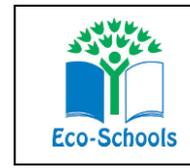




Bargarran Primary School
Newsletter for Parents and Carers
October 2019



It is hard to believe that the end of the first term is upon us. The last nine weeks have flown by and all our pupils and staff are ready for their well earned break. When we return we will be starting our winter term and I would ask all parents to ensure that the contact details held by the school office are up to date. Up to date contact details are essential for every child should we have an unexpected weather emergency. I would also ask that children come to school with an appropriate jacket for the time of year. Our new playground has vastly improved shelter and where in the past, due to lack of shelter, we would have kept the children in at wet intervals and lunchtimes there may be occasions that we will allow them to go outside. We also plan to use the outdoor learning opportunities our new playground offers and children will require appropriate clothing to learn outdoors.

Celebration Day

On Thursday 26th September we held a 'Celebration Day' to mark the four external awards accredited to the school last session. All the awards were the result of a number of years hard work from staff, pupils, parents, ex-pupils and previous staff members. As a school, we are very proud of each of the awards. We were also recognised by the local press who carried an article on our 'Celebration Day' and the work behind it. All children received a gold wrist band to commemorate our UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award and I would like to thank the parent council for donating these.



The bouncy castle was a great favourite



Our team of nail painters were kept very busy.



The cold weather didn't get in the way of eating ice-cream.



Face painting fun!

School Staffing

Mrs Druce and Mrs McGhee both start maternity leave at the end of October and as a result the following changes to our staffing will take place.

Miss Sinclair will have teaching responsibility for Primary 6/5 from Monday to Thursday with Mrs McGlinchey having responsibility for the class on Friday.

Mrs Thompson will have teaching responsibility for Primary 6 on Monday to Wednesday and Friday. Mrs McGlinchey will be responsible for the class on Thursday. Mrs McGlinchey will liaise with both Miss Sinclair and Mrs Thompson to ensure continuity for the classes.

Mrs Thompson was recently appointed to the role of Principal Teacher on a permanent basis after a competitive interview process.

JASS (Junior Award Schemes for Schools) Awards

As part of our Pupil Equity Funding plan all Primary 6 pupils will have the opportunity to participate in the JASS wider achievement awards. This ensures every child who attends Bargarran Primary will attain a nationally accredited wider achievement award during their time at primary school. On Friday 4th October our Primary 6 children



visited Castle Semple 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.

As part of their work towards gaining their JASS Award Primary 6 pupils will be involved in organising and running our Community Café this session. The first Community Café will be held on Friday 25th October from 11.00 a.m. until 12.00 p.m. in the school studio.

Football Team

The school football team have played one match so far this season. Despite playing well the team lost 5-2 to a very strong Bishopton team. The scorers for Bargarran were Dylan and Taylor. The team's next match is against Langbank Primary on Wednesday 9th October. The match will be played on our 3G pitch and will kick off at 12.20 p.m. Spectators are very welcome but I would ask anyone coming to watch not to park in the school car park or enter the school playground. I would like to thank our parent helper, Mr Boyd and Mr Martindale, for taking our school team this session.

Bikes and Scooters

It is pleasing to see that a number of children enjoy coming to school on their bike or scooter. This healthy approach to coming to school is one that we encourage. Could I please ask parents to support our rule that children do not ride bikes or scooters in the school playground. There have been a number of occasions at the start and end of the school day where children riding a bike or scooter have just avoided colliding with another child or adult waiting in the playground.

Climbing Frame

The climbing frame on the Allison Avenue side of the building is designed for Primary 1 to 3 pupils. Could I please ask adults who drop children off in the morning, or collect them at the end of the day, not to allow children above Primary 3 under their supervision to use the climbing frame. Thank you for your support.



Pupil Awards

We regularly celebrate children's work and successes at our weekly assembly. Congratulations to the following children have won awards in the term from August to October.

Curriculum Award Winners

Class	Maths Magician	Start Reader	Wonderful Writer	Good Citizen
Primary 1	Mason	Francesca	Sofia	Sandy
Primary 2/1	Arran	Charley	Maren	Jaimie
Primary 2	Sarah	Sami	Bailey	Sara
Primary 3	Joseph	Millie	Sofia	Amelia
Primary 4	Karly	Nicholas	Harrison	Chloe
Primary 5	Cameron	Sophie	David	Maya
Primary 6/5	Innes	Erin	Scarlett	Adam
Primary 6	Brodie	Sophie	Eve	Emily
Primary 7	Ross	Ross	Anna	Holly

ACE Award Winners

Class	Successful Learner	Confident Individual	Responsible Citizen	Effective Contributor
Primary 1	Elliott	Zara	Jacob	Sofia
Primary 2/1	Cole	Elena	Emily	Lewis
Primary 2	Cairn	Caitlin	Olly	Elizabeth
Primary 3	Millie	Mason	Mirren	Alfie
Primary 4	Adam	Millie	Casey	Grace
Primary 5	Olivia	Ben	Emma	Ruby
Primary 6/5	Grace	Erin	Scarlett	Adam
Primary 6	Jack	Aaron	Mollie	Eve
Primary 7	Alex	Taylor	Taylor	Megan
Support Staff	Beth	Olivia	Finlay	Scarlett

House Points

The winning house for the term from August to October is Bute. Bute's house colour of ribbons (blue) will be placed on the House Points Cup that sits in the school foyer.

Lines of Communication

We strive to communicate as effectively as we can with parents and carers. The schools uses a range of different social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter. Parents who are regular users of either of these are encouraged to follow or like our pages. Please be aware that we only post information and do not respond to comments. If you have any queries regarding information provided on either platform please contact the school office.

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/> .

Lines of Communication cont...

Access to examples of work children have undertaken are posted on our Evidence App. We intend to have three pieces of work for each child available to view on the app for each child by the end of October. One piece will be added each month from October. If you have not yet signed up to use our Evidence App please contact Mrs McGhee through the school office.



The majority of school correspondence, including newsletters, are available from our downloadable app. We also use the app to send out text messages. At present we have just under 75% of parents and carers using our app but would like this to increase. If you would still like a paper copy of school correspondence please contact the school office and a paper copy will be sent home with the oldest child in your family.

Pupil Parliaments

Our Pupil Parliament groups aim to provide our pupils with a voice in the running of the school. This year for the first time all children from Primary 1 to 7 are involved in our parliaments. We have eight parliament groups; Eco Schools, Events, Garden, Fairtrade, Playground, Rights Respecting, Sports and Technologies. The Parliaments met for the first time on Friday 20th September and elected a First Minister, Depute First Minister, Officer and Speaker. Due to holidays and other scheduled events the next parliament meetings will take place on Friday 1st November.

Pupil Council

The Pupil Council met for the first time on Monday 23rd September. This year's council members consist of Primary 4 to 6 pupils. The first task for the council is to review the results of last session's pupil survey and draw up an action plan for the next two sessions. When the action plan is complete it will be shared with parents and carers.

Parent Council

The first meeting of the Parent Council took place on Tuesday 10th September. We would like to encourage more parents to play an active role in the formal and fundraising activities of the council. Over the last few years we have seen a decline in parents joining the parent council. If this situation continues over the next few years the extra activities provided to our children, including discos, leavers' dance and our Christmas Fayre may not be able to continue. At the Parents' Appointments event on Wednesday 9th October we will be carrying out a survey about our Parent Council and would appreciate as many responses as possible.

Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event
Friday 25 th October	Primary 6 Community Café
Wednesday 30 th October	Parent Council Hallowe'en Discos
Thursday 31 st October	Fancy Dress Afternoon
Friday 8 th November	P.7 Remembrance Assembly
Friday 29 th November	Parent Council Christmas Fayre 5.00 - 7.00 p.m.
Monday 2 nd December	School Closed - Local Holiday
Monday 9 th and Tuesday 10 th December	School Christmas Show
Wednesday 11 th December	Whole School Pantomime Visit
Monday 16 th & Tuesday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Friday 20 th December	School Closes at 2.30 p.m.

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



Comments

Comment/Suggestion:

Name : _____ Date: _____

