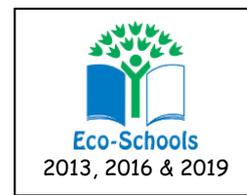




**Bargarran Primary School**  
**Newsletter for Parents and Carers**  
**November 2019**



The first few weeks of our second term have been a busy time across the school. Our Primary 6 pupils organised a very successful Community Café, Primary 7 performed a very moving Remembrance Assembly and the Parent Council School Discos and Halloween afternoon were thoroughly enjoyed by the children.



**Community Café**



Our first Community Café of the session took place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The Café is a Social Enterprise activity organised and hosted by our Primary 6 pupils as part of their work towards the Junior Awards Scheme Scotland (JASS) wider achievement awards.

The Café was very successful and well attended by parents, carers and members of the community. Visitors from our community partners at Little Inch and Erskine were very welcome guests. Our next Community Café is scheduled to take place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and we would be delighted to welcome as many members of our community to school as possible on the day.



Our Café set up and waiting for customers to arrive.

**Evidence App/Home Liaison Folders**

There are now over 80% of children who have at least one parent or carer who is signed up to view examples of their child's work through the Evidence App. A letter will be issued to parents and carers of children who do not have access before Christmas providing them with another opportunity to sign up for the App.

Home Liaison folders containing examples of work children have undertaken will be sent home on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November to be returned on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Home Liaison folders will also be sent home in the final term of the session.

From August 2020 we plan to share children's work with parents only through the Evidence App and no longer send the Home Liaison Folders home.

**Football Team**

The school football team have played matches against Langbank and St John Bosco since the last newsletter. The team beat Langbank by 7-3. The scorers were Arron (3), Liam (2), Matthew and Ross.

The match against St John Bosco was played on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November and finished in a 5-1 win for St John Bosco. The team played very well on the day and should be proud of their efforts. The scorer for Bargarran was Liam.

**Session Planner**

An updated version of the school Session Planner was made available through the School App recently. The updated version takes account of the changes to the P.7 Leavers' events, extra in-service days and changes to the Bank Holiday at the start of May.

## Book Week Scotland

This session we will again be participating in Book Week Scotland rather than World Book Day. Book Week Scotland takes place from Monday 18 November - Friday 22 November. The aim of Book Week Scotland is to foster children's enjoyment of Literacy. A number of activities have been planned across the school including; an author visit for all pupils on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November, a whole school assembly to promote reading, an on-line Author's Live event and a whole school competition to illustrate your favourite character from a book. There will be no Numeracy homework issued during the week and instead all children will be issued with a homework grid containing Literacy tasks to complete. All Primary 1, 2 and 3 pupils will receive their Read, Write and Count bag during the week. There will be a gifting event for parents of Primary 1 pupils on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00-2.50 p.m. and on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November a gifting event will be held for parents of Primary 2 pupils also from 2.00-2.50 p.m. . I would like to take this opportunity to thank to our Literacy Champions, Miss Alexander and Mrs Druce, for all their hard work in organising the week's events.

## Pupil Council

Our Pupil Council is made up of 12 pupils from Primary 4, 5 and 6. The aim of the Pupil Council is to ensure pupils have a voice in the school and are involved in improving our school.

The Pupil Council have met regularly this session and have been busy planning improvements in the school. The children discuss the Pupil Survey from last session and put together an action plan from the responses gained. This action plan will be shared with the whole school at an upcoming assembly.

The Pupil Council also discussed and approved a child's version of our School Improvement Plan. The plan will be shared with senior classes and is available in the school foyer, or from the school web site.

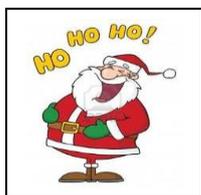
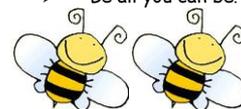
## Values Awards Winners

The chosen value for October and November was : - be happy . The winners were

| Class       | Winner | Class       | Winner |
|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Primary 1   | Aila   | Primary 5   | Ruby   |
| Primary 2/1 | Thomas | Primary 6/5 | Sophie |
| Primary 2   | Hope   | Primary 6   | Connor |
| Primary 3   | Quinn  | Primary 7   | Caiden |
| Primary 4   | Chloe  |             |        |

### Our School Values

- Be happy
- Be honest
- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be responsible
- Be all you can be!



## Christmas Dates

The following events will be taking place in the lead up to Christmas:

| Date                                | Event  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November    | Parent Council Christmas Fayre 5.00-7.00 p.m.  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December     | Holiday - School Closed                        |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December   | School Choir singing at Erskine Home 6.30 p.m. |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December   | Dining Hall Christmas Lunch                    |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December     | Christmas Show (10 a.m. and 1.15 p.m.)         |
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December   | Christmas Show (10 a.m.)                       |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December | Whole School Pantomime Visit                   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December | Class Parties (all classes)                    |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December    | School Closes 2.30 p.m.                        |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020 | School re-opens at 9.00 a.m.                   |

## Parent Council

Our Parent Council met on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November in the school staffroom. The next meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

This year's Christmas Fayre is on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and will take in the school building. We are having two non-uniform days to collect donations for the Christmas Fayre. On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November we are asking for donations of chocolate. On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November we are asking for donations of home baking from P.1 to P.3 pupils and bottles from P.4 to P.7.



At our recent Parents' Appointments we carried out a survey regarding the participation of parents and carers in our Parent Council. The results were as follows:

| Question   |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| If you <u>are not</u> a member of our Parent Council could you please tell us your reasons for not being a member. | If you are a member of our Parent Council could you please tell us your reasons for being a member. | Do you have any suggestions how we could change the current format of Parent Council meetings to encourage more parents to attend. |
| Response   |   |  |
| ➤ work commitments (multiple answers)  | ➤ receive more information regarding school   | ➤ more on line and less formal face to face.   |
| ➤ family commitments (multiple answers)  | ➤ greater awareness of what Parent Council does to help my child                                    | ➤ more on line information - details of meetings, minutes etc..  |
|  | ➤ knowing where the money raised from the Parent Council is spent and how it benefits the children. |  |
|  | ➤ to give back to the school  |  |
|  | ➤ getting to know other parents and staff members   |  |
|  | ➤ feel that I am having a positive impact on my child's school.                                     |  |
|  | ➤ enjoy being engaged with and supporting the school.   |  |
|  | ➤ to benefit all the children who attend the school.  |  |

We will respond to the survey by developing our Parent Council section of the school web site to provide the information requested.

Our current Parent Council undertake a valuable role in supporting the school and their work is greatly appreciated. We will need new members over the next 2-3 years. Unfortunately, without new members, some of the extra opportunities our children have enjoyed over many, many years may be at risk.

If you would like more information about our Parent Council or would like to become a member please contact the school office.

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

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Comments

Comment/Suggestion:

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_