindale provides NCCT and pupil support. Mr Davies started in August as a newly qualified teacher and has teaching responsibility for Primary 5.

Mrs Healy has joined our support staff as a full time ASNA (Additional Support Needs Assistant). Mrs Sweeney has also joined our support staff, working one day a week as an ASNA.

JASS (Junior Award Schemes for Schools) Awards

We are using part of our Pupil Equity Funding to involve all Primary 6 and 7 pupils in the JASS wider achievement awards. This will ensure every child who attends the school will have attained a nationally accredited wider achievement award by the time they leave for secondary. Primary 6 children visited Castle Semple on Thursday 13th September and Primary 7 children on Friday 14th September to undertake the Adventure section of the award. The other sections of the award are; *Get Active Stay Active*, *My Interests* and *Me and My World*. During the course of the session children will continue to work towards the award, with a presentation event to be held at the end of the session in June.

School Web Site

All of our classes have their own page on the school web site. The class pages are maintained by our teaching staff and will provide information on class routines, such as homework routines, P.E days and work being undertaken by the class. Our class pages are updated every term. The address of our school web site is <https://blogs.glowscotland.org.uk/re/bargarran/>. We also have a school facebook page and a school twitter account that we use to update parents. If you have not befriended the school on facebook or followed on twitter please do so.

Maths Week Scotland

All children took part in Maths Week Scotland from Monday 10th to Friday 14th September. Children were involved in a wide range of activities from Maths challenges to playground Maths trails. The week was a huge success with all children enjoying the range of activities on offer. Our next themed week is Book Week Scotland. This will take place from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd November.

Football Team

The school football team made a good start to their season with a 6-0 win against Langbank. The scorers were Ryan (2), Callum, Luc, Reegan and Kyle M. Our next match is against Bishopton Primary on Wednesday 3rd October. Many thanks to Mr Fairbairn, Mr Millar and Mrs Harwood for their assistance in organising and supervising the team this session.

Active Schools Clubs

These clubs will start after the October break. Active Schools will provide details of the clubs on offer in due course.

Rights Respecting Schools Update

This year we are working towards our Gold Rights Respecting Schools award. There will be a number of initiatives taking place both within and outwith the classroom. A permanent foodbank has been set up at the front of the school, any donations will be gratefully received. A costume bank for Halloween costumes is being organised by Primary 6 and 7. If you have any old costumes in a suitable condition that you would like to donate please hand them in. The costume bank will be available for those who would like to use it at our parents' appointments on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th October. On Monday 1st October a parent and child mindfulness club will begin. The club will take place during lunchtime. If you would like to take part please contact the school office.

Fairtrade Update

Following the success of the Fairtrade Pocket Money stall, the Fairtrade Parliament presented to the whole school during assembly, raising awareness of the manufacture of Fairtrade footballs in India. A Fairtrade football was raffled and the winner was Rebecca from Primary 5. The Fairtrade Parliament are keen to explore Fairtrade links within the local community and will be working on this in the near future.

School Credit Union

Unfortunately, we are no longer in a position to collect savings for the School Credit Union. Children with an account can collect their savings cards from the school office. The accounts are held with Renfrewshire Wide Credit Union and money can be withdrawn from their office in High Street, Paisley. I would like to thank all the families who supported this initiative over the past three years. If you have any queries regarding withdrawing money deposited please contact the school office and we will assist you the best we can.

Class Assemblies

In previous years after a class assembly parents and carers have had the opportunity to visit their child's class. We are aware that parents and carers enjoy the opportunity to visit their child's class during the school session. This session we will replace the class visits after an assembly with an Open Morning on Friday 8th February 2019.

Dates for your Diary

The following events will be taking place in the next few weeks:

Date	Event
Friday 21st September	Holiday - School Closed
Monday 24 th September	Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 25 th September	Deaf Awareness Bus visits shared campus
Thursday 4 th October	P.5/4 and P.4 Harvest Assembly
Tuesday 9 th October	Parents' Evening 6.00 - 9.00 p.m.
Wednesday 10 th October	Parent's Appointments 3.30 - 6.00 p.m.
Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th October	October Week - School Closed
Monday 22nd October	In-Service Day - School Closed

Comments

As a school we are always keen to find out the views of our parents and carers. 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: _____

