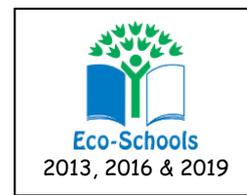




Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
August/September 2019



It is hard to believe how quickly the first few weeks of term have flown in. The children in all our classes have settled well into their new routines. Our Primary 7 Prefects undertook their 'Buddy' roles to the new Primary 1 pupils to a high standard. The Primary 1 pupils have settled confidently into school and are enjoying making new friends.

School Staffing

This session the school is the fortunate position of have some flexibility in our staffing until the October break. Mrs Druce and Mrs McGhee will be working across the school to provide support to classes for Literacy and Numeracy. Mrs McGhee will provide cover in Primary 6 on Wednesday and Thursday to allow Acting Principal Teacher, Mrs Thompson, time out of class to undertake management responsibilities.

Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award

We were delighted to be awarded the UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools highest award, the Gold Award, as a result of the report from the accreditation visit in June. As one of only two schools in Renfrewshire to hold this level of award we are very proud of the work the children, staff and parents have put in over a number of years.

To celebrate this award, and the other three whole school awards we have been accredited with in the past year (Eco Schools, Fairtrade and Social Enterprise) a special celebration day will take place on the day before we stop for the September weekend, **Thursday 26th September**. Mrs Thompson is currently putting plans together for a memorable day for children and staff. Full details of our plans for the day will be provided in due course.

School Enquiries Mail Box

We have had a successful response to the introduction of our new school app. Hopefully, the app is serving the purpose of improving communication between school and home. If you have any feedback you would like to provide regarding the app please drop us a line through the school e-mail address- bargarranenquiries@renfrewshire.gov.uk

In previous newsletters we have included a tear off slip for parents and carers to inform us of any wider achievements your child may achieved outwith school. There has also been a tear off slip to provide comments about the service the school provides. As the newsletter is now mainly available on-line we would ask that any wider achievements or comments are communicated through the school e-mail address.

We have had occasions where parents have tried to contact members of the school's Senior Management Team through their private work e-mail addresses. Could I respectfully ask that all parents and carers use the school e-mail address when contacting members of the management team by e-mail. The council has a five day deadline for responding to written complaints or enquiries although, where possible, we will do our very best to respond well within this time.

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.

Parent Council

The Annual General meeting of our Parent Council takes place on Tuesday 10th September in the campus staff room at 7.00 p.m. The Parent Council is open to any parent or carer of a child in the school. At meetings information is discussed regarding the day to day running of the school, events are planned for the children who attend the school and as well as organising fundraising events.

At the end of last session a number of members left the Parent Council as their children left for Park Mains. The Parent Council play an active role in the life of the school and we require new members to ensure our children continue to benefit in the way they have done previously. The Parent Council dates for the coming session are as follows:

Meetings (all start at 7 p.m.)	Discos	Fundraising
Tuesday 10 th September	P.1 -P.3 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. P.4 - P.7 7.45 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.	Christmas Fayre - Friday 29 th November 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 13 th November	Wednesday 30 th October	
Thursday 16 th January 2020	Thursday 19 th December	
Wednesday 18 th March 2020	Thursday 26 th March 2020	
Wednesday 6 th May 2020	Thursday 21 st May 2020	

Class Dojo

We use Class Dojo to keep parents and carers updated about their child's time in school. Please be aware that although Class Dojo has the facility for teaching staff to communicate directly with parents it is school policy not to do so. Any messages sent to teaching staff through Class Dojo will not receive a response.

Football Team

The school football team play their first match of the new season against Bishopton Primary on Wednesday 11th September. I would like to thank our staff member, Mr Martindale, and adult helpers Mr Boyd and Mr Fairbairn for volunteering to give up their time to help run the team.

Session Planner

A session planner with details of events across the course of the year will be issued on our school app during the first week in September. Paper copies will be provided to parents who have requested one. All dates in the planner are correct at time of issue.

Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event
Thursday 26 th September	Rights Respecting Schools Celebration Day
Friday 27 th September	Holiday - School Closed
Monday 30 th September	Holiday - School Closed
Wednesday 9 th October	Parents' Appointments 3.30 - 9.00 p.m.
Thursday 10 th October	Last Day of Term School Closes at 3 p.m.
Friday 11 th October	In-service Day
Monday 21 st October	School re-opens at 9.00 a.m.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Lyle
Head Teacher